

PEDIGREE PENS LTD.

How to Find a Good Cattery

- View boarding catteries with [Pedigree Pens facilities](#)
- Ask friends, colleagues & neighbours for their recommendations
- Ask your veterinary surgeon
- [Yellow pages](#) - but don't just choose the nearest, look around!
- Local newspapers & cat magazines

How to Choose a Good Cattery

You have to visit catteries to really get a feel for the right one for you & your cat.

- Make an appointment, don't just turn up and disrupt meal & cleaning times!
- Ask to look around. If they say 'no' – don't board your cat there.

Health & Safety Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the garden & cattery clean & tidy?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are the surfaces smooth & safe, with no protruding edges?
<input type="checkbox"/>	There should be no smell
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do the buildings look maintained & cared for?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there a security (anti-escape) corridor in front of the runs?
<input type="checkbox"/>	There shouldn't be a communal area (to avoid disease)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there a covered exercise run, light, insulation, heat & a sneeze barrier & ventilation (solid partition to avoid spread of disease) available individually for each unit?
<input type="checkbox"/>	You shouldn't be allowed to touch the cats or enter an occupied run
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are litter trays clean & water bowls full & is there a separate kitchen?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Did they make you feel welcome & at ease? Could you see the local authority license on display?

Environment & Stress Checklist

- Do the cats look content?

- Is there a shelf or shelves for them to sleep/play/look out from?

- Is there a scratching post taller than the cats? (so they won't have to stoop)

- There shouldn't be much noise

- Are there toys to play with?

- Is there a view to keep them occupied?

- Is there a record kept of each cats diet & needs? How is this checked upon?

- Does every cat have access to daylight & fresh air?

- Do they ask lots of questions about your cat?
(e.g.: name, age, sex, breed, neutered, vaccinated, markings, diet, how many feeds per day, likes & dislikes, coat length, grooming, medical history, medication, your vet's details, contact whilst you are away)

- Do they allow your cat's own bedding & favourite toys? A jumper you have worn recently? Familiar smells help the cat to settle more easily & is far less stressful

Remember

- Book well in advance as good catteries get booked up quickly.
- you must take your cats vaccination records with you or you will not be able to board your cat.