







Cats Protection's Minimum Veterinary Standards (MVS)

<h2>Vet check</h2>	<p>Who?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every cat in Cats Protection's care 	<p>When?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASAP after entry into care • If cat becomes unwell/behaviour change • Rechecks for ongoing condition • Recheck every 3 months if still in care 	<p>Remember </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not fit to home until condition resolved or stabilised • Protocols and procedures available on website • Contact the Cats Protection veterinary department for: difficult cases, outbreaks, spending over £500
<h2>Microchip</h2>	<p>Who?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All cats not already chipped 	<p>When?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before homing • Kittens chipped by twelve weeks of age or sooner • Implanted by a vet as part of clinical exam or operation • Chip registered to owner at point of adoption 	<p>Remember </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scan for a chip ASAP after coming into care • Chipped strays can't be rehomed for 28 days
<h2>Vaccinate</h2>	<p>Who?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All cats not fully vaccinated (FHV, FCV, FPV, FeLV) but not pregnant queens • For lactating cats, discuss with vet 	<p>When?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASAP after coming into care • From eight weeks of age • At least 48hrs before neutering procedure • Not within 48hrs of rehoming 	<p>Remember </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two-vaccine course with matching brands <p>Refer to our vaccination FAQ's at cats.org.uk/help-and-advice/information-for-vets</p>
<h2>Neuter</h2>	<p>Who?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All cats must be neutered before homing (kittens may be homed with a neutering voucher) 	<p>When?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitten neutering from two days after first vaccine • Pregnant cats neutered if vet agrees • Lactating cats neutered if vet agrees • Strays: neuter after day 7 unless under general anaesthetic for urgent treatment 	<p>Remember </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check stray policy • Do not delay homing of kittens as they can be homed with a neuter voucher if necessary
<h2>Parasite treatment</h2>	<p>Who?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All adult cats and kittens over six weeks of age (including pregnant and lactating queens) 	<p>When?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After first vet check • Within one month of homing • Repeated at appropriate intervals while still in Cats Protection care 	<p>Check Cats Protection's 'routine parasite control procedures' document available at cats.org.uk/help-and-advice/information-for-vets</p>
<h2>Blood test</h2>	<p>Who?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test all higher risk cats for FIV and FeLV 	<p>When?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASAP after coming into care (inc strays) • Do not wait to test pregnant/lactating queens • Check flowchart for kittens under six months old 	<p>Check Cats Protection's FIV/FeLV flow charts for further guidance cats.org.uk/help-and-advice/information-for-vets</p>

Further details on Cats Protection's MVS can be found in **The Cat Care Guide** (see CatNav)

Checklist before leaving Cats Protection care



MVS completed



Vet signed off as fit to home



Medical summary form completed



Adoption form and insurance forms completed