

# Here for Cats Privacy Policy

## Who We Are

Here for Cats has been rescuing and rehoming cats since November 2014. We believe that every cat should live in a home where they are treated with love, care and respect.

Here for Cats is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) charity registered in England and Wales (charity no. 1172317) whose registered office is at PO Box 338, Hampton, Middlesex TW12 9DS.

## Data Protection

Our commitment to care doesn't stop at cats. We care about your personal data and ensuring you're informed about how we use it. Here for Cats promises to protect your data, and to manage any information you share with us in line with data protection laws.

This Privacy Policy sets out how and why Here for Cats will collect and use your personal data and our legal basis for its use, to ensure you remain informed and in control of your information.

If you have any questions about how Here for Cats processes your information, please get touch by phone on 0330 120 0730 or email [info@hereforcats.org](mailto:info@hereforcats.org)

## Types Of Personal Data We Collect

- Depending on your interaction with Here for Cats, we may collect some or all of following types of information about you:
- Your contact details, such as name, postal address and email address
- Your Gift Aid declaration
- A record of our communications with you
- Your giving history
- Your interests, and reasons for your support
- Information collected as part of our rehoming service, such as details relating to your personal circumstances
- Information about your cat, such as their behaviour, medical conditions and treatments as part of the gifting process
- Photography and videography, such as images at events, case studies and other marketing materials
- Sensitive information



Under data protection law, certain categories of personal information are recognised as sensitive, including health information, family structure, race, religious beliefs and personal circumstances. Here for Cats will sometimes collect sensitive personal data, the following provide examples of such situations, it is not an exhaustive list:

- In connection with our rehoming services, to ensure the right animal is rehomed with you.
- Where you volunteer or apply for a job with us
- When you share health/medical data with us relevant to support your participation in or volunteering at an event.

In these cases, we will obtain your consent to process this data, or alternatively ensure that we have a valid legal basis for doing so, such as when it is in the substantial public interest.

## **Where Does This Information Come From?**

Most personal data we process is given to us directly by our supporters, customers and volunteers in the course of their interactions with us.

We may also receive your personal information when you donate to Here for Cats through third-party services such as Just Giving.

We occasionally use external lead-generation organisations to provide us with the contact details of people who've expressed an interest in Here for Cats, and agreed to receive communications from us. In addition, we sometimes conduct research using third party sources, as set out in the "Analysing your information" section below.

In some situations, we may update our supporters', customers' and volunteers' personal information using information from public registers or other agencies. For example, we might do this to check we have a valid and deliverable postal address for you, or to check if you are on Telephone Preference Service (TPS) or Fundraising Preference Service (FPS).

## **How We Use Your Data**

In simple terms, your personal data may be used to help us effectively deliver our charitable services or to help us raise funds for those charitable services.

We have summarised the different reasons why we do this (these are often referred to as 'purposes'). How we use your data for these purposes will depend on the nature of our relationship with you.



## CATEGORY

## EXAMPLES OF PURPOSES FOR WHICH WE COLLECT, STORE AND PROCESS YOUR DATA

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### REHOMING CATS

- If you have registered to rehome a cat from us we will use the information you provide us to help us find you the right animal
- To provide you with aftercare services once you have rehomed an animal
- To communicate with you regarding our wider work and how you might support Here for Cats in other ways

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### TAKING IN CATS

- If you have contacted us to gift us your cat for adoption, we will use the information you provide us to establish how we can best look after your cat while it is in our care
- To assess how we might safely and permanently rehome your cat
- To enable us to meet the relevant legal requirements where they apply to cats brought into our care

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### REPORTING LOST OR FOUND CATS

- To register details of a lost or found cat for the purposes of reuniting owners with their pet

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### VOLUNTEERING

- To enable us to recruit volunteers and foster carers
- To support and train volunteers and ensure their safety
- To enable us to communicate with volunteers regarding their volunteering work, the wider work of Here for Cats and how they might support in other ways

## MARKETING AND FUNDRAISING

- To send you marketing including behind the scenes news, updates about our cats, general information about rehoming, volunteering and various ways you can support Here for Cats, including fundraising, events and campaigning
- To efficiently raise the fundraising income to allow us to give every cat its best life.
- To manage, facilitate and record financial transactions associated with fundraising
- To manage events and fundraising activities
- To ensure that as many supporters as possible maximise the value of their donation through Gift Aid

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## SPONSORSHIP

- To process your donation and send you confirmation
- We may also use your personal information for the recovery of Gift Aid (where you have completed a Gift Aid declaration)
- Where Sponsorship is a gift, to tell the gift recipient who their gift is from

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## RAFFLES

- To process your payment and to enter you into the draw
- To confirm your entry into the draw via email if you entered online

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## LEGACIES

- If you have gotten in touch with us about leaving us a legacy, we will manage and administrate your legacy pledge

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## EVENTS

- To process registration fees, administer events
- To collect and store images and videography with the purposes to promote future fundraising events
- To obtain relevant information on health or medical conditions, to support the safe participation of event participants and volunteers

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## MEDIA & PR

- Contacting you about press enquiries and case studies to help promote our work

DONATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To process your donation and send you a thank you letter</li> <li>• We may also use your personal information for the recovery of Gift Aid (where you have completed a Gift Aid declaration)</li> </ul>
ENQUIRIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To enable us to record, consider and reply to enquiries</li> </ul>
ANALYSIS, TARGETING AND SEGMENTATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To better understand our supporters and allow us to serve you messages and marketing that are optimised for you and tailored to you, and to find more people like you</li> </ul>
RESEARCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To send you surveys</li> <li>• To carry out research in relation to our supporters and services</li> </ul>
EMPLOYMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To enable HFC to select and recruit staff</li> </ul>
PHOTOGRAPH / VIDEOGRAPHY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To archive and store images and videos for historical interest and event promotion</li> </ul>

## Rehoming

When you rehome one of our cats we ask you to provide us with information about your home, personal circumstances, and in some cases health or mobility requirements so that we are better able to match you with a cat that is going to best meet its', and you or your family's needs.

We will also ask for certain information about your cat and you (including the reason or circumstances that led to you needing to rehome your pet, and any information about your pet's behaviour towards yourself and others in the household that will help us with their care or onward rehoming) when you bring in an animal that you would like to have rehomed, or that you are reporting as a stray.

We also ask for this information so that we can comply with the relevant legal requirements when rehoming an animal such as establishing the legal ownership of animals or updating microchip details.

## Volunteering

Volunteers provide invaluable support across all aspects of Here for Cats. Where you have provided us with your information to volunteer, we process this in order to recruit volunteers and foster carers (for example, by reviewing volunteering applications), support/train volunteers and communicate with you generally about the work we do to ensure that you are kept well informed about Here for Cats, your own volunteering and how you can get more involved.

As mentioned, in some cases we may collect sensitive data about you so that we can ensure that you are matched with the most appropriate animal (where you are fostering a cat), meet any access, health or dietary needs you may have and to monitor equality and diversity.



## Event Participation

When you register to participate in one of our events, we will ask you to provide any relevant medical/health information that will allow us to support you in your participation. This is to ensure your safety and enjoyment of the event. This sensitive personal data is considered and treated as Special Category Data.

## Marketing And Fundraising

Here for Cat's marketing activity helps to find more cats permanent and loving homes, and helps us to raise the income we need which enables us to do this. Our marketing activity also helps us to provide help to cats beyond our gates, such as through our community engagement work, educational and campaigning activity.

Here for Cats will seek your consent to send you marketing via email, phone or text message (SMS). If you choose to hear from us in this way, you'll receive behind the scenes news, updates about our cats, general information about rehoming, volunteering and various ways you can support Here for Cats, including fundraising, events and campaigning. Examples include a monthly update email, emails inviting you to events, and email updates on our campaigning activity

Here for Cats will rely on legitimate interests to send you marketing and fundraising communications by post, if you have provided a postal address. Unless you tell us not to, we'll contact you by post with communications we believe you'll be interested in. If you would like to opt out of these communications, you can let us know by contacting us.

When you register to attend or take part in one of our fundraising or challenge events we will use your information to process the registration fees (if any), administer your participation in the event and provide you with information about the event.

We will never rent, swap or sell your details for marketing purposes.

You're free to change your contact preferences at any time, just let us know by contacting us.

## Financial Transactions

If you donate to us we'll process your debit or credit card details. We will also pass your card details securely to our payment-processing partner as part of the payment process. We do this in accordance with the Payment Card Industry Security Standard and don't store the details on our website or databases.

If you have kindly added Gift Aid to your donation to Here for Cats we must record the fact that you are a UK taxpayer and we have to maintain a record of the amount of Gift Aid we have claimed.

## Analysing Your Information

It's important for us to know why you choose to support Here for Cats, as this helps us to give you the information that is most relevant for you. We'll analyse your data in order to better understand your preferences, to improve our services, and to tailor our marketing communications to you. The information we'll use to do this might include things like your interests, preferences, and level of potential donations so that we can see who may be interested in supporting us or who may be able and willing to give more.



In some instances, we may add publicly available information to our analysis. This might include information that is contained in the Charity Commission Registers, press and web articles and Linked In.

Here for Cats also carries out general click-through email tracking, which allows us to analyse when an email has been interacted with (e.g. opened or when links within it are clicked). This helps us to better understand the impact of our communications and success of our campaigns.

## **How The Law Applies To Here for Cats Use Of Personal Information**

We are required under law to make sure that we have a valid ground for processing your data. The law sets out six different grounds for when personal data can be processed (plus additional ones where sensitive data is used - should these become relevant in future operations they will be reviewed within this policy).

- Consent - (seeking your agreement to use and/or store your data as a record) for the purpose stated at time of collection.
- Legitimate Interest - necessary adoption records, history of cat, personal circumstances which relate to rehoming or taking cat into care
- Contract - commitment made by either party regarding necessary care, neutering and microchipping gathered on adoption form
- Legal Obligation - to establish ownership of the cat and any subsequent liabilities

### **Overview**

Here for Cats will only process your personal information if any of the following apply:

- We have asked you for your express consent and have a record of this (for example, we will ask for your consent to send you marketing communications by email)
- We have a legitimate interest to do so. Our use will be fair and balanced and never unduly have an impact on your rights (for example, it is in our legitimate interests to analyse the data you provide so that we can improve our services and tailor our communications to you)
- We have a contract with you which we can only fulfil by using your personal information.
- We have a legal obligation to use or disclose information about you (for example, we are required by law to keep a record of Gift Aid declarations for seven years).

### **Consent**

In some cases we will rely on consent, for example, to send you or make marketing and fundraising emails, phone calls and text messages. In addition, if you register as a Here for Cats volunteer or Challenge Event Participant it can be very helpful if you share information on any medical conditions that may affect your ability to perform your voluntary work. You can withdraw consent for these channels and activities by contacting us.

### **Legitimate Interests**

This legal ground for processing means that we can process your personal information if we have a genuine and legitimate reason for doing so, and that reason is not overridden by your rights and interests as an individual.



Examples of the legitimate interests processing activities we undertake are:

## **Business Objectives**

## **Processing Activities**

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TO ALLOW US TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE CARE FOR CATS

- To assess suitability for rehoming and to follow up with you about your rehoming enquiry
- To capture the information we need when we take in a cat, to allow us to care for that cat and ultimately rehome it
- To provide you with aftercare services once you have rehomed an animal from us
- To conduct home visits to assess suitability as part of the rehoming process
- To register new owners' details with microchip databases

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TO RAISE THE FUNDRAISING INCOME TO ALLOW US TO BE HERE FOR CATS

- To process your donations and Gift Aid where you have asked us to do so
- To send you marketing communications by post

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FOR ADMINISTRATION PURPOSES

- To deliver Sponsorship welcome pack
- To provide you with information necessary to an event you have signed up for
- To provide you with information about any fundraising activities you have agreed to take part in
- To follow up with you about your enquiry

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TO CONDUCT RESEARCH

- To conduct supporter satisfaction research
- To invite you to take part in surveys or research to help improve our services
- To conduct desk research to help identify high value supporters



## Business Objectives

## Processing Activities

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TO ANALYSE DATA TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE PROFILE OF OUR SUPPORTERS AND TAILOR OUR COMMUNICATIONS TO THEM

- To analyse your data in order to better understand your preferences, to improve our services, and to tailor our marketing communications to you
- To use public sources to add to our analysis
- To conduct segmentation to allow us to make our marketing communications more relevant to you, and to enable us to identify potential new supporters

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TO RECRUIT AND MANAGE VOLUNTEERS

- To assess volunteer (including foster carer) applications and recruit volunteers
- To communicate with volunteers about information that is essential to their role, and about the wider activities of Here for Cats
- To process volunteers and foster carers data to effectively administer their close relationships with Here for Cats and provide them with appropriate care and support

We have considered and balanced our legitimate interests against individuals' privacy rights in these scenarios and we do not believe that any adversely affect our supporters' rights or interests. If you would like to find out more or ask us to stop processing your data in these ways, you can do this at any time by contacting us.

## Contractual relationships

In some cases, we will be under a contractual obligation to provide you with goods and services, which means that we have to process your data in order to fulfil those obligations.

## A legal obligation

Sometimes we may have a legal obligation to process information about you – for example we are obliged to keep financial records including Gift Aid for seven years. We're also required to keep a record of your communication preferences, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation.



## Data Retention

We'll retain personal information for different periods of time depending on your relationship with Here for Cats.

For example, if you donate to us, we'll keep your financial information for up to seven years after your last interaction with us. If you rehome an animal, we'll keep details relating to your rehoming circumstances for 20 years (the upper limit lifetime of the cat).

We will keep some data indefinitely (for example, your name and giving history). It's important for us to retain this information as a majority of Here for Cat's legacy income comes from people we weren't aware would leave us a gift in their will. Sometimes this legacy is left decades after the supporter's last interaction with Here for Cats. Knowing that the individual was a supporter in the past is important for us to know in case that will is contested.

In these cases, we'll only retain data that is necessary for these purposes, and we will delete or anonymise other parts of the record.

If you decide you no longer wish to hear from us, we'll need to keep a note of that on our suppression list indefinitely.

If you'd like more information on our retention policy, please contact us.

## Data Storage

Here for Cat's operations are based in the UK and we store our data within the European Economic Area (EEA).

Some organisations which provide services to us may transfer personal data outside the EEA for processing purposes, but we'll only allow them to do so if your data is adequately protected (for example, if they are certified under the EU/US Privacy Shield scheme, or if we have a prescribed contract in place with them).

## Data Sharing

Here for Cats will not exchange or sell your personal information to another organisation for their own marketing purposes.

However, there are some situations where we may have to share your personal information with other organisations. An example could be sharing your details to reunite you with a lost animal via a vet, or to update microchipping databases. In some cases, we may have to share data about you when requested to do so by statutory agencies, such as the police.

We may also share your data with our contracted suppliers, and external service providers, such as our: email service providers;

In these situations, the relationship between Here for Cats and the third-party data processor will be governed by a contract and strict security requirements will be in place to protect your personal information.



# Your Data Protection Rights

When Here for Cats is using your personal information on the basis of your consent, you have the right to withdraw that consent at any time. You also have the right to ask Here for Cats to stop using your personal information for direct marketing purposes. Simply contact us and we will amend your contact preferences.

Presuming that these rights are not overridden by our legal obligations, or where our legitimate interests are not overridden by your rights and interests as an individual, you have the following data protection rights:

## Right to be Informed

You have the right to be told how your personal information will be used. This policy document, and shorter summary statements used on our communications, are intended to be a clear and transparent description of how your data may be used.

## Right of Access

You can contact us asking what information we hold on you and to request a copy of that information. From May 2018 we will have 30 days to comply once we are satisfied you have rights to see the requested records and we have successfully confirmed your identity.

## Right of Erasure

From May 2018, you have the right to be forgotten (i.e. to have your personally identifiable data deleted). We'll be required to keep an appropriate record (such as a suppression list) so that we can make sure you don't receive future communications. In some instances a legal basis will override the right to erasure. An example of this would be the legal requirement to record financial transactions for seven years.

## Right of Rectification

If you believe our records are inaccurate you have the right to ask for those records concerning you to be updated.

## Right to Restrict Processing

In certain situations you have the right to ask for processing of your personal data to be restricted because there is some disagreement about its accuracy or legitimate usage.

## Right to Data Portability

Where we are processing your personal data under your consent the law allows you to request data portability from one service provider to another. This right is largely seen as a way for people to transfer their personal data from one service provider to a competitor.

## Right to Object

You have an absolute right to stop the processing of your personal data for direct marketing purposes.



## **Right to object to automated decisions**

In a situation where a data controller is using your personal data in a computerised model or algorithm to make decisions that have a legal effect on you, you have the right to object. This right is more applicable to mortgage or finance situations; Here for Cats does not undertake complex computerised decision-making that produces legal effects.

## **Filming And Photography At Events**

Please note that Here for Cats (or our authorised service providers) or our commercial partners may film or photograph participants, volunteers and spectators attending or taking part in events and use such footage or photographs.

We do this in order to publicise the event for commercial and/or fundraising purposes including, but not limited to: television broadcasts, advertising, publications, marketing material, merchandising, social media, personalised direct mail and other media that may be made available to the public. Secondly, to enable our commercial partners to publicise their involvement and/or association with the event.

No personal details (including names) of any under 16-year-old participants will be used in any publicity materials without the written consent of their parent or legal guardian, but we may use images where children are incidentally included (for example, images of mass participation in the warm-up exercises, or on the starting line).

## **Notification Of Changes To This Privacy Policy**

This Privacy Policy may change from time to time. For example, we will continue to update it to reflect new legal requirements. Please visit this website page to keep up to date with the changes to our Privacy Policy.

## **What To Do If You Are Not Happy**

Here for Cats is committed to maintaining high standards in all of its work. The charity engages with donors, partners, volunteers and its customers in many ways. This includes various fundraising activities such as direct mail and street fundraising, and direct communications through social media and the press. Supporters also have the opportunity to engage with Here for Cats through community projects and rehoming activities.



Here for Cats is committed to maintaining good relations with all supporters, donors, partners, volunteers and its customers and aims to always treat people with respect care, integrity and dignity.

In the first instance, please talk to us directly so we can help resolve any problem or query. You can reach us on: Phone: 0330 120 0730 Email: [info@hereforcats.org](mailto:info@hereforcats.org) Post: Here for Cats, PO Box 338, Hampton, Middlesex TW12 9DS

You also have the right to contact the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) if you have any concerns about Data Protection using their helpline 0303 123 1113 or at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

## **Contact us**

If you have any questions about this Policy, or about how Here for Cats manages your data, please contact us:

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