

Top 10 Reasons Owners Surrender Cats to Shelters

Shelters hear many reasons why owners have to give up their cats. Here are the top 10.

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1. Too many cats in the house.
2. Allergies in the family.
3. Owner is moving.
4. Cost of pet maintenance.
5. Landlord does not allow pets.
6. No homes available for littermates.
7. House-soiling.
8. Owner is having personal problems.
9. Inadequate facilities.
10. Doesn't get along with other pets.

Data collected from 1994-1997. For more information, visit the National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy's Regional Shelter Survey website.