



Neutering

What is neutering?

Neutering is a surgical procedure which renders cats incapable of breeding. Female cats are spayed; male cats are castrated.

Why should I have my cat neutered?

Neutering helps to reduce the number of unwanted cats and kittens. In addition, neutering makes pet cats safer, healthier and happier: they become less likely to wander, protect their territory or get into fights with other cats. This means they are less likely to get bitten and be infected with life-threatening diseases such as feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) and feline leukaemia virus (FeLV). Most cats killed on the roads are unneutered toms.

When should my cat be neutered?

Cats start having litters from around the age of six months. Therefore, both females and males should be neutered from the age of five months, or as advised by a vet.

Should female cats have a litter first before being spayed?

No, there is no reason for a cat to have a litter first.

Do neutered cats become fat?

No, only overfeeding makes a cat overweight.

What if I can't afford to have my cat neutered?

Phone Cats Protection's Helpline on 08702 099 099. The charity runs a neutering voucher scheme to help cat owners on benefits or low incomes to get their pets neutered.



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Helpline: 08702 099 099 Web: www.cats.org.uk

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Please contact us – we'd love to hear from you!

Cats Protection is the UK's oldest and largest feline welfare charity. Every year, we rehome 60,000 cats and help 170,000 through our network of 260 Branches and 30 permanent Shelters.

Phone our Helpline on 08702 099 099 or check out our website on www.cats.org.uk for information about:

- Cat welfare
- Adopting a rescue cat or kitten
- The Cats Protection Branch or Shelter nearest you
- Cats Protection's neutering scheme for cat owners on low incomes or benefits
- Volunteering
- Becoming a member or a supporter
- Our young members' club, *Cool Cats*
- Receiving our primary or secondary schools pack (for teachers)
- Organising a tour or a talk for your group or school
- Entering our photographic competition
- Receiving any of our informative leaflets sent to you free-of-charge
- Giving a donation



I would like to support the work of Cats Protection by making a donation

I enclose a cheque/postal order made payable to Cats Protection for £ OR

Please debit my VISA/MASTERCARD/DELTA/SWITCH (delete where applicable)

With the sum of £

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Please return this form to: Supporter Services, FREEPOST CATS PROTECTION.