

**Cats Protection does it for £5!**

***£5 neutering for cats in Edinburgh & Lothians post code areas EH1-EH55 and ML12 from 1st February 2016***

The charity Cats Protection is offering to pay for Edinburgh & Lothians cats within EH1-EH55 and ML12 postcodes to be snipped or spayed for just £5, eligible to cat owners in receipt of means tested benefits or on a low income.

**Neutering offers solid benefits to both male and female cats including:**

* Neutered females cannot become pregnant, adding to the number of unwanted kittens. Left un-neutered, a female cat can have up to 18 kittens a year.
* Neutered males are less likely to roam, reducing the risk of them being involved in car accidents
* Neutering means males are less likely to display territorial behaviour such as spraying, while females will not call or wail.
* Neutered males are less likely to fight, reducing the risk of them getting injured or contracting serious diseases such as Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) or Feline Leukaemia Virus (FeLV)

Cats Protection believes neutering is an essential part of being a loving and caring owner and helps neuter 163,000 cats and kittens each year. The charity recommends that cats and kittens are neutered from around four months of age.

Please call the neutering team on 03000 12 12 12 or visit our website at [www.cats.org.uk/neuteringeh](http://www.cats.org.uk/neuteringeh) for more details on eligibility and a list of the participating vets.

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***For any enquiries please contact Sarah Reid 0797 643 2709***

**Notes to editors**

1. Cats Protection is part of a national network of over 250 volunteer-run branches and 32 centres that help over 205,000 cats and kittens each year.
2. Cats Protection’s registered charity number is 203644 (England and Wales) and SC037711 (Scotland). The charity’s vision is a world where every cat is treated with kindness and an understanding of its needs.
3. Founded as the Cats Protection League in 1927, **the charity adopted the name Cats Protection in 1998.  We ask that you use the name Cats Protection when referring to the charity in all published material.**
4. More information about the Edinburgh & Lothians neutering campaign can be found at [www.cats.org.uk/neuteringeh](http://www.cats.org.uk/neuteringeh)