

10 GOOD REASONS TO KEEP YOUR CAT INDOORS

1. Your cat will live longer! The average indoor cat lives to be 18-20 years old. The average lifespan of a cat that goes out is significantly shorter.
2. Your cat will be healthier! If your cat is inside and not exposed to animals outside, you don't have to worry about rabies and other communicable diseases (feline AIDS, leukemia, FIP).
3. You won't have the heartbreak of finding your cat dead in the street after being hit by a car or not coming home and lost forever.
4. Your cat will not suffer severe injuries caused by other outdoor animals or "sick" humans that hate cats. Opossums, raccoons, and coyotes regularly maim or kill cats. Some humans torture and shoot cats.
5. Your cat can avoid being caught in a trap and dying a slow, painful death or losing a leg. An estimated 100,000 cats are caught in traps each year.
6. You won't have to worry about your cat killing birds, or rodents. These animals carry parasites that can infect your cat. For instance, fleas from rodents can cause tapeworms and anemia, which can cause your cat to get very sick.
7. You won't have to worry about your cat being poisoned by lawn or garden chemicals and poisoned bait left out to kill rodents. Antifreeze, oil, gasoline, and products stored in the garage and outdoor sheds can also poison and kill your cat.
8. You won't have to worry about your cat bringing fleas into your house. Fleas, ticks, ear mites (can cause deafness in your cat if untreated), and worms regularly infect cats that go outside.
9. If your cat is found by someone and turned into a shelter, it may be killed within just a few days from lack of space. **To help prevent this, have your cat microchipped and always wear a collar and ID tag.**
10. Your neighbors won't be angry at you for your cat using their flowerbeds as litter boxes and stalking the birds using their birdfeeders.