



Blacks Vets Stray Cat Policy

Information and guidance for finders and owners of Stray Cats

When dealing with stray or lost cats, dogs, small furrries and injured wildlife, the care of the pet/animal is our top priority.

We deal with stray pets/wildlife according to the law, the guidance issued by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and the RSPCA. We consider the welfare of the animal and our ability to house them in suitable accommodation.

Cats with an up to date micro chip

Following administering emergency care if needed we check for a microchip - if a chip is present, we make every effort to contact the owner or the microchip databases. If successful the owner will be asked to collect the cat bringing with them 2 forms of identification (for example passport, drivers licence, hard copy of utility bill, council tax bill) and at least one proof of ownership (for example Microchip number, vaccination card, details of your vet, adoption certificate, good quality clear photographs)

Cats without an up to date micro chip

In the case of non-microchipped cats, the situation is more complicated, as cats are not 'owned' in law, all healthy cats without a microchip should be taken directly to a rescue organisation.

There are many reasons it is better that the cat is taken to a rescue organisation,

- The vaccination status of the cat is unknown and therefore is an infection risk to the pets we have in our care, similarly the cat maybe unvaccinated and susceptible to diseases from our poorly pets.
- The owners will most likely contact rescue organisations first to see if the pet has been handed in.
- If the cat is not claimed the rescue organisation is in the best position to re home the stray cat

What if the finder would like to adopt the cat

If the cat is healthy and the finder wishes to keep the cat we recommend you complete the following steps:

- Take it to a vet to check for a microchip
- Register the cat on www.catalert.co.uk
- Add a post on social media if you have access – Facebook is best, we suggest including area found, and a photo if possible but withhold selected information such as sex or key markings to ensure the true owner can identify the cat.
- Advise local vets you have found a cat (We keep a log of reported lost and found pets at reception)

Injured Cats

If you find an injured cat please contact the RSPCA first if possible to register the case by calling 0300 1234999 the cat can then be taken to a local vet for first aid treatment. If injuries are critical please bring the stray cat to us as quickly as possible. Once with us (if you choose to bring them to us), if the owner cannot be found the RSPCA will take over the care of the pet using the same log number.

Thank you for supporting us in the care and reuniting of pets with their rightful owners.

Useful contact information

Identification Databases

Petlog - 0844 4633999
Anibase - 01904 487600
Avid - 0800 6529977
Pet Protect - 0800 0778558
Tattoo Register - 01255 552455

Local Animal Welfare Organisations

Animal House Rescue - 0121 475 8729
PDSA Quinton - 0121 422 2902
PDSA Aston - 0121 378 1716

RSPCA Frankley - 0300 1238585
Blue Cross - 0121 453 3130
Cramar Cat Rescue – 0121 445 1840
Wildacre Rescue - 01384 565501
Ravens Rescue - 07922 204531
Cats Protection League 0345 260 1076

Other Local Contacts

Highways Agency - 0121 335 8300
Network Rail - 0845 7114141
British Waterways - 01827 252000