

# Manifesto for Cats: Wales

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## Maniffesto i Gathod: Cymru



### In brief

The *Manifesto for Cats: Wales* forms part of Cats Protection's advocacy work on "speaking up for cats," campaigning for change that will deliver a better world for cats. There are many actions that the Welsh Government and local governments can do to ensure a better world for cats.

- **Breeding of cats for sale:** updating the law to control the breeding and sale of cats to reduce the number of unwanted kittens
- **Microchipping:** making it compulsory to microchip owned cats
- **Regulating air guns:** much stricter regulation of the ownership of air guns and crossbows to prevent injury or death to cats shot by such weapons
- **Dangerous dogs:** amendments to anti-social behaviour legislation to allow prosecution of dog owners, whose dogs attack, injure or kill cats
- **Animal welfare education:** inclusion of animal welfare in the Welsh curriculum so that all children learn about responsible pet care
- **Cats and housing providers:** Welsh Government recognition of the needs of people with cats or other companion animals in rented housing and care homes to allow people to keep their pets
- **Care and wellbeing:** Welsh Government recognition of the benefits cats and other companion animals bring to health and personal wellbeing
- **Labelling toxic products:** clear labelling of flowers, plants and household products that are toxic to cats so owners know which to avoid
- **Banning snares:** a ban on snares on the basis that they are inhumane and cruel and inflict suffering, injury or death upon animals
- **Illegal imports:** creating a national database to ensure that a central record is kept of all cats entering the UK legally so those entering illegally without a rabies vaccine can be identified without delay