



Family Forever Animal Foundation

Why Your Cats Should Live Inside

Indoor cats can live long healthy lives and have average life expectancies of 10-14 years. Outdoor cats average only 4 years. Why? It's dangerous out there. Here are just a few of the many threats to outdoor cats:

Being hit by a car

Disease (Feline leukemia, FIV, FIP)

Poison (anti-freeze, lawn chemicals)

Parasites (fleas, worms, ticks)

Injury (getting stuck, falling, scratches)

Fights with other animals

Getting stolen for fighting dog bait

Getting abused or killed by cruel people

Extreme weather

In addition, cats can be a threat to native bird and wildlife populations. Since there are already so many feral and abandoned cats outside, it's best for you, your cat, your neighbors and wildlife to keep your cat indoors.

For more information, we recommend:

6 Reasons You Might Let Your Cat Out, And Why Not To

<http://www.petfinder.com/cats/cat-care/6-indoor-outdoor-cat-myths/>

Cats: Indoors or Outdoors? – UC Davis Veterinary Medicine

http://behavior.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/local-assets/pdfs/Cats-Indoors_or_Outdoors.pdf

Preventing Your Cat from Getting Outside

<http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/virtual-pet-behaviorist/cat-behavior/preventing-your-cat-getting-outside>