

Please also note that your cats may be legally confined, captured, or trapped by any citizen and impounded at our Shelter.

Less than 1% of impounded cats are wearing identification. *Less than 2% of them are ever reclaimed by their owners.* Only 20% of incoming stray cats are adopted by new owners, and the other 78% must be euthanized.

For the safety of your animal, neighbors and local wildlife, please keep your cat indoors!

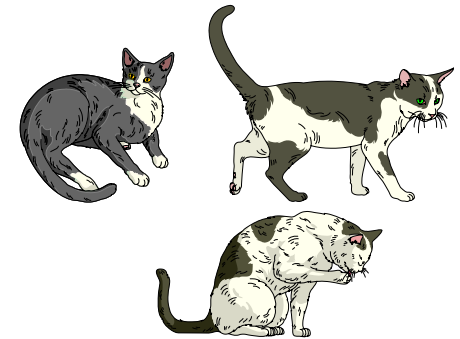


**For more information about “converting” your outdoor cat to an indoor cat, please contact our Education Department.
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Domestic Cats Are Meant To Live Indoors!

By law, all pet cats living in DuPage County must not be allowed to roam free. The reasons for this are:

1. Cats are a neighborhood nuisance. They dig up gardens and planters. They defecate and urinate in neighborhood yards. They pose traffic hazards to motorists. Loose cats may threaten the territory of indoor-only cats, causing them to urinate in their owners' homes.
2. Non-neutered cats allowed to roam will also contribute to DuPage County's booming feral cat population. The lifespan of

a feral cat is a mere 1-3 years due to all the dangers listed above.

Keeping your cat indoors is the best way to preserve his safety and health.

Provide your indoor cat with plenty of exercise, playtime, fresh air, kitty greens, and other types of mental and physical stimulation to keep them happy. Most cats will adapt well to a harness and leash for supervised outdoor exercise.

3. Loose cats are exposed to many dangers: disease, parasites, toxic substances, traffic, human cruelty and other animals. The feral cat population harbors many parasites & diseases, especially panleukopenia and feline leukemia, both of which are fatal. Many local cats die from consuming toxic substances such as anti-freeze & waifarin (used to kill rodents). Hundreds of road-kill cats are picked up by local Highway Maintenance Departments

every year. Injury and death can easily result from an encounter with a cruel human or another animal.

Pet cats at-large, no matter how well fed, kill lots of native wildlife for "sport." Wild animals have enough problems surviving against the ever-encroaching human population. Domestic cats are an unnatural predator of small birds and mammals, upsetting the ecological balance nature is trying to maintain.

