



Functional Skills Level 1

ENGLISH

Paper 1 Reading

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The three sources that follow are:

SOURCE A: a letter to the local Council

SOURCE B: a factsheet about getting a cat

SOURCE C: an advertisement for a cattery

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SOURCE A

Housing Department Manager

Southampton City Council

Dear Sir

Apparently, there are 11.1 million cats in the UK and I think most of them visit my garden, bringing their fleas with them! I need the council to do something about this problem.

Cats are a nuisance. They leave their mess in other people's gardens and their owners do not seem to care at all. I am a dedicated gardener and I am fed up of standing in cat mess or, even worse, putting my hand in it! This causes a serious health risk to myself and my grandchildren who sometimes play in my garden. Cats can trigger an asthma attack and I worry about my four-year-old grandson who suffers from asthma.

All cats dig to bury their mess but I hate it when a cat digs in my vegetable plot. Sometimes they disturb the seeds or pull out my young strawberry plants.

Cats may look cute, but they should be kept indoors and their owners should be held responsible if the cat gets out. I took this photograph and spoke to my neighbours about the problem but they just say "Oh, it's impossible to keep him in."

It is really unfair that I have to tolerate this and I would like to know what the council can do to help.

Yours faithfully

Mrs P Barkley

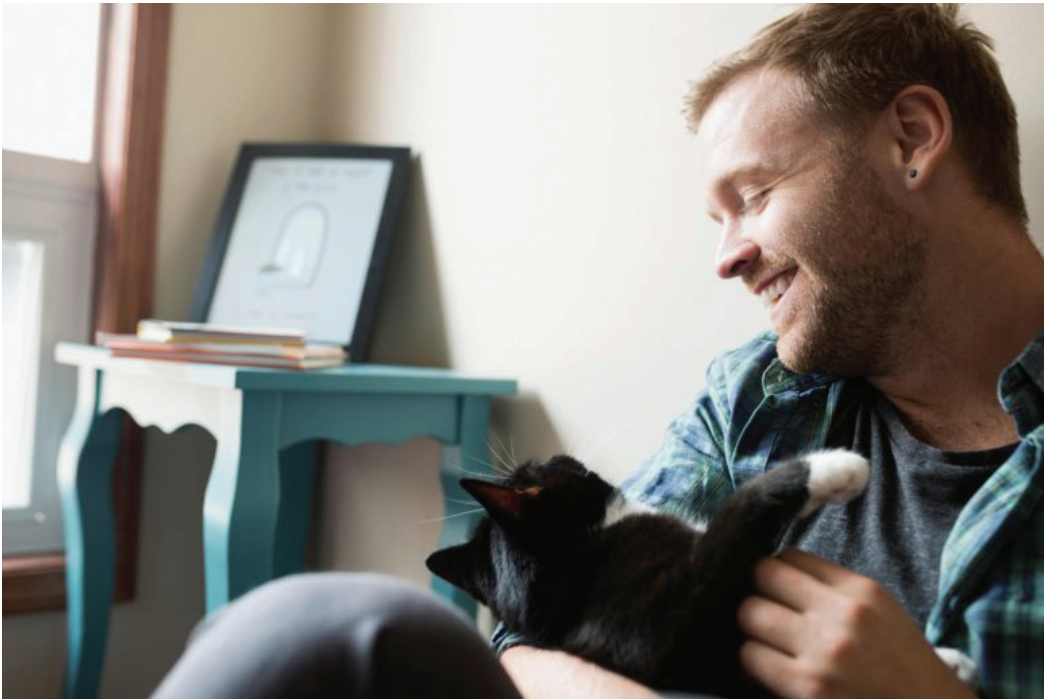


The image shows a close-up of some plants. Within the plants, there is a cat.

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SOURCE B**Thinking of getting a cat?**

Some people want a cat to cuddle and sit on their lap. Others are happy to live with a very independent cat which spends most of its time outside and doesn't want too much fuss. Whichever of these is for you, you will find great love and joy in your cat companion.

**“Do all cats hunt?”**

You may hate the idea of your cat hunting outside. Perhaps you are a bird lover, or simply don't fancy a gift of a small dead mouse. Hunting is normal behaviour for cats. But if you want a cat to keep rats away, you won't want to find yourself with a couch potato cat!

“Can I keep a cat indoors?”

Being outdoors brings a huge variety to a cat’s life and allows it to use all its hunting behaviours. Of course there are risks outside for cats, but cats also need space to run around and express natural behaviour.

“Can I keep a cat on vegetarian food?”

If you really want a vegetarian pet, get a rabbit – a cat needs some of the nutrients found in meat. It would be unfair and dangerous to its health to keep it as a vegetarian.

Your cat needs:

- **plenty of human companionship**
- **regular meals with a constant supply of fresh water**
- **a clean and comfortable bed**
- **regular grooming**
- **outdoor access or a litter tray**
- **a safe, stimulating environment.**

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SOURCE C

CALLING ALL CHOOSY CATS!

Do you need a holiday from your owners?

Then get your humans to check out Cranborne Cattery.

Our friendly family business provides a top-class, personal service. If you live locally, we can collect and deliver your cat free of charge. Why not visit us and take a tour? Your precious puss will love the high standard of our accommodation.

We offer roomy cat runs measuring 2.1 metres × 1.8 metres, which are licensed to hold up to three cats. Each run contains a cosy, heated sleeping box. Outside, there's space for your cat to explore, hide or simply stretch out in the sun. We want your cat to feel at home with us, so you are welcome to bring favourite bedding or fleeces, scratchers and other toys.

The owner, David Simpson, has previously worked in various other catteries and is skilled in administering medication. We also offer a variety of different menu choices.

DAILY TARIFF FROM 1ST JANUARY 2020

1 cat – £12.50

2 cats – £23.00

3 cats – £30.00

MINIMUM CHARGE: our minimum charge is 3 days or £38, whichever is higher.

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