

# How to be a kitten neutering champion!

## Purpose of the role – How you can make a difference:

Neutering at four months is so important if we are to effectively tackle the cat overpopulation crisis. Many clients who may have the best of intentions may not get round to making the neutering appointment for their cat at six months. It is this delay which can lead to accidental and unwanted kittens being born. If we can change the public's thinking to neutering at four months of age, then any delays in getting the procedure done will hopefully mean pet cats are neutered before six months if not at four months, thereby preventing accidental litters of kittens being born.

For this to happen, we need every veterinary practice recommending neutering pet cats at four months of age and ideally feral cats and cats in shelter care younger than this.

As a vet in practice who is already neutering kittens at four months or younger, you could become a champion of this cause! We believe peer to peer support and mentoring could really help those veterinary surgeons and practices who would like to neuter younger but would value the advice of a colleague before embarking on this path. The progress we are making with the cat overpopulation problem and reducing the numbers of unwanted cats and kittens ending up in shelter care, is only possible thanks to the commitment of veterinary surgeons like you. You will be making a huge difference to the welfare of cats in the UK.

## What skills / experience do I need?

You must be a registered MRCVS and working in a practice which supports kitten neutering and is proactively neutering kittens at four months or younger. You will be friendly and approachable and enjoy helping others in a professional capacity either face-to-face or over the phone.

## What does the role involve?

Your practice will be entered onto the kitten neutering champions database. The database will be held on a microsite of Cats Protection's website. Although the site is intended for veterinary practices and surgeons, the public will be able to access the details that are put on there, so registered details should already be in the public domain.



This will provide a resource for other vets to access, they will then be able to contact your practice for some advice and support to start them on the path to kitten neutering. This may simply be a telephone or email conversation, or it may involve observing four month neutering at your practice. This will be at your discretion. You decide how much help and how much time you are able to give.

## How will I be supported in this role?

In addition to the resources on this website, you can contact the Cats Protection neutering team and one of the advisors will be able to field your enquiry appropriately, either to a CP member of staff or to another member of the CPCG who will get back to you as soon as possible. The contact number is 01825 741 926. This is a line dedicated to vets and our volunteers and is open between 1-5.00pm Monday-Friday

## How do I sign up?

Simply visit [www.kind.cats.org.uk](http://www.kind.cats.org.uk) and fill in the online sign up form.

Thank you for becoming a kitten neutering champion!

**KiND**  
Kitten Neutering Database

KiND is an initiative from Cats Protection and respective members of the Cat Population Control Group (CPCG) as detailed below:

