

Application to keep a **Pet Cat**

The intention is to provide those tasked with assessing the suitability of a potential cat owner with a framework of points to raise. This document could be used either as an application form or a check list to go through when undertaking a 'home visit'. Information in **blue** boxes is provided as a catalyst for conversation and deeper consideration of the risks and responsibilities of cat ownership. The potential cat owner will be asked to sign and date the form to encourage them to provide truthful information. This document can be amended by animal welfare organisations, breeders or landlords to suit their individual needs.

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| A | About You, the prospective owner of the pet and the person responsible for the welfare of the pet. | | | |
| 1 | Title | | | Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Other |
| 2 | First Name | | | |
| 3 | Surname | | | |
| 4 | Date of Birth | | | DD/MM/YYYY |
| 5 | Occupation | | | (Full or Part-time) |
| 6 | Address | | | |
| | Parish | | | C, F, SA, SM, SPP, SP, SS, SSv, T, V. |
| | Post Code | | | |
| 7 | Telephone Numbers | Home | | |
| | | Mobile | | |
| | | Work | | |
| 8 | Email Address | | | |

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| B | Your Circumstances. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PET EXPERIENCE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Have you previously applied for a pet? | | | Yes | | No | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Do you currently own any pets? | | | Yes | | No | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | If Yes | Pet 1 | Type | | | Pet 2 | Type | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Age | | | | Age | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Sex | | | | Sex | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | Pet 3 | Type | | | Pet 4 | Type | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Age | | | | Age | | | |
| | Sex | | | Sex | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Have you owned a cat before? | | | Yes | | No | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| If Yes | Cat 1 | Type | | | Cat 2 | Type | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Sex | | | | Sex | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cat 3 | Type | | | Cat 4 | Type | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Sex | | | | Sex | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HOUSEHOLD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | How many people live in your home? Write the number in each age group. | | | Adults | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Children | Under 3 years | 3 to 5 years | | 6 to 17 years | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 13 | Do children regularly visit you home? If so, what age groups are they in? Tick as many as you need. | | | | Under 8 years | 9 to 12 years | | 13 to 16 years | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Information | All contact between young children and pets should be directly supervised . This means that an adult: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is in close range of the child and pet (preferably holding the child or restraining the pet); and, can immediately intervene if necessary. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 14 | Does anyone in the household have a known allergy to animals? | | | | | | | Yes | | No | | |
| 15 | Does everyone in the household want an animal? | | | | | | | Yes | | No | | |
| ABOUT YOUR PROPERTY | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | Do you live in a house or a flat? | | House | | | | Flat | | | | Other | |
| 17 | If a house how many floors does it have? | | 1 | | | | 2 | | | | 3 | |
| 18 | How many bedrooms are there? | | 1 | | | | 2 | | | | 3 | |
| | | | 4 | | | | 5 | | | | 6 | |
| 19 | Who is your landlord? | | Private | | | Social Housing | | | I don't have a landlord | | | |
| 20 | Do you have access to a garden? | | Yes | | | | No | | | | Attached to the property? | |
| 21 | If yes is the garden | | Private | | | | Communal | | | | Other | |
| 22 | Is the garden fenced? | | Yes | | | | No | | | | | |
| 23 | Is there a busy road within 25 meters of your home? | | | | | | | Yes | | No | | |
| 24 | When you take ownership of a new cat (or move your cat to new accommodation) you must keep it inside for at least 8 weeks. This can be challenging if you have young children and during periods of hot weather. | | | | | | | Will you be able to keep your cat inside your home for at least 8 weeks? | | Yes | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | No | | |
| LIFE CHANGES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | Are you planning any of the following in the near future (the next 12 months)? | | | | Expecting a baby | | Holiday | | Moving Home | | | |
| 26 | If you have ticked any of the boxes in question 25 when is this likely to take place? | | 0 to 1 month | | 1 to 2 months | | 3 to 4 months | | 4 to 5 months | | 5 to 6 months | |
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| COST OF PET OWNERSHIP | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | How much can you afford to spend on your pet each week (not including unexpected costs caused by injury or illness)? Costs include feed, worm and flea treatment, vaccinations, dog tax, holiday kennelling, etc. | | 0 - £2 | | £3 - £5 | | £6 - £8 | | £9 - £12 | | £13 - £15 | |
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| | | | £20-£24 | | £25-£28 | | £29 - £32 | | £33-£35 | | £36 - £40 | |
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| Information | It is generally accepted that the first year of pet ownership can be the most expensive but older animals tend to suffer with age-related conditions such as arthritis, kidney and dental disease which adds to the cost of ownership in a pet's old age. These costs are compiled from studies in the UK, US and Canada and therefore may not represent the current weekly costs of pet ownership in Guernsey. Please note, these costs do not include the cost of neutering or unexpected costs caused by injury or illness. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Animal | Average annual cost (£) | | Average lifespan cost of ownership (£) | | Average weekly cost of ownership (£) | | | | | | |
| | | Upfront (first year) | Ongoing cost per subsequent year. | | | | | | | | | |
| | Cat | 1,400 | 650 | 10,000 - 12,000 (lifespan = 14yr) | | 16 | | | | | | |

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| 28 | In some circumstances a condition of ownership is that a cat must be neutered. How do you propose to meet this cost? | | | Savings | Loan | Sponsor |
| | If you have selected 'sponsor' then your sponsor must provide their name and address and they must sign that they are guaranteeing to cover the cost of neutering your pet. | | | Sponsor Details (only if selected) | | |
| | | | | Name | | |
| | | | | Address | | |
| | | | | Sponsor Signature | | |
| | Note to the Sponsor: By signing you are agreeing to pay the full cost of neutering the pet that the prospective owner is applying to have. | | | | | |
| The requirement to surgically neuter a cat may be waived if the owner can provide a certificate from a local veterinarian whose care the pet is under. Nevertheless the requirement for the pet not to be breed and not to produce young remains in place. | | | | | | |
| Information | The cost of neutering a pet depends on its species, sex and size. The bigger a pet is, the more it will cost to neuter. The following are rough indications of the cost of conventional neutering of pets locally. | | | | | |
| | Cat | male | castration | £155 | | |
| | | female | spay | £200 | | |
| | Neutering also reduces the likelihood of spreading contagious viral diseases of cats for which there is no cure, such as Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV). Cats with FIV must be kept indoors and separate from other cats. | | | | | |
| 29 | Will you be providing health insurance for your pet? | | | | Yes | No |
| 30 | Will you be getting your pet microchipped? | | | | Yes | No |
| MANAGING CAT WASTE HAZARDS | | | | | | |
| 31 | Cats sharing homes with young children or immunocompromised people should be wormed monthly. | | | If necessary, are you able to worm your cat monthly? | | Yes |
| | | | | | | No |
| 32 | You will need to use a litter tray once you take ownership of your cat because it will need to remain inside for at least 8 weeks. | | | Will you have any difficulty managing and cleaning your cats litter tray regularly? | | Yes |
| | | | | | | No |
| 33 | You should pick up your cats' waste in your garden regularly to avoid attracting flies and vermin and creating noxious odours | | | Will you have any difficulty picking up after your cat regularly in your garden? | | Yes |
| | | | | | | No |
| 34 | Cat waste collected from your litter tray will have to be disposed of in black bin sacks for un-recyclable waste which will attract a charge. | | | Will you have any difficulty putting cat waste in your black sacks? | | Yes |
| | | | | | | No |
| ANIMAL WELFARE OFFENCES | | | | | | |
| 35 | Has any member of the household accepted a caution for an animal welfare offence or been convicted of an animal welfare offence? | | | | Yes | No |

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| C | About your prospective pet | | |
| 36 | What breed of cat are you proposing to have as a pet? | | Short coat cat is known as a domestic short hair (DSH) and a long coat cat is known as a domestic long hair (DLH). If you select a Bengal, what is the number of generations from the parental generation? (e.g. F1 to F5). Bengals and their crossbreeds can have behavioural issues resulting in a nuisance to others. |

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| 37 | If you are proposing to have a crossbreed cat what are the breeds that have contributed to the cat? | | | Examples: DSH cross Siamese, Burmese cross DLH, Persian cross Ragdoll, Bengal cross Burman | | | |
| 38 | What will be the age of the cat when you intend to take ownership of it? | Kitten 6 to 12 weeks | Junior 3 to 18 months | Adult 1.5 to years 9 | Senior 9 to 12.5 years | Geriatric 12.5 to 14 years | Based on a 14 year lifespan |
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| 39 | Is the proposed pet male or female and is it already neutered? | Male | | Female | | Neutered | |
| 40 | Is the proposed pet already in Guernsey or is it to be imported? | Already in Guernsey | | | Imported into Guernsey | | |
| 41 | If it is to be imported to Guernsey, is it coming from the UK or from somewhere else? | UK | | Somewhere else (Please indicate where from) | | | |
| Information | Cats that originate from certain countries have some risk of carrying exotic infection such as Leishmaniosis. Pre-import screening is unreliable and owners are advised to have their cat checked by their vet should it show signs of the disease. If infection is detected then the cat is likely to need long-term medicine to manage the infection. This can increase the cost of ownership. | | | | | | |
| 42 | If you are getting a pet from off-Island how old will it be when you transport it to Guernsey. | Less than 8 weeks | 8-15 weeks | More than 15 weeks | Kittens under 8 weeks must be transported with their mother. Kittens imported from Europe must be over 15 weeks of age. | | |
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| 43 | Is the proposed pet coming from a breeder, a previous owner or an animal rescue organisation? | Breeder | | Previous owner | | Rescue Organisation | |
| 44 | Where the proposed pet cat is a pedigree kitten were its parents screened for heritable conditions associated with the breed? | Yes | | | No | | |
| See the 'International Cat Care' website: https://icatcare.org/advice/cat-breeds/inherited-disorders-cats . | | | | | | | |

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| D | Declaration by the applicant who is the prospective owner |
| | I hereby declare that the above information is, to the best of my knowledge, complete, accurate and true. |
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