

“What to Look For” when choosing a Cattery

Just like cats – not all catteries are the same. There are many things to consider when choosing an establishment to look after your beloved furry family member.

Many people have separation anxiety even thinking about boarding their Kitty. We can help you to reduce this anxiety by helping you to find the right place to care for them. Visiting the boarding facility before you book is a great idea, however if you don't have the time a phone conversation with some detailed questions can help you to understand where your kitty will be holidaying. Price alone is not always the best criteria for choosing a cattery.

This is just a little check list to help you ask the right questions when researching where is the best place to leave your furry friend.

Location, Location, Location

Just like choosing your own accommodation you may want to consider the position of the cattery caring for your cat.

Is it on a main road, lots of road traffic and pollution?

Is it in a suburban or inner city area – not allowing your cats to get out into the fresh air?

A relaxing and calm environment is the key to reducing the stress levels for your cat while away from home.

Accessibility

Is the boarding facility easily accessible? If you are dropping off your cat is it a short drive from major transport links?

Is there the option for your cat to be picked up and or delivered?

Environment & Surrounds

Is your furry friend's holiday home in a quiet and peaceful area?

Or is it surrounded by other kenneled animals that may just make noises that disturb the peace?

A Cat Only Cattery provides the benefit of a peaceful environment that allows your cat to settle in quickly and enjoy their holiday.

Enclosures and Exercise Areas

What size are the enclosures your cat will be staying in?

Is there plenty of space for them to move around and does it include scratching poles, large windows, special features due to age or medical impediments?

Are there exercise yards for your Kitty to get out in the sun and stretch their legs? How secure are the inside and outside enclosures?

Does the facility have adequate exercise yards for the number of guests they house?

Health Issues

What is the policy for Veterinary care should it be needed while your cat is a guest?

Is there a Vet on 24 hour call?

Is there a purpose built and fully equipped isolation area available should a guest become ill while at the facility?

Can recuperating or aged guests be accommodated for?

If your cat requires medication or has special needs is there an experienced and responsible member of staff available to care for them?

Cleanliness

Providing a clean environment for your cat is critical to their stress free holiday. Does it smell fresh and urine free? You can also see from the type of set up – are there a lot of carpeted areas or nooks and crannies where germs can gather?

Are litter trays and food bowls cleaned daily?

Cats have an incredible sense of smell – you want to feel confident that the enclosures are cleaned to a high standard from the previous guest. If the cattery can accommodate a number of cats they should also have processes to avoid cross contamination – should there be any health issues with any of the guests.

The Carers

What experience do the carers have with cats?

Are the owners of the business involved in the day to day care of the guests? And what is their core business – if it is caring for cats then this is a great start to finding a great cattery.

Is there someone on the premises 24 hours a day, 7 days a week?

Ensuring that you have experienced carers looking after your beloved pet will help you to have a relaxing holiday – knowing that they are getting the best of care.

Diet and Grooming

What foods do they feed and are they flexible should your cat have a diet that maybe different from their usual selection?

Do they have a wide selection of food should your cat choose to be a little fussy during their stay?

Are grooming services such as nail clipping and brushing available?

Peak Periods

Don't forget to find out how far you have to book in advance for busy periods – especially Christmas & Easter. Now you have found a place your cat will love you don't want to miss out on a spot during the very busy times of the year.