



## MID WEST CAT SHELTER

### EUTHANASIA POLICY

#### Introduction

Euthanasia is the process used to end the life of an animal.

The purpose of euthanasia is to relieve the suffering of an animal, such as ill health, physical injury or undue stress.

#### Policy Statement

MWCS believes that euthanasia should only be used when;

- a cat is suffering or is likely to suffer,
- when a cat is deemed by a knowledgeable person, to be dangerous to carers, the community or other animals.

#### Guidelines

Euthanasia should only be carried out by, or under the supervision of, a qualified veterinarian.

The decision to euthanise must be made at Board level.

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