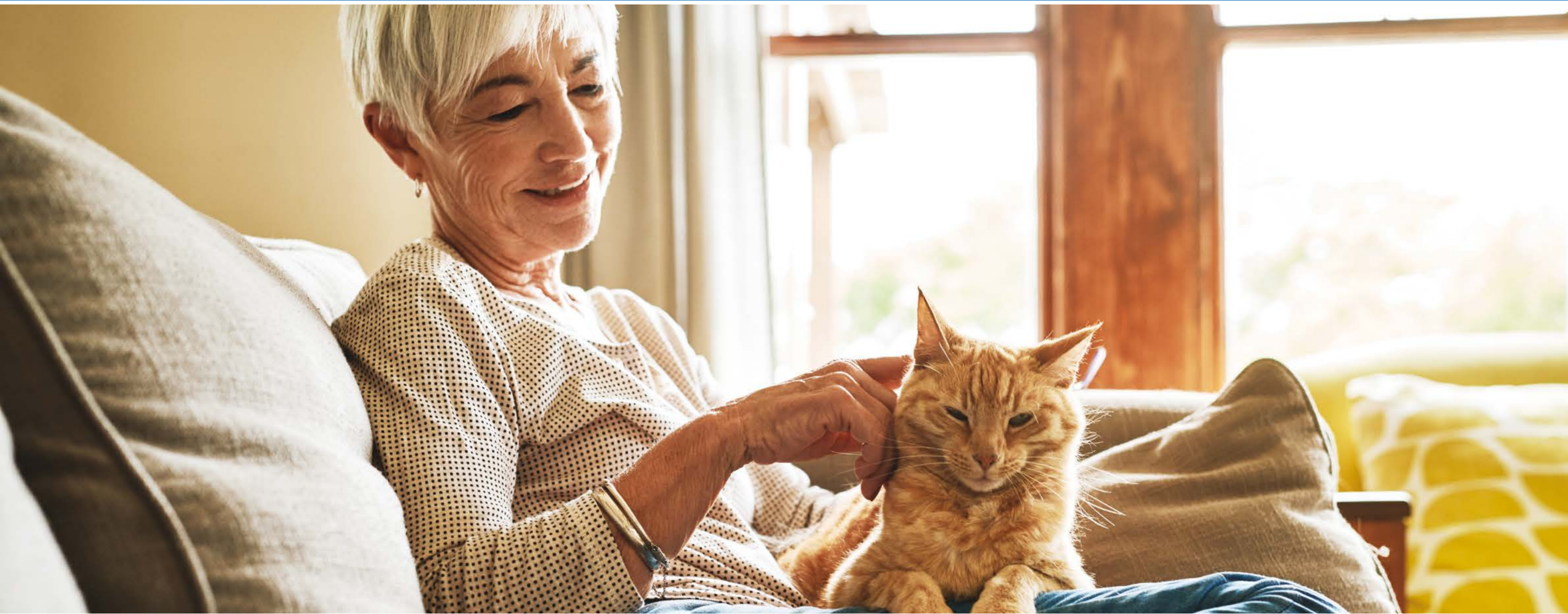


Pet Peace of Mind



Love and care for your pet after you've gone

Registered charity number: 224392 (England and Wales), SC040154 (Scotland)

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Peace of mind for you



How our service works



Apply for Pet Peace of Mind today

Should you pass away before your pet, we'll do everything we can to make sure they are safe and loved in the years ahead. Our dedicated team carefully matches pets with new, loving owners so that they settle into happy, caring homes. We will, of course, look after your pet until we find them a suitable home.

If you'd like to put your mind at ease, simply follow the three steps below. We consider all applications for dogs, cats, horses, rabbits, chinchillas, degus, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice and rats. You can apply to register up to four pets per household.



A happy home for them

How to apply

1

Read through the information in this document carefully. It will help you decide if you'd like Blue Cross to rehome your pet should they outlive you.

2

Fill in the application form and vet history release form, and email them back to the Blue Cross Pet Peace of Mind team email: petpeaceofmind@bluecross.org.uk

3

Once we've received your completed forms, we'll be in touch within 15 working days to let you know the outcome of your application.

Love, care and a happy home. That's all you ever want for your pet. And if your pet outlives you, that's exactly what our Pet Peace of Mind service will provide.

At Blue Cross, we've been caring for pets – and the people who love them – since 1897. We love nothing more than seeing pets and people living happily together. Which means that if your pet outlives you, we'll do everything we can to find them a new, happy home. You can trust us to do what's best for your pet.



What would you give for peace of mind?



Frequently asked questions

Here are some questions we're often asked about our Pet Peace of Mind service.



Our Pet Peace of Mind service is free. But if you feel you'd like to give something back in return, leaving a gift in your Will could make a huge difference to pets and people in need, for years to come.

More than half of the work we do at Blue Cross is made possible by gifts in Wills – from treating sick and injured pets, to finding loving new owners for homeless pets. Your gift could also help us to support pet-lovers through our behaviour advice and our Pet Bereavement Support Service. To find out more about including Blue Cross in your Will, visit bluecross.org.uk/gift-your-will and download our information pack.

Can I apply for any pet to be registered?

You can register your dog*, cat, horse, rabbit, chinchilla, degu, gerbil, guinea pig, hamster, mouse or rat onto the service. Your application will be considered once we've received your form.

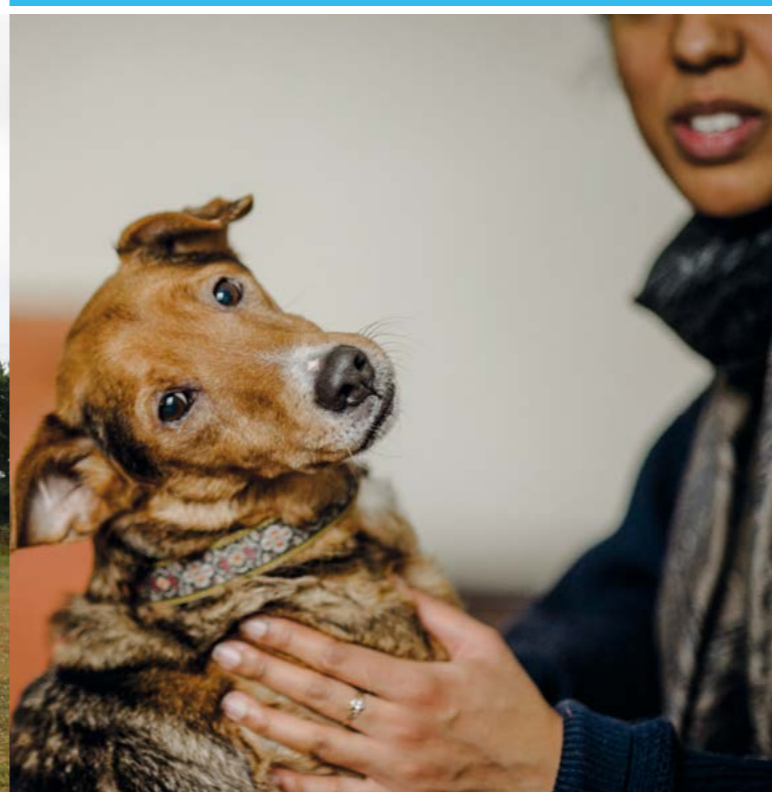
**Except for the four banned breeds under Section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.*

How many pets can I register?

We don't usually take more than four pets per household. This is a realistic number of pets that we can commit to admitting as a priority in the event of an emergency. If you have more pets, please contact the Pet Peace of Mind team on **0300 777 1910**. If we can agree to more than four, it may be that we need to find a way to phase their admissions.

For extra reassurance, choose a Pet Guardian

It can be a good idea to choose a Pet Guardian – a family member or friend who knows exactly what you want for your pet after you've gone. They may be able to care for your pet until we're able to arrange for them to come to Blue Cross.



How much does it cost?

Pet Peace of Mind is free. However, many supporters who sign up also choose to leave a gift in their Will to Blue Cross as a thank you.

Legacies are an important part of our income, paying for more than half of our work. But we promise to love and care for your pet whether or not you choose to leave a gift in your Will.

If you decide to do this, please note that we can't restrict the use of your gift to your pet, as there's no way for us to guarantee that your donation would be spent on the care of your pet by the new owners. A linked financial contribution for a new owner may not mean that your pet is being rehomed for the right reasons.



How will Blue Cross know when it's time for my pet to come to you?

When your application is accepted, you'll receive a welcome pack, including information on what to write in your Will to make sure everything goes smoothly. Please also let your executor, family and friends know what your plans are and your arrangement with us.

In the event of your death, the executor of your Will should contact the Pet Peace of Mind team on the contact details opposite, to let us know that your pet needs to be rehomed.

If you can, think about appointing someone as a Pet Guardian – a friend or family member who might be able to care for your pet before they come to us. We'll speak to both them and your executor to make sure your pet is cared for while we arrange to take your pet in. And we hope that Pet Peace of Mind will be a support to your family, friends and executors at a time when they are grieving.



Can my pets be rehomed together?

If we can clearly see that the pets are bonded, and it wouldn't be in their best interests to separate them, we'll do what we can to rehome them together. This would be something that we discuss when we are being asked to help.

Does my pet have to be microchipped?

Cats, dogs and horses must be microchipped and registered to the name and address that you apply to the service with. This helps us to be sure we bring the correct pet into our care and, in the case of dogs, cats and horses, it's also a legal requirement. If your vet has advised that microchipping is not appropriate, please provide details of the reasons for this.

Are there any reasons why you'd reject my application?

If your pet has particular medical conditions, or if they are aggressive and can't be managed, they may not be suitable for our service. When we look at your application, our expert team may feel unable to guarantee that we'd be able to love, care for and rehome your pet safely and responsibly. If this is the case, we'll always be open and honest with you.



If my Pet Guardian, family member or friend are in a position to look after my pet permanently, do they have to come to you?

No. It may well be in the best interests of your pet to remain with an appointed Pet Guardian, family member or friend – we will decide this together, when the time comes.

If we agree that your pet should come to Blue Cross, we'll complete a transfer of ownership form, giving us legal ownership of your pet. We'll then be able to make decisions that are in their best interests. Whilst we can provide updates during their time with us, we wouldn't be able to provide details of their new owners.

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

No. This service is for anyone living anywhere in England, Scotland and Wales.

Depending on what's best for your pet, we'll either take your pet into one of our rehoming centres, or find a home for them with our network of foster carers. We know that some pets will be happier in a home environment, whilst others are happy to be cared for at our centres, and this can change over time so we'll make this decision when it's time to take them in.

If you live abroad, we ask that you contact us to discuss whether it would be possible for us to take your pet. We look at this on a case-by-case basis, but it's likely that the arrangement and cost would need to be borne by your estate.

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

We don't keep pets permanently at Blue Cross rehoming centres, so we will find them a new home. But we will, of course, look after your pet until we find them somewhere that's right for them.

Our expert Rehoming Team will look at the medical and behavioural needs of your pet before rehoming so that we find them the right home. They will also carefully decide what sort of family, lifestyle and home environment would suit them best, so they can go on to be really happy and healthy there. We'll be there to care for your pet until they find a home, and to support their new family while they all get settled.

Will my pet be put to sleep?

Our teams work hard to find new homes for every pet in their care. However, it may be necessary to euthanise a minority of pets for veterinary or behavioural reasons.

We'd only ever make this decision after careful assessment and consideration by our expert teams. Our priority is always the welfare and quality of life of the pets we care for, and the safety of the people and pets they're in contact with.

What if I get another pet?

If you get another pet and you'd like to register them for Pet Peace of Mind, you'll need to make a new application for them.

If you have any other questions, please get in touch:

Call **0300 777 1910**
(9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday)

Or email
petpeaceofmind@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 **Pet Peace of Mind** service 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/Pet Guardian shall contact the **Pet Peace of Mind** 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 show this page to your solicitor when you are discussing your Will or codicil with them.

SECTION 1: Your details

Pet Peace of Mind Application form

Please fill in ALL 3 SECTIONS of this application form

Your details:

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Other (please type)
Name:
Address:

 Postcode:
Telephone:
Email:
Date of Birth:

Vet's details:

Vet practice:
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 service.

Joint owner's details:

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Other (please type)
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/Other (please type)
Name:
Address:
 Postcode:
Telephone:
Email:
Relationship to you:

YOUR CHOSEN PET GUARDIAN: (if relevant)

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Other (please type) 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 **Pet Peace of Mind** service 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/Pet Guardian/the authorities tell us your pets need to be cared for.

Blue Cross would like to tell you about the great work we do for pets and the different ways in which you could support us, this may include fundraising activities, appeals and merchandise.

Please tick below if you are happy for us to contact you by:

Email **Phone**
If you **DO NOT** wish to hear from us by **post** please tick this box
You can unsubscribe or change your preferences at any time by contacting our Supporter Care team on 0300 790 9903 or emailing preferences@bluecross.org.uk

To see more about how we will use your information visit [bluecross.org.uk/privacy](https://www.bluecross.org.uk/privacy)

Sign or type your name here: (Owner) Dated:
Sign or type your name here: (Joint Owner) Dated:

SECTION 2: Your pet's details

Cats, dogs and small animals

Pet Peace of Mind Application form

Please note, if you are registering horses or ponies, please fill in the form on [page 7](#) instead.

If you're registering cats or dogs, you **must** send us their microchip numbers in order for us to accept them. If your vet has advised you not to microchip your pet, please let us know the reasons for this and a date when you think you will be able to microchip them.

Pet number 1: Name: Type of pet: Breed:

Date of birth: (DDMMYY) 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 service.

Pet number 2: Name: Type of pet: Breed:

Date of birth: (DDMMYY) 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"/>

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Pet number 3: Name: Type of pet: Breed:

Date of birth: (DDMMYY) 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 service.

Pet number 4: Name: Type of pet: Breed:

Date of birth: (DDMMYY) 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 service.



SECTION 2: Your horse or pony's details

Pet Peace of Mind Application form

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

If you're applying to register a horse or pony, you must send us a copy of their passport's ID page, ownership page, vaccination record page(s) and details of their microchip number. If your vet has advised you not to microchip your horse or pony, please let us know the reasons for this and a date when you think you will be able to microchip them.

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

Address where horse kept (if different from owners address): <input type="text"/>		How long have you owned the horse? <input type="text"/>	
Microchip No: <input type="text"/>		Where did you get your horse from? <input type="text"/>	
If not microchipped, vet reason: <input type="text"/>		If from another rescue centre, please specify which one: <input type="text"/>	
Date microchipping to take place: <input type="text"/>		Can the horse be ridden? Yes No If not, why? <input type="text"/>	
Description, including breed/type, distinctive markings: <input type="text"/>		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? <input type="text"/>	

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 service.

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

Address where horse kept (if different from owners address): <input type="text"/>		How long have you owned the horse? <input type="text"/>	
Microchip No: <input type="text"/>		Where did you get your horse from? <input type="text"/>	
If not microchipped, vet reason: <input type="text"/>		If from another rescue centre, please specify which one: <input type="text"/>	
Date microchipping to take place: <input type="text"/>		Can the horse be ridden? Yes No If not, why? <input type="text"/>	
Description, including breed/type, distinctive markings: <input type="text"/>		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? <input type="text"/>	

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"/>

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

Address where horse kept (if different from owners address): <input type="text"/>		How long have you owned the horse? <input type="text"/>	
Microchip No: <input type="text"/>		Where did you get your horse from? <input type="text"/>	
If not microchipped, vet reason: <input type="text"/>		If from another rescue centre, please specify which one: <input type="text"/>	
Date microchipping to take place: <input type="text"/>		Can the horse be ridden? Yes No If not, why? <input type="text"/>	
Description, including breed/type, distinctive markings: <input type="text"/>		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? <input type="text"/>	

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 service.

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

Address where horse kept (if different from owners address): <input type="text"/>		How long have you owned the horse? <input type="text"/>	
Microchip No: <input type="text"/>		Where did you get your horse from? <input type="text"/>	
If not microchipped, vet reason: <input type="text"/>		If from another rescue centre, please specify which one: <input type="text"/>	
Date microchipping to take place: <input type="text"/>		Can the horse be ridden? Yes No If not, why? <input type="text"/>	
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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 service.

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



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SECTION 3:
Veterinary history
release form

Pet Peace of Mind
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 service.

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 (or type your name here):

Checklist

Please ensure you have included:



SECTION 1

Your details
Executor/Next
of Kin details
Signed/
dated your
declaration

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)
- MICROCHIP NUMBER



SECTION 3

Veterinary release form

**Please return
this document
to Blue Cross:**

petpeaceofmind@bluecross.org.uk

For more information please visit:
bluecross.org.uk

or email: **petpeaceofmind@bluecross.org.uk**

or call: **0300 777 1910**