

My cat is a Bristol Cat!

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## The Bristol Cats Study Newsletter

Registration began on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010 and so far we have recruited over 85 kittens with questionnaires being completed either on-line or by post.

So thank you for completing the first questionnaire and taking part in this new study!

Although the '2-4 month old questionnaires' will not be fully analysed until next year, here are some interesting facts that we have gathered from our recruited kittens;

The two most popular kitten names are currently Bella and Oscar

23% of the kittens are tabbies, 20% are black, 17% are tortoiseshell, 17% are black and white

52% of the kittens are male and 48% are female

70% of the kittens are domestic shorthairs and 12% domestic longhairs

46% of kitten owners got their kittens from friends, neighbours or non-pedigree breeders and 20% from rescue centres and charities

92% of kittens are from litters of three or more

Just a little reminder - we will be asking you to complete a questionnaire when your kitten is

- 6-7 months
- 12-13 months
- 18-19 months

Don't worry - will send you an email or a copy of the questionnaire in the post when the time comes!

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If you have a relative or friend in the BS area with a kitten aged between 8 and 16 weeks please tell them about the study. Remember all questionnaires completed by 1st December will be entered into a prize draw for £100 of Marks and Spencer vouchers!!

We would like to thank all the owners that have posted a picture of their kitten on facebook – keep them coming!! We would love to have a photo of your kitten as we are planning on designing a Christmas card of the Bristol cats! Please email your photos to:

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