

(Adapted from www.catchat.org/lost.html and www.rspca.org.uk)

FOUND A CAT? -- Print this off and tick as you go along...

- If the cat is unapproachable, or if you have already downloaded our paper collar and no-one has contacted you within 24 hours, proceed as follows...
- Register the found cat (free) via RSPCA Oxfordshire's 'Found Animals' page on our website and please register it on the other lost and found registers and shelters to which we have also provided links.
- If the cat is hungry, please feed it, and make water available, not cow's milk (many cats and kittens are lactose-intolerant)
- If you cannot take it into your home, please make sure there is some shelter for it outside, which is dry. This can be as simple as a cardboard box lined with a blanket or old jumper, and tucked somewhere dry and safe.
- If the stray cat is causing a nuisance to your own cat, consider fitting a selective-type of cat flap, i.e. magnetic or microchip-responsive, and/or limit outdoor access for your cat to when the stray is not around
- Give the cat's description to local vets in case the owner contacts them, and ***if possible, take the cat to a vet who will check for a microchip***; for details of vets in your area go to: www.any-uk-vet.co.uk
- check the lost & found notices in your local paper
- Make up a 'Found' poster, fill in a description or a photo and display it in local newsagents, shops etc. **It is a good idea not to give a full description of the cat**, so that if someone contacts you saying the cat belongs to them, you can check those extra details with them to know if they are the genuine owners, and not just someone after a 'free cat'
- If you decide to keep the cat, please do ensure that you carefully consider the commitment required. You must be able to provide proper care, accommodation, food and veterinary care for the rest of the cat's life.
- if the owner cannot be traced, and you are not able to take the cat in yourself, contact your local rescue centre (contact details on our website), so that they can arrange to take the cat into care, and find him or her a new home.