

How does ISPCA Cara Programme work?

Step 1: Visit the ISPCA National Animal Centre

Our dedicated staff will spend as much time as you need to ensure you are teamed up with the right friend.

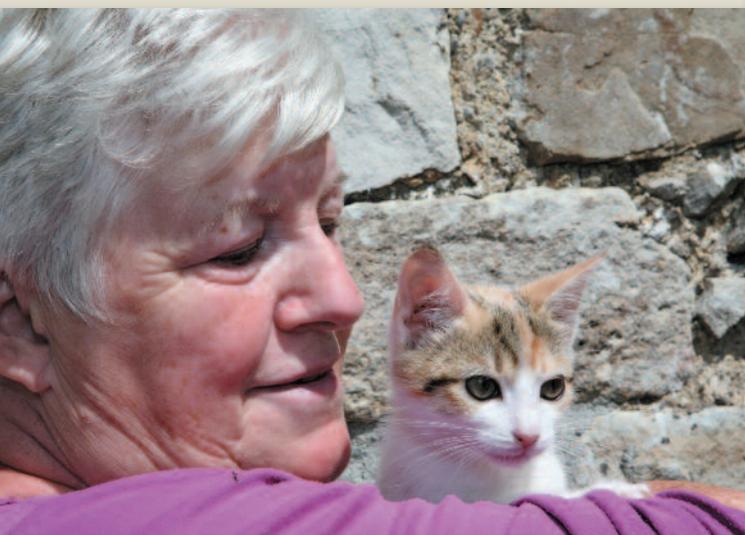
Step 2: A Home Visit

A home visit is arranged to see how we can make the transition of owning a new pet as easy for both of you as we can.

Step 3: Adoption

When you are 100% decided on your friendship, we will arrange the adoption process with all fees waived.

** To qualify for the ISPCA Cara Programme scheme, you need to be a senior citizen. The scheme only applies to ISPCA Cara Programme behaviour tested animals.*



Pets can have a profound and positive impact on people. Age Action is delighted to support the ISPCA's Cara programme that helps animals, and also helps improve people's lives.

Daragh Matthews,
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The ISPCA - What we do

The Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is Ireland's largest national animal welfare charity, and represents 17 affiliated member societies. Together the ISPCA and our members help, rescue, treat and responsibly rehome tens of thousands of animals of all different species.

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ISPCA Cara Programme is a community scheme that provides pet companionship and support for senior citizens in our communities.

Pet companionship can be a great comfort and support to owners providing physical, social and emotional benefits; particularly to those who might not have adequate social interaction or live isolated lives.



Bridget Ryan & Gizmo



'My husband John died a year ago at the age of 83 and I was terribly lonely without him, especially at night. I wanted a little dog I could be kind to and which would keep me company.'

ISPCA Cara Programme breaks down the barriers of elderly pet ownership. Often the decision not to have a pet can be caused by concerns such as:

What would happen to my pet if I go into a nursing home or even passed away?

If your family cannot take over the responsibility, the ISPCA will take back your pet and secure them a compassionate and safe home.

(Where possible we will liaise with the new owners about visits to the nursing home).

I don't have a large income?

The ISPCA will ensure your new best friend is fully vaccinated, treated for parasites, neutered, micro-chipped and has a full clean bill of health.

The adoption fees are completely waived for ISPCA Cara Programme animals.

What about exercise?

Exercising your pet is a great opportunity for social interaction, keeping healthy and maintaining a sense of purpose. However, we understand that as we get older we have less mobility. The dedicated team at the ISPCA will carefully select a suitable pet to match your energy levels.



The ISPCA's experienced staff thoroughly assess the behaviour of ISPCA Cara Programme animals and works closely with the adopter to ensure they are paired with the right animal.

