

**How to organise
a BBQ, picnic
or garden party
fundraiser for
Cats Protection**

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Hosting a BBQ, picnic or garden party is a fantastic way to gather your community, enjoy some great food and raise funds for Cats Protection.

Follow this guide to plan a successful and fun event.



1. Choose your event type and location

Decide whether you'll host a BBQ, picnic or garden party, or even a combination of all three! If you're using your own garden, make sure you have enough space and seating for your guests. For a picnic, consider hosting it in a local park (but check with your council if any permissions are required).



2. Pick a date and time

Choose a date that works well for most people, such as a weekend or bank holiday. Check the weather forecast in advance and have a backup plan in case of rain (for example, a gazebo or indoor space).

3. Plan your menu

A BBQ or picnic is all about the food! Offer a mix of options to suit different tastes and dietary requirements, including vegetarian and vegan choices. You could even ask guests to bring a dish to share.

If you're holding a garden party, consider adding some afternoon tea favourites like sandwiches, scones and cakes.

4. Add a fundraising twist

Encourage donations by incorporating fun fundraising ideas into your event:

- entry fee: charge a small donation for attendance
- bake sale: offer cakes and treats for a donation
- games and activities: include lawn games like croquet or giant Jenga, with a small participation fee. You could also host a quiz using our [quiz resources](#)

Let guests know in advance that the event is a fundraiser for Cats Protection, so they're ready to contribute.



5. Set up your space

Decorate your garden or picnic area to create a festive atmosphere. You could use bunting, fairy lights or cat-themed decorations to make the space feel welcoming and fun.

Set up a table or station for donations, with a collection tin or an online [JustGiving](#) donation QR code, to make it easy for people to contribute.



6. Promote your event

Spread the word in your community through social media, posters or local noticeboards. Make sure to include all the key details: date, time, location and how the funds will help Cats Protection. We have some [print-at-home resources](#) you can use.

7. Make it fun for everyone

Plan activities to keep guests entertained, such as:

- a BBQ or picnic competition for the best dish
- a fancy-dress theme (bonus points for cat costumes!)
- cat-themed games for children and adults alike
- take plenty of photos to share on social media and celebrate the success of your event

8. Say thank you

After the event, thank everyone for coming and contributing. Share how much money you've raised and explain how it will support the work of Cats Protection to make a better life for cats.





Ready to host your event?

Sign up today and start fundraising your way for Cats Protection. Request your free fundraising pack here:

cats.org.uk/fundraising-sign-up



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