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THE CATS PROTECTION LEAGUE

(Registered National Charity No. 203644)

The Cats Protection League was founded in 1927, and is the oldest Charity devoted solely to the welfare of cats.

OBJECTS

- (1) To rescue stray, unwanted and injured cats, rehabilitate them and rehome them where possible.
- (2) To provide information to the public on the care of cats and kittens.
- (3) To encourage the neutering of all cats not required for breeding.

GROUPS AND BRANCHES

Our work is carried out through over 150 Groups and Branches situated throughout the British Isles and staffed by voluntary workers. Special rescue centres are situated in Essex, Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Isle of Wight, Belfast, Derby, Devon and Cheshire.

FINANCE

We are supported entirely by members' subscriptions, donations, legacies and our own fund-raising events.

MEMBERSHIP

There are some 12,000 members on the Headquarters roll and many others attached to local Branches. New members are always welcome: the annual subscription is modest and includes our magazine *The Cat* published every other month. Life Membership and Junior Membership schemes are also available.

SPECIAL SERVICE

We also provide cat boarding vouchers for those in need, to enable them to board out their cat whilst they are on holiday, or in hospital.

For further information please write to:

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FARM CATS



THE FARMERS FRIENDS

FARM CATS

"Unofficial rodent destroyer and farmhouse companion"

How well do you keep your farm cats?

Do you feed them at all? Neuter or spay them? Care for them?

Do you expect them to be good rat and mouse catchers?

FEEDING

If your farm cats serve a purely utilitarian purpose, and are not kept as pets, they must have a value, and contribute to the maintenance of the farm in the same way as horses, cattle, tractors and agricultural machinery.

Cattle and horses are cared for, fed and watered in order to give of their best.

Machinery must be regularly supplied with fuel, and maintained in order to be efficient.

**CATS TOO REQUIRE CARE, FOOD AND A LITTLE ATTENTION
IN ORDER TO WORK WELL**

Farm cats however are seldom given a second thought except perhaps when rats and mice become more than a nuisance and then the cats are blamed for not doing their job.

IT IS A FACT THAT A WELL FED CAT MAKES A BETTER MOUSER

Rats and mice are stop-gap foods for cats. Hungry cats will hunt only to satisfy the desire for food, but regularly fed cats will hunt for sport and will have the stamina and vitality to do their job well.

**SOME FARMERS MAY CONSIDER THE CATS ON THEIR FARMS AS
SERVANTS. SURELY THEN, THESE SERVANTS ARE WORTHY OF
THEIR BOARD AND LODGING, AND CARE AND ATTENTION
DURING ILLNESS**

Many people living in the country or visiting farms are shocked by the condition of some of the farm cats. Hungry, diseased and maimed cats along with starved, unwanted kittens are far too much in evidence on farms; indicating either total disregard, or an inexcusable lack of knowledge of the farmer's responsibility and the punishment the law can inflict for cruelty or neglect leading to suffering.

NEUTERING

In-breeding is as detrimental to cats as it is to farm stock; it makes sense to limit the population of farm cats by neutering the male cats and spaying the female cats. The fewer cats on the farm, the better cared for the cats will be.

Male kittens can be neutered at five months. This is a simple operation and can be performed on cats of any age by a Veterinary Surgeon.

Female kittens can be spayed at the age of five months too, however the operation can also be done at any later stage in the cat's life.

Well-fed, neutered cats will remain good mice and rat catchers after being spayed or neutered.....they will also lead happier lives, uncluttered by unwanted kittens, and have more time for mousing.



If you are a farmer, with farm cats, be a little more considerate towards the cats on your farm and they will in turn reward you by being healthier, happier animals, content to keep the rat and mice population under control.

**NEUTER AND SPAY YOUR FARM CATS
FEED THEM REGULARLY
CARE FOR THEM WHEN THEY ARE ILL
BE RESPONSIBLE**