



Pets into Care

Put their future in our hands



Our Pets into Care Scheme gives you peace of mind by caring for your pets should they outlive you.





At Blue Cross, we have over a hundred years' experience of caring for pets in need, and finding them happy new homes. We can do the same for your pets if they outlive you.



Sign up to our Pets into Care Scheme so we can care for your pets should they outlive you.

How to register your pet...



1

See the information we have sent you about how the scheme works, including the frequently asked questions on page 4, and consider whether you would like Blue Cross to take in and rehome your pets should you no longer be around to care for them.

2

Complete the enclosed application form and vet history release form and return them to the Pets into Care Team at Blue Cross.

3

We will be in touch within 10 working days of receiving your completed forms to let you know the outcome of your application.

To discuss any aspect of our Pets into Care Scheme, or if you'd like more information about remembering Blue Cross in your Will, please call us on **0300 777 1910** or email petsintocare@bluecross.org.uk

Frequently asked questions

Here are some questions we are often asked about our Pets into Care Scheme. Remember, if you have any further questions you can always contact us.

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Can I register any pet?

Dogs, cats, horses, donkeys, rabbits, chinchillas, degus, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice and rats can be registered onto the scheme. All applications are considered on a case by case basis once we have received your application form and, if considered necessary, the pet's veterinary history.

How many pets can I register?

We can register up to four pets from each household onto the scheme. We have this limit because we need to be realistic about the number of pets we can commit to admitting to our rehoming centres as a priority in the event of an emergency.

Does my pet have to be microchipped?

Horses and donkeys, dogs and cats must be microchipped and registered to your current name and address to be registered onto the scheme. This helps us to bring the correct animals into our care and avoid any confusion as to who is the rightful owner of that pet at the time they need to come to Blue Cross. If your vet has advised that microchipping is not appropriate at this time, please provide details of your vet's reason for this and an estimate of when it will be possible to microchip your pet.

How much does it cost?

It is free to register your pets onto the scheme. There are a number of costs to keep the scheme running and all our services are funded entirely from donations and gifts in Wills from our supporters. We'd be very grateful if you would consider making a donation or leaving a gift in your Will.

Do I have to live near a Blue Cross rehoming centre?

No, this scheme is for anyone living in England, Scotland and Wales. Each pet is admitted to the Blue Cross rehoming centre that can best care for your pet at the time we are needed to help.

How will my pet get to Blue Cross?

At the time we are asked to admit your pet, we will discuss their current circumstances with the person contacting us and agree between us how best to transport your pet.

When can Blue Cross be contacted?

Our Pets into Care Team can be contacted on 0300 777 1910 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday and should be contacted in the first instance.

If there is a need to contact us urgently outside of those hours, our rehoming centres may be open and a list of their contact details is enclosed on our 'Where to Find Us' card. These telephone numbers are not available 24 hours a day and therefore there will be certain times during the night, over weekends and bank holidays that we will not be immediately contactable, but any messages left for the Pets into Care Team regarding the admission of pets under the scheme will be dealt with urgently on our return to the office.



Can I leave a gift in my Will to care for my pet?

We would be grateful to receive any donation or gift in your Will that you feel able to make. We cannot restrict the use of your donation or gift in your Will to be used specifically for your pet but it will be used to help all the pets we care for – including yours.

How do I ensure my wishes are followed?

We have enclosed the suggested wording that we recommend you include in your Will or codicil. Please note that the wording entrusts the future welfare of the pets you have registered onto our scheme to Blue Cross.

How does Blue Cross know it can look after my pet?

The Pets into Care Scheme is intended to give you reassurance that your pets will be looked after, but also to be a comfort and support to family, friends and executors at a time when they will be grieving. This can be a fraught time and misunderstandings can sometimes occur but our priority will always be the welfare of your pets. By registering your pets Blue Cross is accepting an obligation. You will be authorising Blue Cross to take whatever steps it thinks appropriate when neighbours/friends/carers/next of kin/executors/the authorities tell us your pets need to be cared for.

Do you need my executors or next of kin details?

Yes, all application forms must include details of your executors or next of kin and you should make them aware of the provisions you have made for your pet. The person handing over your pet to Blue Cross in the event of your death will need to sign a transfer of ownership form.

We enclose a specimen transfer of ownership form for your information so that you can see the terms on which your pet will be handed over to us.

Will you find my pet a new home, or keep them at Blue Cross?

Our rehoming centres find loving new homes for pets in our care. They undertake careful medical and behavioural assessments for every pet before rehoming.

Can my executors, next of kin or family be involved in the rehoming process?

By transferring your pet into the ownership of Blue Cross you are trusting us to look after your pet's welfare and take decisions that are in their best interests. We are unable to involve others in the rehoming process.

What happens if my pet is ill when they're due to come to Blue Cross?

We always honour the agreement we've made with you. We'll discuss any veterinary and behavioural issues your pet has with your vet, executor, next of kin or person who contacts us to admit your pet so that we can care for your pet properly and make whatever decisions are in their best interests at that time.

Will my pet be put to sleep?

Blue Cross works hard to find new homes for every pet in their care. However, it may be necessary to euthanise a minority of pets brought to Blue Cross for veterinary or behavioural reasons. Such a decision is only ever taken after careful assessment and consideration by our expert teams. In all circumstances the prime concern is the welfare and quality of life of the pet and the safety of people and pets with whom they may come into contact.

What if I get another pet?

You will need to make an application for each new pet you'd like to register onto the Pets into Care Scheme, limited to four pets per household.

You can trust us to look after your pet

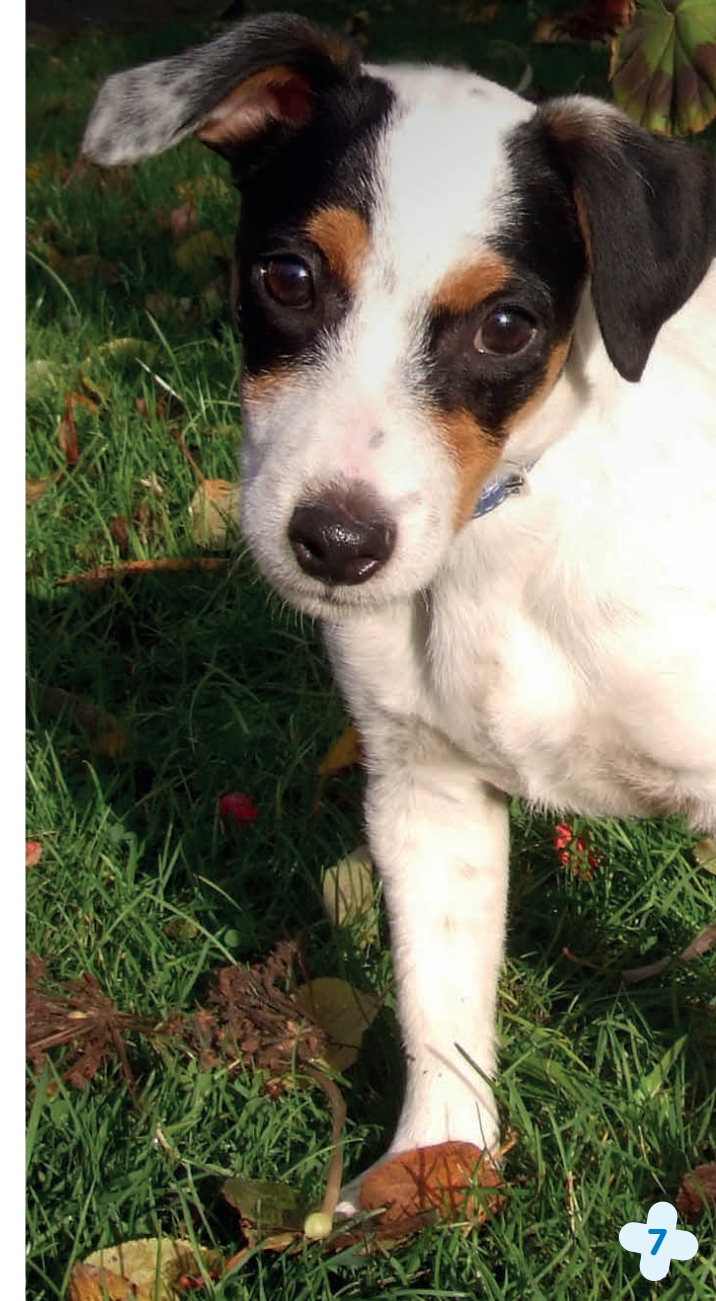


Sick, injured and homeless pets have relied on us since 1897. We take our commitment to these pets seriously. You are also very important to us as we know how much your pet means to you. It is our promise to you that we'll do everything we can to care properly for every pet who comes to us.

A part of that commitment is the use of our expertise to ensure that your pet is settled into a happy home with loving, suitable owners.

How you can help us

The Pets into Care Scheme is completely free, but we'd be grateful if you'd consider remembering Blue Cross in your Will. It's simple to include a gift to Blue Cross in your Will or, if you already have a Will, add a gift to Blue Cross by completing a codicil. If you would like further information about this please contact our Pets into Care Team on **0300 777 1910** or email **petsintocare@bluecross.org.uk**



Suggested wording for insertion in Will or codicil

Legacy of my registered animals

I give such of my animals living at the date of my death as are registered with the Blue Cross Pets into Care Scheme to Blue Cross registered charity number 224392 (England and Wales) and SCO40154 (Scotland) of Shilton Road, Burford, Oxfordshire, OX18 4PF. Blue Cross shall take such steps as it judges to be in the best interests of the animals concerned for their future wellbeing.

I direct that my executors shall contact the Pets into Care Team at Blue Cross, Shilton Road, Burford, Oxfordshire, OX18 4PF and deliver my animals as agreed with Blue Cross including signing a transfer of ownership form so that Blue Cross take over responsibility for my animals from my executors.

Optional

To leave a residuary legacy

Gift in your Will

I give to Blue Cross, registered charity number 224392 (England and Wales) and SCO40154 (Scotland) of Shilton Road, Burford, Oxfordshire, OX18 4PF [enter percentage] per cent of my residuary estate and I express the wish (but without imposing any binding obligation) that such legacy be used for [the general purposes of Blue Cross] [the benefit of its centre at [insert name and address of centre]. The receipt of a Duly Authorised Officer of Blue Cross shall be a good discharge to my executors for the gift.

To leave a pecuniary legacy (cash sum)

Gift in your Will

I give to Blue Cross, registered charity number 224392 (England and Wales) and SCO40154 (Scotland) of Shilton Road, Burford, Oxfordshire, OX18 4PF the sum of [insert amount in figures and words] and I express the wish (but without imposing any binding obligation) that such legacy be used for [the general purposes of Blue Cross] [the benefit of its centre at [insert name and address of centre]. The receipt of a Duly Authorised Officer of Blue Cross shall be a good discharge to my executors for the gift.

You may like to tear out this page and take it to your solicitor when you are discussing your Will or codicil with them.



SECTION 1: Your details

Please fill in ALL 3 SECTIONS of this application form

Your details:

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss (please circle)

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Date of Birth:

Vets details:

Vet's Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

PLEASE ALSO COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED VET RELEASE FORM AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

It may be necessary for us to contact your vet for more information about your pet before confirming whether they can be accepted onto the scheme.

Joint owner's details:

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss (please circle)

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Date of Birth:

Relationship to you:

Executors/Next of Kin details:

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT REGISTER YOUR PETS WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION.

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss (please circle)

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Relationship to you:

DECLARATION:

By signing this form I confirm that I am the legal owner of the animals listed and that the information I have given is correct. The Pets into Care Scheme is intended to give you reassurance that your pets will be looked after, but also to be a comfort and support to family, friends and executors at a time when they will be grieving. This can be a fraught time and misunderstandings can sometimes occur but our priority will always be the welfare of your pets. By registering your pets Blue Cross is accepting an obligation. You will be authorising Blue Cross to take whatever steps it thinks appropriate when neighbours/friends/carers/next of kin/executors/the authorities tell us your pets need to be cared for.

Signed: (Owner)	<input type="text"/>	Dated:	<input type="text"/>
Signed: (Joint Owner)	<input type="text"/>	Dated:	<input type="text"/>

We'd like to tell you about the great work we do for pets and how you can help.

Would you be happy for us to contact you by: (Tick as appropriate)

Phone: Yes ☐ No ☐ Mail: Yes ☐ No ☐ Email: Yes ☐ No ☐ (We will never sell or share your data).



SECTION 2:
Your pet's details

Cats, dogs and small animals

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application form



Please note, if you are registering horses or ponies,
please fill in the form overleaf instead.

We must receive the microchip number of all cats and dogs to be registered into the scheme. If you have received vet advice against microchipping your pet, please provide the vet's reasons for this and a date when you anticipate being able to microchip your pet.

Pet number 1: Name:

Type of pet:

Breed:

Date of birth:

Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐

Neutered: Yes ☐ No ☐

Where did you get your pet from?

If from a rescue centre, please specify which one:

For dogs and cats:

Microchip No:

If not microchipped, vet reason:

Date microchipping to take place:

Further information:	Y/N	Details	Length of time
Was your pet imported from abroad?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Medical conditions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Behaviour problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Current medication?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Incontinence?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Disability or condition that requires specific management?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

It may be necessary for us to contact your vet for more information about your pet before confirming whether they can be accepted onto the Scheme.

Pet number 2: Name:

Type of pet:

Breed:

Date of birth:

Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐

Neutered: Yes ☐ No ☐

Where did you get your pet from?

If from a rescue centre, please specify which one:

For dogs and cats:

Microchip No:

If not microchipped, vet reason:

Date microchipping to take place:

Further information:	Y/N	Details	Length of time
Was your pet imported from abroad?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Medical conditions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Behaviour problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Current medication?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Incontinence?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Disability or condition that requires specific management?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

It may be necessary for us to contact your vet for more information about your pet before confirming whether they can be accepted onto the Scheme.

Pet number 3: Name:

Type of pet:

Breed:

Date of birth:

Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐

Neutered: Yes ☐ No ☐

Where did you get your pet from?

If from a rescue centre, please specify which one:

For dogs and cats:

Microchip No:

If not microchipped, vet reason:

Date microchipping to take place:

Further information:	Y/N	Details	Length of time
Was your pet imported from abroad?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Medical conditions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Behaviour problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Current medication?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Incontinence?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Disability or condition that requires specific management?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

It may be necessary for us to contact your vet for more information about your pet before confirming whether they can be accepted onto the Scheme.

Pet number 4: Name:

Type of pet:

Breed:

Date of birth:

Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐

Neutered: Yes ☐ No ☐

Where did you get your pet from?

If from a rescue centre, please specify which one:

For dogs and cats:

Microchip No:

If not microchipped, vet reason:

Date microchipping to take place:

Further information:	Y/N	Details	Length of time
Was your pet imported from abroad?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Medical conditions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Behaviour problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Current medication?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Incontinence?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Disability or condition that requires specific management?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

It may be necessary for us to contact your vet for more information about your pet before confirming whether they can be accepted onto the Scheme.



SECTION 2:

Your horse or pony's details

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application form



Please note, if you are registering dogs, cats or small animals, please fill in the previous form instead.

We must receive a copy of the passport's ID page, ownership page, vaccination record page(s) and details of microchip number of all horses or ponies to be registered onto the scheme. If you have received vet advice against microchipping your pet, please provide the vet's reasons for this and a date when you anticipate being able to microchip your pet.

Horse 1: Name: Age: Height: Colour: Sex:

Address where horse kept (if different from owners address):

Microchip No:
If not microchipped, vet reason:

Date microchipping to take place:
Description, including breed/type, distinctive markings:

How long have you owned the horse?

Where did you get your horse from?

If from another rescue centre, please specify which one:

Can the horse be ridden? Yes ☐ No ☐ If not, why?

Can the horse be easily loaded? Yes ☐ No ☐
Is there a history of difficult travelling? Yes ☐ No ☐
What type of work is the horse capable of?

Further information:	Y/N	Details	Length of time
Medical conditions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Current medication / treatment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Dietary requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Training / behaviour issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Disability or condition that requires specific management?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

It may be necessary for us to contact your vet for more information about your pet before confirming whether they can be accepted onto the Scheme.

Horse 2: Name: Age: Height: Colour: Sex:

Address where horse kept (if different from owners address):

Microchip No:
If not microchipped, vet reason:

Date microchipping to take place:
Description, including breed/type, distinctive markings:

How long have you owned the horse?

Where did you get your horse from?

If from another rescue centre, please specify which one:

Can the horse be ridden? Yes ☐ No ☐ If not, why?

Can the horse be easily loaded? Yes ☐ No ☐
Is there a history of difficult travelling? Yes ☐ No ☐
What type of work is the horse capable of?

Further information:	Y/N	Details	Length of time
Medical conditions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Current medication / treatment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Dietary requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Training / behaviour issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Disability or condition that requires specific management?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

It may be necessary for us to contact your vet for more information about your pet before confirming whether they can be accepted onto the Scheme.

Horse 3: Name: Age: Height: Colour: Sex:

Address where horse kept (if different from owners address):

Microchip No:
If not microchipped, vet reason:

Date microchipping to take place:
Description, including breed/type, distinctive markings:

How long have you owned the horse?

Where did you get your horse from?

If from another rescue centre, please specify which one:

Can the horse be ridden? Yes ☐ No ☐ If not, why?

Can the horse be easily loaded? Yes ☐ No ☐
Is there a history of difficult travelling? Yes ☐ No ☐
What type of work is the horse capable of?

Further information:	Y/N	Details	Length of time
Medical conditions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Current medication / treatment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Dietary requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Training / behaviour issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Disability or condition that requires specific management?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

It may be necessary for us to contact your vet for more information about your pet before confirming whether they can be accepted onto the Scheme.

Horse 4: Name: Age: Height: Colour: Sex:

Address where horse kept (if different from owners address):

Microchip No:
If not microchipped, vet reason:

Date microchipping to take place:
Description, including breed/type, distinctive markings:

How long have you owned the horse?

Where did you get your horse from?

If from another rescue centre, please specify which one:

Can the horse be ridden? Yes ☐ No ☐ If not, why?

Can the horse be easily loaded? Yes ☐ No ☐
Is there a history of difficult travelling? Yes ☐ No ☐
What type of work is the horse capable of?

Further information:	Y/N	Details	Length of time
Medical conditions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Current medication / treatment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Dietary requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Training / behaviour issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Disability or condition that requires specific management?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

It may be necessary for us to contact your vet for more information about your pet before confirming whether they can be accepted onto the Scheme.



Please attach a copy of the passport ID page, ownership page and full vaccination record page(s) for each horse or pony.



SECTION 3:

Veterinary history
release form

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application form



It may be necessary for us to contact your vet for more information about your pet before confirming whether they can be accepted onto the scheme.

To:

..... (name and address of veterinary surgeon)

I, (name of owner)

Of, (address of owner)

hereby consent to the disclosure to Blue Cross of all details relating to the treatment of

..... (pet's name)

..... (pet's name)

..... (pet's name)

..... (pet's name)

Date:

Signature:



Checklist

Please ensure you have included:



SECTION 1

Your details

SECTION 2

Your pet's details

and/or

SECTION 2

Your horse or pony's
details

FOR EACH HORSE OR PONY
ATTACH COPIES OF:

- ☐ THE PASSPORT ID PAGE
- ☐ OWNERSHIP PAGE
- ☐ FULL VACCINATION
RECORD PAGE(S)

Now tear out your completed application forms and
veterinary history release form and post to us at:

Pets into Care Team,
Blue Cross,
Shilton Road,
Burford,
Oxfordshire,
OX18 4PF

For more information please visit
www.bluecross.org.uk
or email: petsintocare@bluecross.org.uk
or call: 0300 777 1910



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