

PROVISION FOR BEREAVED CATS, LIST OF ACTIONS

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Prior to your sudden incapacity or death, you may wish to make provision for your cat(s). We therefore suggest that you consider the following actions:

A. Specify the action to be taken at the time of your death -

- **immediate care** naming a contact eg neighbour, friend or relation who can access and care for your cat(s) within hours and
- **longer term care**, eg Burmese Cat Club (BCC) Benevolent Fund (contact details in G below) to transfer your cat(s) to a safe house for care and rehome.

A suggested Form of Instructions is enclosed.

B. Make a friend, neighbour or relative aware of your Form of Instructions to expedite immediate action in the event of your death. (Remember to consider how they will gain access to your cats.)

C. Display instructions on a large Emergency Card in a prominent position in your home, and update them regularly. Include on the reverse of this card brief details of your cat(s) (eg name, DOB, sex, special requirements, and the name and telephone number of your Veterinary Practice).

A large Emergency Card is enclosed.

D. Make other relevant people, notably your Executors and/or Solicitor, aware of any arrangements you have made with regard to the welfare of your cat(s).

E. Always carry with you (in your purse/wallet and car glove compartment) a small Emergency Card to indicate that you are a cat owner. This will enable the Emergency Services to notify the named contact with whom you have a prior arrangement that your cat(s) will require care.

Two small Emergency Cards are enclosed.

F. As a back-up, include the Form of Instructions in your Will even though this is not generally read until sometime afterwards when it may be too late to honour your wishes if they have not already been publicised elsewhere.

A suggested form of wording is enclosed.

G. Name as a contact the BCC Benevolent Fund (Registered Charity No 1094488) c/o The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, 5 King's Castle, Business Park, The Drove, Bridgewater, Somerset TAG 4AG. The GCCF staff will immediately forward communications of this nature to the current Hon Secretary of the BCC.

H. If you are making a donation in your Will to the BCC Benevolent Fund to be used for the welfare of your cat(s), any residue will be retained by the Fund.

I. Non-members wishing the BCC Benevolent Fund to take care of their cats should indicate their instructions as above. A donation for this purpose should be made direct to the BCC Benevolent Fund, c/o The Chairman whose contact details can be found at the end of this document and also on enquiry to The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy as above, or by means of a bequest.

J. Give the Club discretion to take the action considered appropriate at the time. It is most important that there is flexibility to avoid a cat being kept in long-term care.

EMERGENCY CARDS

One large and three small Emergency cards are enclosed with this document.

SUGGESTED FORM OF INSTRUCTION

CARE OF MY CAT(S) IN THE EVENT OF MY DEATH

To:

- A. Person who will take responsibility for my cat(s)
- B. Hon Secretary of the Burmese Cat Club
- C. Boarding Cattery Owner or Preferred Foster Home
- D. Any Other

These are my formal instructions for the rehoming of my cat(s). There is a clause in my Will directing that the Burmese Cat Club Benevolent Fund should be responsible for boarding and rehoming the cats and I have left provision in my Will to cover the cost. If this sum is insufficient I am assured that the Burmese Cat Club Benevolent Fund will provide the rest. If there is any surplus this will be retained by the Burmese Cat Club Benevolent Fund. Please make sure that anyone helping with rehoming has their expenses paid before any surplus is retained.

Until homes are found please board my cat(s) with *Details of C*

Before making any definite arrangements please obtain the approval of A who knows the cats well and who has agreed to help with rehoming them. I am very anxious that any person who is prepared to give my cat(s) a permanent home should be given free opportunity to meet them whilst in care and, in turn, be visited and assessed beforehand.

Details of my cat(s) are as follows:

*Name, sex, DOB of each cat Specific preferences/medical requirements.
Daily routine/any other information to support their wellbeing. Suggested grouping of
cats if there are several (in case it is not possible to rehome them all together).
(Please state if any are inseparable.)*

Medical records/relevant paperwork can be found in *Location of papers in my house.*

Thank you, in advance, to all those helping to carry out these wishes.

Signed

Date

My Name, Address and Phone Number

Details of my Solicitor

Details of my Veterinary Practice

Remember to give full contact details for all persons named in this Instruction.

SUGGESTED FORM OF WORDING FOR
WILL

Three options are given below to allow you to choose the most appropriate course of action after your death.

IMPORTANT

Please check with your own solicitor that these suggested forms of wording for your Will are valid for your own particular circumstances and national jurisdictions.

Option 1

I give the sum of £ to the Burmese Cat Club Benevolent Fund, Registered Charity No 1094488, care of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, 5 King's Castle Business Park, The Drove, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4AG (www.gccfcats.org) on condition that they undertake to appropriately care for and rehome my Burmese cats and that the said pecuniary legacy be used in maintenance and upkeep of my Burmese cats until they are rehomed and any balance remaining after they have been rehomed shall belong to the said Burmese Cat Club Benevolent Fund and subject thereto.

Option 2

I give the sum of £ to the Burmese Cat Club Benevolent Fund, Registered Charity No 1094488, care of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, 5 King's Castle Business Park, The Drove, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4AG (www.gccfcats.org), on condition that they undertake to rehome my Burmese cats after first placing them temporarily with Mrs C (name) or failing that a local cattery and that the said pecuniary legacy be used in maintenance and upkeep of my Burmese cats until they are rehomed and any balance remaining after they have been rehomed shall belong to the said Burmese Cat Club Benevolent Fund and subject thereto.

Option 3

I give the sum of £ to the Burmese Cat Club Benevolent Fund, Registered Charity No 1094488, care of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, 5 King's Castle Business Park, The Drove, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4AG, upon trust for the upkeep and maintenance of my cat (name) or any other cat or cats which I shall own at the date of my death and I declare that the receipt of the person professing to be the Treasurer or other proper officer of the Burmese Cat Club Benevolent Fund shall be a sufficient discharge to my trustees and I direct that the capital and income of this legacy shall be paid to the person or persons who shall ultimately be found to care for my said cat or cats in accordance with the reasonable requirements and that after the death of my said cat or cats any balance of the legacy remaining and not used under the terms of this clause shall belong to the Burmese Cat Club Benevolent Fund for their own use and benefit absolutely.

USEFUL CONTACTS

A full list of Burmese Cat Club Benevolent Fund Trustees and Burmese Cat Club Office Holders can be found on the Club's website at www.burmesecatclub.com.

If you would like further information on the work of the Burmese Cat Club Benevolent Fund and to make a donation, please contact the Fund Chairman:

Finally, we hope this document has been useful in providing you with the means of assuring you that your cats will be looked after in the event of your incapacity or death.

LARGE EMERGENCY CARDS - display in a prominent position(s) in your home.

Print this page and cut out the card, fold across the centre line and stick together with tape or glue. Alternatively just cut out the first page and write the details of your cat(s) on the reverse

IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCY



Please contact

Name

Address

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Phone Mobile

who will take immediate responsibility for my cat(s), details of whom are given on the reverse of this card

The BURMESE CAT CLUB should be notified as soon as possible. Please contact the Hon Secretary or any club officer whose contact details can be found at www.burmesecatclub.com or from the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy on 01278 427575 at www.gccfcats.org

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Brief details of my cat(s) full details are with the person named overleaf

SMALL EMERGENCY CARDS – Always carry with you

Print this page and cut out the card, fold across the centre line and stick together with tape or glue. Alternatively just cut out the first page and write the details of your cat(s) on the reverse

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