How long do our cats live?

The study

The Aim - To compare the lifespan of crossbred and purebred cats and identify how long cats live and what they die of.

The Data - 4,009 deceased cats randomly selected from all deaths in 118,016 cats attending 90 practices in England.

Lifespan Results

Average lifespan of cats overall:

14 years

Crossbred cats have a longer average lifespan of 14 years compared with 12.5 years for purebred cats.

On average, a cat's lifespan is reduced by 6 months for every 1 kg increase in adult bodyweight.

Average lifespan of popular cat breeds (years): ی ج Birman 16.1 Burmese 14.3 **Siamese 14.2** 16.1 Persian 14.1 14.3 **Crossbred 14.0 British Shothair 11.8** Maine Coon 11.0 ۱ () Ragdoll 10.1 11.8 Abyssinian 10.0 Bengal 7.3 10.0 7.3 ee 75



Most common causes of death in cats under 5 years old:

Trauma 47.3% Viral infection 6.6% Most common causes of death in cats over 5 years old:

Kidney disease 13.6% Cancer 12.3%



Most common causes of death in cats overall:



Preventive Health Advice

- Annual veterinary health checks help to identify and manage health conditions earlier.
- Vaccinations help to protect your cat against several serious and possibly incurable diseases.
- Ensure your cat is microchipped, especially if allowed outdoors.
- If you think your cat is ill, the sooner veterinary advice is sought, the better chance your cat has of recovering.



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