



Pre-clinical EMS placements with Cats Protection





About Cats Protection

Cats Protection (CP) is the UK's leading feline welfare charity. Our vision is a world where every cat is treated with kindness and an understanding of its needs. It is an ambitious vision. However, we truly believe it can be achieved because of our passion, our professional approach and simply because cats are among the UK's most popular pets.

We help around 200,000 cats and kittens every year thanks in no small part to our network of over 250 volunteer-run branches and volunteers and staff at our 34 centres.

Why complete your Pre-clinical EMS placement with CP?

At our adoption centres (AC), student vets will have the opportunity to gain a whole host of skills and experiences as part of their placement while making a huge difference to cats and kittens.

You can complete a minimum of two weeks with Cats Protection and will be supported to develop many fundamental skills and knowledge you need to succeed and make this placement a great start to your veterinary career.

You will develop animal handling, husbandry and communication skills. You will be introduced to CP's minimum veterinary standards (MVS) and the principles of shelter medicine and learn about the importance of kitten neutering and population control. You will get the chance to meet and learn from our amazing team and will also have access to Cats Protection's online learning platform and resources on topics such as cat behaviour, infectious diseases and their control, cat care and welfare and our *Veterinary Guide*.

Key Pre-clinical EMS activities at Cat's Protection

- Understanding of veterinary standards in shelter medicine
- Understanding of the shelter environment and facilities including disease control and cat safety ie different areas of the AC and pen design including our admissions, isolation and homing areas
- Handling of a variety of cats and kittens
- Observing cat behaviour in a shelter environment
- Understanding nutrition and carrying out day-to-day feeding
- Carrying out grooming and play
- Encouraging the socialisation of kittens
- Carrying out day-to-day cleaning to increase understanding the importance of shelter hygiene, the impact of infectious diseases and the correct and safe use of disinfectants
- Understanding regulations regarding waste/medicine storage and disposal
- Working and communicating with a wide variety of people ie volunteers, staff, vets, vet nurses and members of the public

Additional resources to support you with your placement

- Cats Protection vet, welfare and behaviour guides
- Access to Cats Protection's Understanding Cat's Needs (UCN) and Infectious diseases online modules
- Access to cat care information on Cats Protection's intranet (CatNav)

Find out more and apply!

If you are interested in completing your Pre-clinical EMS placement with Cats Protection or would like further information, please do get in touch with us! You can visit your local adoption centre and have a chat with the manager or give them a call.

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*Thank you
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