

MeerKat - Instructions for new users and existing users

Please note that if you uninstall an existing version of MeerKat, you will remove both the program AND the data files. It is recommended that you make regular backups of your MeerKat data.

Instructions for new users

MeerKat is freely available for non-commercial use. You must have Microsoft Access 2000 or later installed on your machine, and sufficient free disk space to install the program and to cope with increases in the size of the database.

- Download the MeerKat installation program into a suitable folder on your computer.
- Install MeerKat by double-clicking the file you have just downloaded. This will create an icon on your desktop and in your Start menu.

You can then open MeerKat by double-clicking the MeerKat icon or by selecting it from Start > Programs > MeerKat. Once MeerKat has been installed you can delete the MeerKatSetup.exe file that you originally downloaded.

Instructions for existing users

Make a copy of your MeerKat program and data before proceeding.

- Download the update for MeerKat. This zip file contains the updated MeerKatFE.mdb file for version 1.4.
- Find your current MeerKat files on your PC. If you chose the default option when you first installed MeerKat your files will be in the C:\Program Files\MeerKat folder
- Unzip the file you downloaded and copy the extracted MeerKatFE.mdb file to the MeerKat folder (see above). You need to overwrite the existing MeerKatFE.mdb file.
- Start MeerKat. You will have to wait a short while as the new MeerKatFE file finds your MeerKat data (the MeerKatBE.mdb file).
- The bar at the top of the MeerKat window should now say "MeerKat 1.4"

Once you have done this you can delete the zip file you downloaded to upgrade MeerKat.

Email MeerKatHelp@cochrane.co.uk if you have any problems upgrading from your existing version of MeerKat.