

A man with short brown hair, wearing a purple polo shirt and blue nitrile gloves, is gently holding a black and white cat. The cat has striking yellow eyes and white paws. The background is a blurred indoor setting, possibly a veterinary clinic or shelter.

**Thank you for
your support
in 2025**

The logo for CATS PROTECTION. The word "CATS" is written in a large, white, stylized font where the letters are interconnected. Below it, the word "PROTECTION" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

CATS
PROTECTION

Your support helped us create lasting change for cats in 2025.

In 2025, we focused our efforts where they could make the biggest long-term difference for cats, investing in prevention, earlier intervention and targeted support to improve cat welfare across the UK.

Thanks to your support, together we:

- directly helped **122,000** cats and kittens across the UK
- found loving homes for **27,000** cats
- helped **1,300** cats stay with their owners through advice and support
- neutered **92,000** cats and kittens, including **6,250** feral cats
- reunited **1,100** lost cats with their owners
- handled **162,995** enquiries from members of the public
- delivered **650** cat welfare talks reaching **18,913** people
- supported **340** people fleeing domestic abuse through Lifeline
- were supported by **10,100** dedicated volunteers

Every number represents a cat, person or family whose life was changed because of your kindness.



Helping cats before crisis happens

By supporting owners earlier and targeting help where it's needed most, we can create long-term improvements in cat welfare and help keep cats where they belong, in safe and loving homes.

That's why in 2025 we continued investing in education, research, campaigning and preventative support to create long-term change for cats across the UK.

Cats and Their Stats (CATS) Report 2025

Our sixth annual *CATS Report* remained the UK's largest independent survey of cat owners and the general public.

The report highlighted important changes in cat ownership, including declining neutering rates, growing demand for pedigree cats and increasing pressure on the rehoming sector.

The findings help shape everything we do, from campaigning and veterinary engagement to subsidised neutering and owner support.

The report launch generated 289 media articles and almost 500 million impressions, helping bring vital cat welfare issues into the national spotlight.

Education and awareness

Through our work with the Pet Education Partnership, we helped reach 1.5 million people through events and educational resources designed to inspire the next generation of responsible pet owners.

Investing in research

We also invested in new research and tools to better understand cat populations and welfare across the UK, helping us target support where it can have the greatest impact.

Because fewer cats reaching crisis point is a positive sign of progress.

Tilly's story

Tilly came into care after her owner became concerned about changes in her behaviour and sought veterinary advice.

A full veterinary assessment revealed several underlying health conditions, including hyperthyroidism, obesity and arthritis, which were affecting both her comfort and behaviour.

Following surgery and treatment, Tilly moved into foster care with Miranda, where her recovery truly began.

Using patience, positive reinforcement and gentle play, Miranda helped Tilly slowly rebuild her confidence and learn new ways to communicate.

Over time, Tilly began to relax, trust people again and enjoy life.

Stories like Tilly's are only possible because of supporters like you.

Thank you for helping cats get the second chance they deserve.



Supporting cats and the people who love them

The ongoing cost-of-living crisis continued to affect cats and their owners in 2025, with many people struggling to afford food, housing and veterinary care.

Whenever possible, we work alongside owners to help cats stay safely in loving homes.

But when cats do need us, we're there.

In 2025, we rehomed 27,000 cats and kittens and continued to support owners through advice, practical assistance and preventative welfare services.



Preventing unwanted litters

Neutering remains one of the most effective ways to improve cat welfare and reduce pressure on rescue services.

Our *CATS Report* found that around 1.5 million cats in the UK remain unneutered, with rates particularly low among younger owners.

Through subsidised neutering schemes, education and community outreach, we continued working towards a healthier and more balanced cat population.



Keeping cats and people together

For many people, finding rented accommodation that allows pets remains incredibly difficult.

Too often, cats are given up simply because owners cannot find housing where pets are welcome.

After a decade of campaigning, Cats Protection helped secure changes to renters' rights, alongside other animal welfare organisations, helping keep the bond between cats and their owners at the heart of the conversation.





A step forward for tenants

The new Renters' Rights Act marked an important step forward for tenants with pets, giving renters in England the right to ask their landlord for permission to keep a pet, something which cannot now be unreasonably refused.

The change could open up more than 500,000* potential new homes for cats, helping more people stay together with the cats they love and reducing the risk of cats being relinquished due to housing difficulties.

We also continued raising awareness of the positive impact pets can have on people's wellbeing and the importance of supporting responsible pet ownership in rented homes.

Because nobody should have to choose between a safe home and their cat.

Supporting owners before crisis point

Alongside our campaigning work, we continued supporting owners through services including:

- Lifeline, providing temporary foster care for cats belonging to people fleeing domestic abuse
- Paws to Listen, offering emotional support following the loss of a pet
- Cat Guardians, giving owners peace of mind about their cat's future care

By supporting both cats and people, we can help prevent problems escalating into crisis.

Thank you

On behalf of every cat, kitten, owner, volunteer and supporter, thank you.

Your support helped us continue creating a better life for cats in 2025 through rescue, rehoming, prevention, education and welfare support.

Together, we're building a future where fewer cats reach crisis point, more cats can stay in loving homes and every cat is treated with kindness, care and understanding.

Making a better life for cats, because life is better with cats.

Find out more about what you helped us achieve
in 2025 at cats.org.uk/annual-review



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