

Happy landlords,
happy tenants,
happy cats

Cats make wonderful pets and everyone should have the chance to enjoy the companionship, fun and love they bring to a household.

If you rent your home from a social housing provider, there are ways you can reassure your landlord that you're a responsible cat owner.



Support

We're here to help. For more tips and advice visit www.cats.org.uk/purrfectlandlords

Finding your purrfect cat

Cats Protection has cats available for rehoming to all sorts of homes, including those that need to be indoor-only. All cats in our care have been vet checked, microchipped, vaccinated, treated for parasites and neutered, if old enough.

Find cats for rehoming at www.cats.org.uk/find-a-cat



Purrfect Landlords

*A guide for social housing tenants:
making a happy home for you
and your cat*

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Welcoming a cat into your heart and home

Many social housing providers are happy for you to own a cat but it's important to check what the conditions are first.

Your tenancy agreement may set out certain requirements on cat ownership that you will need to follow. These will help protect the health and welfare of your cat and help prevent issues arising, such as excessive breeding, which can affect you, your property and your community.

Even if your tenancy agreement does not set out conditions, as a responsible cat owner you should ensure your cat is:

- **neutered:** Male and female cats should be neutered at around four months old
- **vaccinated:** Cats should be kept up to date with vaccinations to protect against common diseases and illnesses
- **treated for fleas:** Ask your vet to recommend a suitable treatment to protect your cat from fleas and other parasites
- **microchipped:** Microchipping is a safe and permanent means of identifying cats and the most effective way of ensuring your cat is returned home if it becomes lost or injured

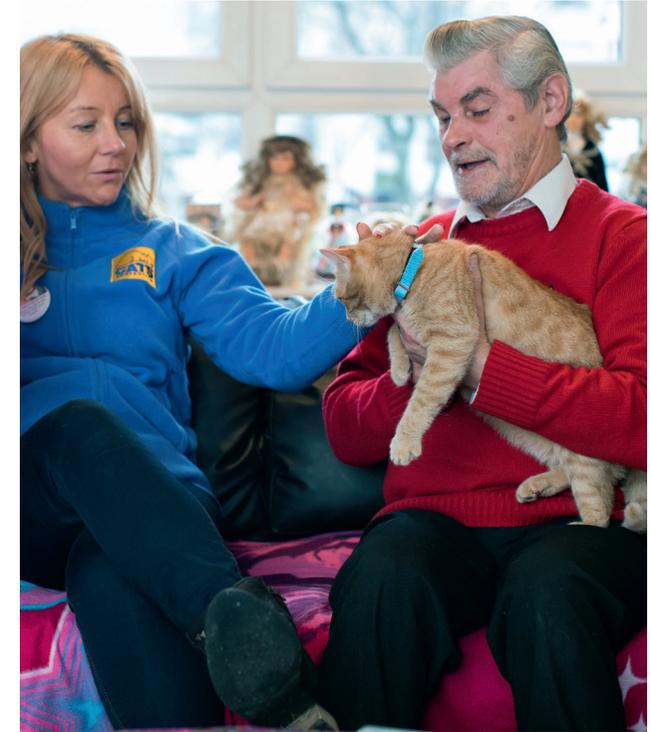
Keeping your cat happy in your property

Stick to the rules

Make sure your tenancy agreement allows you to keep a cat and comply with any relevant conditions. Carefully check for pet clauses which may include a requirement for your cat to be neutered, microchipped and vet checked, or a limit on the number of cats allowed, usually set at two cats.

Enrichment

Keep your cat happy and amused with scratching posts, toys and activities. Interaction and play with your cat will help avoid damage to furniture and carpets and ensure a happier, healthier pet. For more advice visit www.cats.org.uk/cat-care



Neuter your cat!

Did you know that one unneutered female can have up to 18 kittens a year?

Cats Protection runs the largest cat neutering programme in the world and offers financial help towards the cost of neutering for cat owners on low income across the UK.

Contact our National Information Line on 03000 12 12 12 to find out more.

Be honest

Don't try to sneak a cat into your property or get a cat before asking permission first. You could lose your tenancy and you may find yourself in the stressful situation of having to find a new home for yourself and your cat, or even having to give your cat up to a rehoming charity.