

What are the five welfare needs?

The five welfare needs are the five things all owners should provide for their pet. You'll need to make sure your cat has all of these things to be well looked after.



They are:



Place
to live



Understanding
behaviour



Right
diet



Right
health care



Space

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Cats feel safer when they can hide. Why not give your cat a cardboard box on a shelf up high?



Understanding behaviour

Cats love hunting. Unlike wildcats, they don't need to do this to survive. However, it's a natural behaviour.

Right diet

Cats are carnivores – that means they eat meat. Human food like milk and chocolate aren't good for your cat and can make them sick.



Right health care

Cats need to visit the vet for health care. Your cat will need neutering, worming and flea medicine as well as vaccinations to keep them healthy.



Space

Many cats prefer to be alone. Give your cat their own litter tray, food bowl and bed (plus one spare) so they don't have to share their space.



If you want to find out more about what your cat needs, go to www.cats.org.uk/education/five

REMEMBER! It's easy to remember your cat's five welfare needs using PURRS – the noise a cat makes!



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