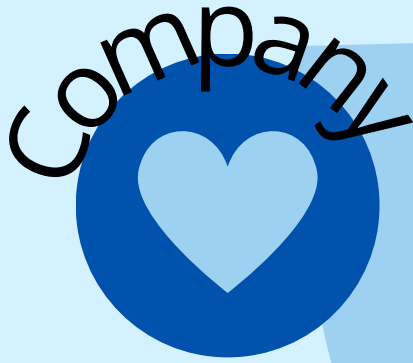
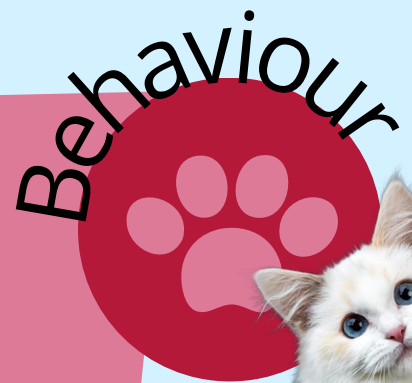


The 5 Welfare Needs of Cats



Cats need plenty of exercise (although some prefer to sleep all day!) - so where it's safe, give them time outside to experience the great outdoors, and lots of toys to keep them entertained! Cats are natural hunters, and so toys where they can mimic this behaviour - where they can jump, pounce and 'catch' their toy - are just 'purr-fect!'



Cats are known as solitary animals - that means they're not actually that bothered about having friends! If you have more than one cat at home, it's really important that they have their own space to relax in and their own food & water bowls, beds, litter trays and toys - they don't like to share!



Cats need to eat what's called a 'complete' diet - that just means it contains everything they need to stay happy & healthy! It's important that it's matched to their age too (kittens should eat kitten food, adult cats should eat adult food and so on!). Cats must have meat in their diet (they can never be vegetarian!) because they can't produce amino acids called Taurine and Arginine (like we do) and so need to get these nutrients from their diet.



Make sure your cat's home is free from anything which could cause them harm (remember, there can be many household items that aren't safe for our pets!). Give them access to the great outdoors (providing it's safe), plenty of toys and places to explore inside (they also love to be up high - so give them things they can safely climb on). And of course, they need a nice, quiet spot where they can relax and enjoy a good cat nap!



There are lots of things to consider when it comes to keeping your kitty healthy. Vaccinations, flea, tick and worm treatments, microchipping and they need to be neutered (to stop them having babies!). Pet insurance is also a really good idea - accidents still can happen, even when we do everything we can to protect them!

