

# British Shorthair Kitten Buyer's Checklist

*Print this and take it with you. Tick as you go.*

Use this checklist when you enquire about and visit a litter. A responsible breeder will be glad you came prepared.

## The breeder

- GCCF registered and happy to give their prefix
- Health tests their breeding cats (PKD, HCM, blood type) and shows results
- Lets you visit and see the kitten with its mother, in the home
- Asks you questions about your home, hours and other pets
- Has a waiting list and is in no hurry to sell
- Provides a written contract, kitten pack and lifetime support
- Will take a kitten back at any point if your circumstances change

## The kitten (what a judge checks)

- Clear bright eyes, clean nose, no sneezing in the room
- Clean ears, no dark debris or head-shaking
- Rounded (not bloated) tummy and a clean rear end
- Glossy, dense, plush coat
- Confident, steady on its feet, curious and playful
- Sociable — approaches or settles near you, not trembling/hiding

## Comes home with

- GCCF pedigree & registration
- Two vaccinations + two vet checks
- Microchip (legal in England since June 2024)
- Worming & flea treatment up to date
- A few weeks' free insurance
- Kitten pack: food, scented blanket, diet sheet, care notes
- 13 weeks old minimum (the GCCF rule)

## Walk away if...

Only messages, never a call · pushes for a deposit before you see the kitten with mum · won't show the mother · photos appear on other adverts · several breeds for sale at once · price too good to be true.