

# 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

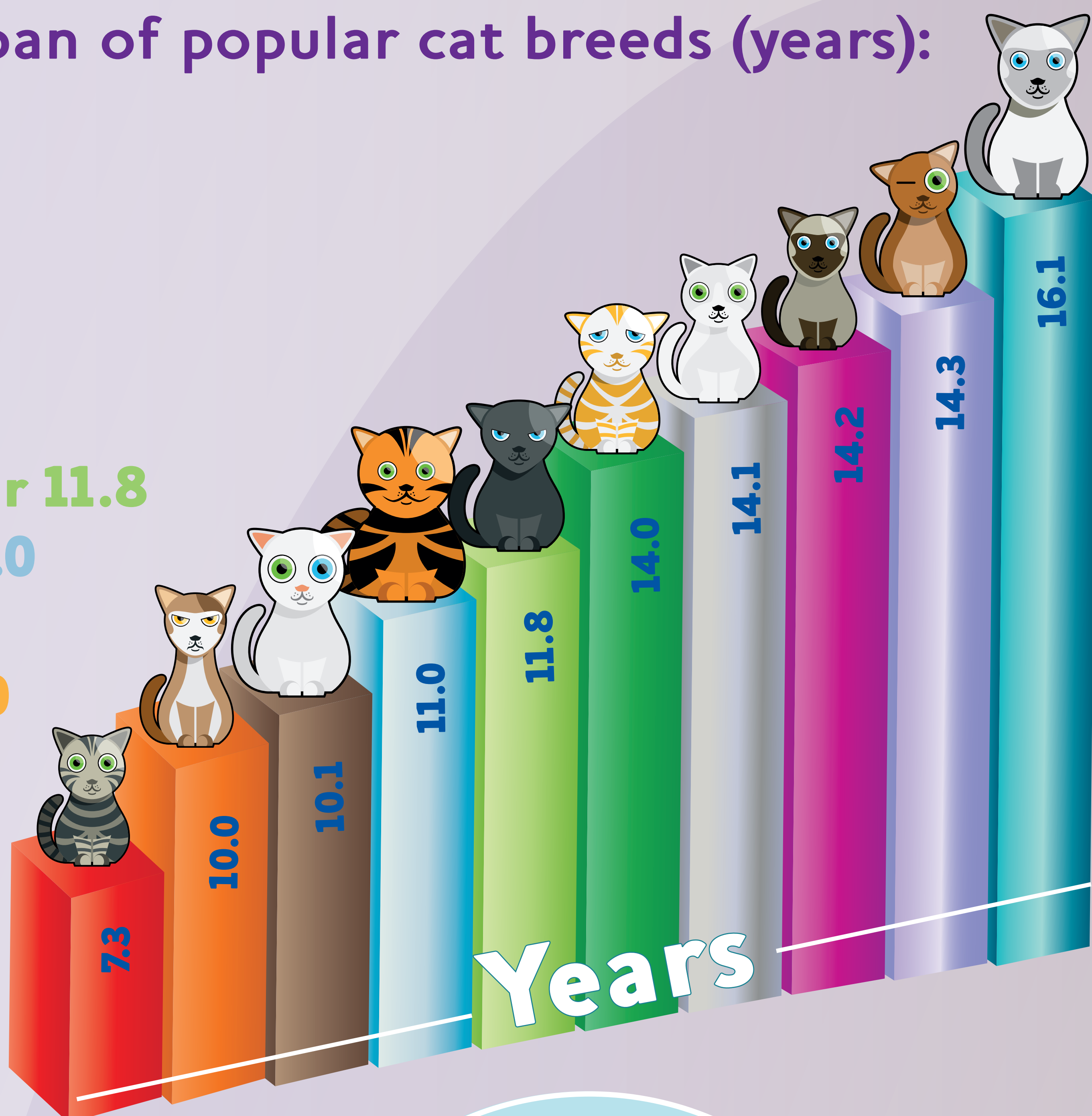
Average lifespan of cats overall:  
**14 years**

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):

- Birman 16.1**
- Burmese 14.3**
- Siamese 14.2**
- Persian 14.1**
- Crossbred 14.0**
- British Shorthair 11.8**
- Maine Coon 11.0**
- Ragdoll 10.1**
- Abyssinian 10.0**
- Bengal 7.3**



## 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.