

Do You Know Where Your Cat Is? You Do If Your Cat Is Kept Indoors All the Time

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING HAZARDS TO OUTDOOR CATS:

- Outdoor cats get injured by fighting with other cats, dogs or wildlife. They will require more medical care than indoor cats for abscesses, bite wounds or torn ears. (Think \$\$veterinary costs\$\$).
- Outdoor cats often get hit by cars.
- Outdoor cats can get caught and seriously injured in the fan belt of a car as they try to find warm spots in the cold weather.
- Outdoor cats can be poisoned, either accidentally or intentionally.
- Outdoor cats are exposed to serious diseases such as Infectious Feline Anemia (FIV), Feline Leukemia (FELV), upper respiratory disease or rabies.
- Outdoor cats often get fleas, ticks or worms, all of which can threaten their health.
- Outdoor cats can be used as live bait to train dogs for fighting.
- Outdoor cats cannot "fend" for themselves. Domestic cats depend on humans for food and shelter.
- Outdoor cats, in general, have half the life span of indoor cats.
- Outdoor cats are simply not as protected as indoor cats, Be responsible. Keep your cat indoors.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO MAKE YOUR INDOOR CAT HAPPY?

- Encourage cats to exercise by providing a wide variety of toys that you rotate, a scratching post and a climbing tree. Provide a screened window or door for fresh air; or build an outdoor enclosure for your cat. It is also important to provide a clean litter box in a quiet, easily accessible location.
- Understand that cats really do want to be home with you, warm and cozy! Keep a tag on your cats at all times, or have a microchip implanted just in case they accidentally get out.
- Put up special cat fencing so your cat can go out but not leave your yard.
- Harness train your cat so he can go for walks with you.

IF YOUR PET IS LOST...

Visit the Humane Society Silicon Valley as soon as possible.

Pets with identification are kept for 10 days, during which time we make sure every effort is made to contact you.

Pets without identification are kept a minimum of three days.

Shelter Hours:

Adoptions and Lost & Found

Monday - Friday

10:30 am - 8:00 pm*

* Last adoption appointment is taken one hour before closing.

Sat. and Sun.

10:00 am - 6:00 pm*

* Last Lost & Found tour is given one half-hour before closing.

