



Responsible Cat Ownership

Responsible cat ownership is an important part of maintaining a happy, healthy cat and avoiding cat-related disputes with your neighbours.

Vaccinate

Vaccinations are important protection against possibly fatal diseases in your cat such as: distemper, viral rhinotracheitis, pneumonitis, feline leukemia and rabies. By protecting your cat you are also preventing the spread of disease to other pets and even humans.

Spay/Neuter

Every year, thousands of unwanted cats and kittens are brought to animal shelters. Cats that are not spayed or neutered can escape outdoors and contribute to over-population of unwanted animals. Spaying or neutering your cat is the best way to be sure your cat is not adding to the over-population problem. Females as young as five months old can have kittens.

The benefits of spaying / neutering include:

- Reduces the incidence of disease, infection & certain cancers of cats' reproductive systems.
- Eliminates the female heat cycles.
- Eliminates spraying by males.
- Stops cat's crying, howling, and frantic efforts to get out and mate.
- Makes cats more sociable and affectionate.

Prevent Roaming At Large

The average life span of an indoor cat is 12 to 15 years compared to two to five years for an outdoor cat. This drastic difference is due to the dangers cats face outdoors such as traffic, unfriendly animals, poisons, diseases, frostbite, dehydration and abuse from humans. Despite popular belief, cats don't need to go outdoors to be happy.

Keeping cats indoors also eliminates neighbourhood disputes caused when cats roam onto neighbouring property and exhibit annoying cat behaviours such as digging, meowing, mating or spraying.



Contain Garbage

It takes everyone's help to control animals at large. Keeping your garbage in a container with a tight lid on it helps to keep unwanted animals from spreading garbage.