

The Wee Farm Cattery

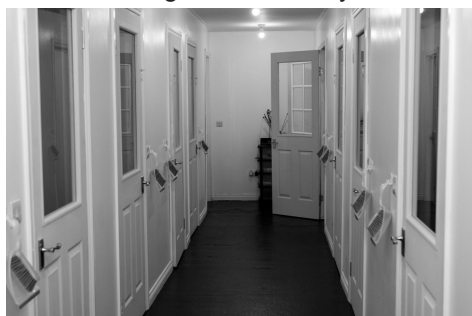
The "Purrfect" Luxury Retreat



Located on the edge of Gilmourton, Wee Westlinbank Farm has been the home of Alexa Stewart and her family since 2005. For a number of years it was the base for her husband's Motorsports business until his sad death in early 2015. The family decided that they loved life on the farm and decided to stay, and then looked at how best to put the farm back into use. The farm was already home to 3 cats, 2 dogs, 2 sheep, 14 chickens, a cockerel and a goose, and with her love of animals Alexa decided to open a cattery. This will be very much a family business, with her daughter Alison helping out at weekends and whenever her university course allows, although Alexa does describe herself as "chief cat cuddler".

In October 2015, in conjunction with Strathaven architect Dot Anderson, plans started to develop, and by December 2015 a planning application to replace one of the two 50-year-old chicken sheds with a purpose built, luxury Cattery were submitted.

Work continued throughout 2016 and by 23 December the new build was completed, signed off and ready to welcome temporary residents to what is effectively a luxury hotel for cats. Each cosy, heated room is furnished with fresh comfortable cat beds, cushions and blankets plus a selection of cat toys, puzzles and scratching posts, to alleviate boredom, and a ticking clock for comfort. Alexa was determined to build a facility that she would be happy for her cat to go to on holiday.



During the build, Alexa has been working closely with Business Gateway

to build on her skills and is now fully self-employed and looking forward to her new venture. There was also support from South Lanarkshire Council to help her develop her new business.

The Wee Farm Cattery offers a safe, warm and secure environment with each cat having its own room. There are also rooms suitable for up to five cats, so owners know that all of their cats can be together while they are away on holiday or business. Seven of the rooms have access at all times to a secure, private outdoor area.



Cats staying at The Wee Farm Cattery will also get the personal touch. Each room is furnished with a "cat cuddling" chair so that Alexa can spend time with them. They will enjoy playtime during their stay and lots of human interaction. Accommodation is deliberately designed as rooms, not kennels.



The Cattery is open to visitors and to drop off/collect guests, between 10am and 12pm, and between 4 and 6pm. Alexa welcomes anyone thinking of

booking the Cattery to visit before committing. Her motto is "Offering love and care when you can't be there".



There are 12 rooms in total, 10 for a family of up to 2 cats and 2 suitable for a family of up to 5 cats. Prices are:

- 1 Cat = £12.00 per night,
- 2 Cats = £18.00 per night (in same room),
- 3 Cats = £24.00 per night (in same room),
- 4 Cats = £28.00 per night (in same room),
- 5 Cats = £32.00 per night (in same room).

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