

Application to keep a **Pet Cat**

The intention is to provide those tasked with assessing the suitability of a potential dog 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 check'. Assessors will more easily be able to have difficult discussions that need to occur 'because they have to go through the form'. Information in **blue** boxes is provided as a catalyst for conversation and deeper consideration of the risks and responsibilities of dog ownership. The potential dog 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.

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		

B Your Circumstances.							
PET EXPERIENCE							
9	Have you previously applied for a pet?	Yes		No			
10	Do you own any other pets?	Yes		No			
	If Yes	Pet 1	Type		Pet 2	Type	
			Age			Age	
			Sex			Sex	
	If Yes	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	
	If Yes	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		
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			
Information	<p>All contact between young children and pets should be directly supervised. This means that an adult:</p> <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. 						
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		Would it keep a dog out?	
23	Is there a busy road within 25 meters of your home?	Yes		No		How might you deter you cat from crossing the road?	
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?	Will you be able to keep your cat inside your home for at least 8 weeks. This can be challenging if you have young children and this can be challenging in hot weather.				Yes	
						No	
LIFE CHANGES							
25	Are you planning any of the following in the near future (the next 12 months)?	Expecting a baby		A 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	6 months to 1 year	
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? These costs include feed, preventative worm and flea treatment, vaccinations, holiday kennelling, etc.	0 - £2	£3 - £5	£6 - £8	£9 - £12	£13 - £15	£16 - £19	
		£20-£24	£25-£28	£29 - £32	£33-£35	£36 - £40	£51 - £50	
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 in 2014 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 (the first year)	Ongoing cost per subsequent year.					
	Cat	1,400	650	10,000 - 12,000 (lifespan = 14yr)		16.00		
28	All cats must be neutered. How do you propose to meet the cost of having your pet neutered?	Savings		A Loan		A 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. Never the less 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, its sex and its 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. Local Animal Welfare Organisations will not pay for your pets to be neutered. You must plan to cover this expense.							
	Prices as of July 2018.							

	Cat	male	castration	£95		
		female	spay	£135		
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		

C	About your prospective pet	
36	What breed of cat are you proposing to have as a pet?	Short coat moggy is known as a domestic short hair (DSH) and as long coat moggy 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.
37	If you are proposing to have a cross-breed cat what are the breeds that have contributed to the cat?	Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 9 years	Senior 9 to 12.5 years	Geriatric 12.5 to 14 years	Based on a 14 year lifespan
39	Is the proposed pet male or female and is it already neutered?	Male		Female		Neutered	
40	Is the proposed pet cat already on Guernsey or is it to be imported?	Already on Guernsey			It will be 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)		
Info	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. Kittens imported from Europe must be over 15 weeks of age.	5 to 6w	7 to 8w	9 to 10w	11 to 12w	Kittens must be 8 weeks old or over. Kittens under 8 weeks must be transported with their mother.	
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/advic e/cat-breeds/inherited-disorders-cats .	

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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