

Letting Your Cat Out ... Or Not

If you let your cat outside, you are risking them to be hit by a car, ingesting a deadly poison, being trapped or picked up by animal control, contracting a disease, being attacked by another animal, becoming lost, or encountering an adult or child with cruel intentions.

Here are some benefits of keeping your cat indoors:

- You are able to create a stronger bond with your cat. They will be spending more time with you inside rather than only coming and going when they want.
- It keeps your cat safe from any outdoor tragedies and you can keep a better eye on them
- Your cat will live longer; their average life is 12-20 as an indoor cat compared to 9 years for an outdoor cat
- You will be able to reinforce litter box habits and catch any changes.
- You can control what your cat eats.



If your cat is currently an outdoor cat, here are some ways you can keep your cat happy as a new indoor cat:

- Provide plenty of toys (ones to chase, ones to pounce on, ones to chew).
- Provide a scratching post to keep cat from destroying carpet or furniture.
- Provide a room with a view, including places that are higher up.