

# Worcester & District Branch



## Adoption Guide

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## The Adoption Process

Worcester & District Cats Protection does not have a shelter; our cats are cared for by fosterers based throughout Worcestershire.

Interested in adopting one of our cats or kittens? The first step is for us to arrange a home visit. This is primarily to help find a cat or kitten that will best fit into your family, your environment and your lifestyle. We need to check that your new cat or kitten is safe from traffic, and involve any children in the family in the adoption process. It is an opportunity for you to raise any queries about adopting, and ask any questions you may have on owning a cat or kitten and its care. The home visit is normally carried out within a few days by one of our volunteers who will contact you to arrange a convenient time. For more information please see our leaflet “Having a Home Visit” which accompanies this guide.

Once the home visit has taken place, our Homing Co-ordinator will contact you to suggest cats or kittens which may be suitable for you. You will then be given the fosterers contact details so that you can arrange to visit.

When you have decided which cat or kitten you wish to adopt, the fosterer will complete the necessary paperwork with you and discuss when you would like to take the cat home. Should the cat

you go to see be unsuitable, and you would like see other cats, please contact the Homing Co-ordinator who will be pleased to help.

If for any reason the adoption does not work out, we will take the cat back. However, we are always full, with a lengthy waiting list of cats needing to come into our care, so although this would be treated as a priority we may not be able to respond immediately.

## Adoption Fee

In line with other animal charities, we now have an adoption fee. Currently this is £50 for both cats & kittens. This fee includes full vaccinations including Leukaemia, microchipping, and four weeks Petplan insurance. All cats and kittens in our care are routinely treated for fleas and worms. Any cat old enough (over 4 months) will have been neutered. This means that if you adopt a young kitten (under 4 months) you will be responsible for ensuring that the kitten is neutered and for the cost. The adoption fee does not cover the costs incurred by Cats Protection to ensure our cats all reach recognised minimum veterinary standards, so any donation over and above the adoption fee would be greatly appreciated.

## Things to Consider

Before you decide to adopt please consider the cost of owning a cat. There is not only the cost of food, but treatment by a vet can be very costly. You need to have your cat vaccinated annually, and regularly treated for parasites (worms and fleas).

If you adopt a kitten you will also have the cost of neutering. Do consider insuring your pet, a broken leg could cost anything up to £1000 to treat. And then there are holidays - do you have someone who will look after the cat? If not, can you afford a cattery?

Can you give enough time to your cat? Are you away from home most of the day? Please remember a tiny kitten will need feeding at least 4 times a day. If left on its own a kitten can get very bored and, like all youngsters, can quickly get into mischief. To avoid this you might consider 2 kittens, or a pair of cats to keep each other company.

If you live in a rented property, please check your tenancy agreement to make sure you are allowed to have cats or get written permission from your landlord before deciding to adopt.

## Still Interested?

If you would like more information, or would like to discuss adoption further, please contact our Homing Co-ordinator.

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