



# **Functional Skills Level 2**

## **ENGLISH**

**Paper 1 Reading**

**8725R**

### **Insert**

**The three sources that follow are:**

**SOURCE A: an advertisement for a cattery**

**SOURCE B: a factsheet about indoor and outdoor cats**

**SOURCE C: a letter to the local Member of Parliament**

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## **SOURCE A**

### **CALLING DISCERNING CATS!**

**Do you need a holiday from your owners?**

**Then ask them to check out Cranborne Cattery.**

**We have been offering a top-class, superior and personalised service from our family-run business since 2005. Our collection and delivery service is available free of charge to DE17 postcodes. Why not drop in and inspect our premises? Small is beautiful and you won't find better cat accommodation anywhere!**

**David and Sarah have worked in various catteries previously and have a wealth of knowledge and experience in cat care, including administering medicines. If your pet has specific needs, please discuss these with us. A range of delicious menu choices will ensure that even the most diet-conscious guest will find something to their liking.**

**The spacious cat pens measure 2.1 metres × 1.8 metres, and are licensed to accommodate up to three cats. The double-glazing and fly-screen make our pens uniquely secure and comfortable. Also, each delightful pen contains a cosy, heated sleeping box. In fact, our pens are the cat-version of a penthouse suite! We want your cat to feel at home with us, so you are welcome to bring favourite blankets, scratching posts or toys.**

**DAILY TARIFF FROM 1ST JANUARY 2019**

**1 cat - £12.50**

**2 cats - £23.00**

**3 cats - £30.00**

**MINIMUM CHARGE:** Our minimum charge is 3 days or £38, whichever is the greater.

**Payment is by cash, cheque or bank transfer as we are not able to accept debit or credit cards.**

**cranbornecats@email.com**

**Orchard Close, Cranborne, Derby DE17 3PG.**

**David and Sarah Simpson – Managers**

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## **SOURCE B**

### **CATS...IN OR OUT?**

**Ideally all cats would be allowed outdoors and, in the UK, most people let their cats go outside. However, in built-up areas, there can be a large number of cats, each with a dwindling territory size, and many people are choosing to keep their cats inside. Cats have a natural tendency to explore, so allowing them out gives them mental stimulation and reduces stress.**

### **OUTDOOR ACCESS**

**Outdoor cats can express their natural behaviour, such as scratching and spraying. Cats can help to keep unwanted rodents at bay. Stalking and catching prey actually releases endorphins (or 'happy hormones') in the cat's brain. Hunting behaviour is not influenced by hunger - many well-fed cats will still want to hunt.**

**Cats with outdoor access can exercise more readily by climbing trees and fences, for example, or simply by having extra space to run. Active cats are much less likely to become obese and suffer from associated health problems.**

## **INJURIES**

**Many cats are injured or killed on the road each year. Often these cats are young - under a year old - and more road traffic injuries happen at night. Cats can contract infectious diseases through contact and fighting with other cats, or pick up parasites such as fleas, ticks and worms.**

## **LOSS**

**Cats can go missing for a variety of reasons, such as becoming lost, or trapped in a garden shed or garage. Microchipping your cat helps to reunite you with your cat if it ever goes missing.**

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**SOURCE C**

**Right Honourable Sefton Harris MP**

**Houses of Parliament**

**Dear Mr Harris**

**I am approaching you, as my MP, to request you to seek a change in the bylaws referring to cats. Many people are troubled by cats encroaching on their gardens and doing their business wherever they please. There is no way of keeping them out and many cat owners are irresponsible and just ignore the nuisance to their neighbours.**

**The law currently cannot take any action against cat owners when their pets stray into other people's property, but surely the owner should be held responsible for any damage the cat does? The biggest menace is cat mess, but why is the cat owner not fined when their cat uses someone else's garden as its toilet? It is quite outrageous that the law has the power to fine the owner of the garden for uncleared cat mess but not the owner of the cat!!**

**Who is going to compensate me for all the vegetables ruined by cats digging up the young plants? I recently had to take time off work owing to a bad asthma attack**

**which was probably caused by a cat. Who is going to make up my lost earnings?**

**We need a change in the law to shift the responsibility for cats on to the people who choose to keep them as pets! Please support me in this.**

**Yours faithfully  
Mrs A Barkley**

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