



MEDIA RELEASE

Cats Protection Stourbridge

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Cats Suffering Unnecessarily!

The Stourbridge Branch of Cats Protection, the national feline welfare charity, is desperate for new owners for many of the cats in its care.

All the charity's foster homes are currently full and stray, needy and unwanted cats are having to be turned away as there is nowhere for them to be accommodated whilst they are found new homes.

Carole Postings, Fostering Officer with the Branch, explains:

"This time of year is well into the kitten season and we are getting calls almost daily about mothers and litters of kittens who desperately need our help. Unfortunately, whilst all of our foster pens are full there is little we can do for them.

"Many of the cats in our care are young adults and people seem reluctant to take these on. There are many reasons why a slightly older cat is better than a kitten.

"Older cats aren't as disruptive or destructive as kittens, who are bundles of rowdy energy! Older cats are generally quieter and calmer, and appreciate company more. They are less likely to stray or get themselves into scrapes, have more road sense, and are well trained in living harmoniously with humans. Older cats are more likely to want to spend most of their time at home. They are already neutered and their personality is already formed so you have no worries that your new cat will turn out to be a biter or bad-tempered because we will already know what the cat is like!"

If you would like to give a home to one of the charity's cats, please ring the Adoption Line on ☎ 07092 301744.

If you would like to help by fostering cats in the charity's care (all expenses are paid), please ring the Enquiries Line on ☎ 07092 301745.

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Notes for Editors:

1. Stourbridge Branch of Cats Protection covers postcodes **DY3 – DY10**, which includes Belbroughton, Wollaston, Norton, Pedmore, Lye, Kinver, Kingswinford, Hagley, Brierley Hill, Tipton, Stourbridge, Sedgley, most of Kidderminster and some of Bewdley.
2. For more information on the cats currently looking for homes, please ring Carole Postings, Fostering Officer, on 01384 354137.
3. For more information on Cats Protection or the Stourbridge Branch, please ring Rob Hall, PR Officer, on 07884 432306.