

Why Rescues Need Your Help

Rescues are facing a severe capacity crisis due to the overwhelming and relentless rise of the amount of cats in need.

IMPORTANCE OF NEUTERING

Unneutered domestic cats reproduce outdoors; even well-cared-for cats will seek outdoor shelter to give birth. Cats reproduce rapidly—even mating with their relatives and siblings. In fact, a single unneutered male is capable of fathering hundreds of kittens in a single year. When these kittens are born outside, with no human contact, they grow to form ever-expanding feral colonies.

PLEASE
neuter

SARAH - ADOPTER

"So glad I came across Minnie's! I rehomed Miggy in December and already I can't imagine life without her. Jenna was very responsive and made the process super easy. She and her team are clearly very thoughtful about finding the right home (and human servant!) for each cat that comes into their care, Miggy and I are a perfect match. Thank you so much!"

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About Minnie's Haven



WHO WAS MINNIE?

Minnie was a kitten that Jenna (one of our founders & trustees) was fostering in 2022. She was just a baby who had been given such a rough start in life. She suffered with seizures and had numerous tests and medications. She was diagnosed with toxoplasmosis and was getting treatment. Unfortunately, it was all too much for her little body. She had 63 days filled with love and care from Jenna.

OUR MISSION

Here at Minnie's Haven, we're dedicated to providing a nurturing environment for every cat that comes through our doors. Our volunteers and veterinarians work tirelessly to ensure these cats receive the love and attention they deserve.

Minnie's memory guides our mission to rescue, rehabilitate, and find loving homes for cats who might have otherwise been overlooked. Every cat that finds shelter with us becomes a part of Minnie's legacy, reminding us of the impact of compassion and kindness.



Minnie



BRINGING YOUR NEW FURRY FRIEND HOME



- Sturdy Cat Carrier (not material)
- Food (preferably wet food)
(If you're changing food type/brand, do this gradually.)
- Water bowls or fountains
- Litter tray (at least 1 per cat)
- Litter
(If you're changing litter type, do this gradually.)
- Litter Scoop
- Brush
- Cat Bed
(for them to ignore and sleep in a cardboard box instead!)
- Multiple scratching posts
- Treats
- Pheromone Diffusers
(turn these on in advance!)
- Lots of toys!



CAT-PROOFING YOUR HOME

- Wires / Cables**
Use cord protectors and/or tidy wires away where they are completely out of reach.
- Blinds & Curtains**
Use chainless or child safe cords and hooks to tie up blind and curtain cords.
- Window & Door Safety**
Secure all windows & doors. Consider installing cat-proof screens, mesh or locks.
- Appliances**
Keep appliance doors shut (such as washing machine, dryer, oven, dishwasher etc.)
- Toxic House Plants & Flowers**
Lots of plants/flowers are toxic to cats. Check and remove these from your home.
- Candles & Open Flames**
Cats are curious. Candles and open flames are a safety risk.



DO'S & DON'TS



- Microchip your Cat**
Microchipping has been a legal requirement in the UK since June 2024. All cats (indoor & outdoor) should be microchipped.
- Neuter your Cat**
Neutering benefits: Reduce roaming, reduce territorial behaviours and disputes, health benefits and avoids unwanted kittens etc.
- Existing Pets? Slow Introductions**
Rushing can trigger anxiety, aggression, or tension. Gradual introductions build positive associations.
- Provide Vertical Space**
Vertical space allows your cat to feel in control and secure in their space.
- Play with your Cat**
Playing provides your cat with an outlet for their natural hunting instincts. It keeps them active & healthy, whilst preventing boredom.
- Schedule Routine Vet Visits**
Routine vet visits are crucial to catching any health issues early.
- Don't Use Collars (or Bells)**
Collars are a hazard risk to cats (including 'break-away' collars).
- Don't Leave Food Around**
Lots of food can be harmful and toxic to cats. Keep all food locked safely away.
- Don't Play with your Hands/Feet**
This can encourage cats/kittens to attack hands and feet as they may struggle to differentiate between play and attack.

Cat Behaviours

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CAT'S BODY LANGUAGE

 Straight Up Happy & Content	 Hooked Friendly or Playful	 Twitching Concentrating or Irritated	 Held Low Scared or Anxious
 Wagging Annoyed, Irritated, Angry or About to pounce!	 Puffed Up Threatened or Frightened	 Wrapped Around Unwell, In Pain or Cold	