



Cosy Kittys Prevention and Control of the Spread of Disease Policy.

Ill Health.

No animal suffering from, or suspected to be suffering from, any infectious or contagious disease can be accepted. Cosy Kittys will refuse admission to any animal showing signs of ill health pending advice from a Vet.

Daily observations are made to check if any cats are showing signs of illness.

Should an animal in our care show signs of suffering from an infectious or contagious disease they will be immediately transferred to the isolation facilities or our Vet (Woodlands Veterinary Hospital) who provide isolation facilities. The cat will be treated according to the agreements in the consent form.

The cattery and cat units are cleaned according to the cleaning regime.

Vaccinations.

An up-to-date vaccination card must accompany all cats. Vaccinations must have been given at least 14 days prior to entry. Cats require feline panleukopenia, feline parvovirus (infectious enteritis) and feline respiratory virus (feline herpesvirus and feline calicivirus) vaccinations. Cats that are not vaccinated will be refused entry to Cosy Kittys.

Fleas and Worming.

It is Cosy Kittys policy to ask all clients to worm and flea treat their cats within 1 week prior to boarding for their own well-being. If there is evidence of fleas, lice, ticks, or worms whilst they are staying with us, we will contact your vets to arrange treatment. The cost of any treatment will be invoiced to the client.

Handwashing.

1. All staff will wash their hands when they start work, before interacting with any cats.
2. All staff will wash their hands between handling cats from different cat units.
3. All staff will wash their hands after undertaking any cleaning jobs.

Infection Control in the Cat Isolation Unit.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be worn by all staff and visitors (owners/vets etc) entering an Isolation Unit that is housing a potentially infectious cat. At a minimum, this consists of disposable gloves, disposable apron and impermeable shoe covers that are only worn in the isolation area.

Gloves, apron, and shoe covers must be discarded after a single use.

Designated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) must be removed before leaving the isolation unit.

Contaminated items (e.g., dishes, litter trays, toys, and laundry) must be bagged prior to being removed from the isolation area, to be cleaned and disinfected, or disposed of.

Waste from an isolation room must be treated as infectious and must be bagged prior to being removed from the isolation area. Bags should then immediately be discarded in the external bins.