



# IN OR OUT?

## Risks of an indoor-outdoor lifestyle

### Is letting my cat outside dangerous?

The short answer? Yes. Cats allowed unrestricted access to the outdoors face a multitude of dangers, including but not limited to:

**Poison:** Your feline may come across a variety of harmful substances, such as pesticides, chemicals (like antifreeze), or even plants that are toxic to cats. Ingestion of these can quickly be lethal.

**Predators:** Depending on where you live, animals such as foxes, hawks, coyotes, bears, and even dogs may view your cat as an easy target.

**Disease:** Outdoor cats are exposed to a variety of diseases, such as upper respiratory infections and rabies.

**People:** Not everyone takes kindly to free-roaming cats, and there have been many reported instances of cats being attacked, chased, or even poisoned by humans.

**Traffic:** Even on quiet streets, a fast moving car can easily be lethal or severely injure your cat.

**Fights with other felines:** Your cat may come across strays, community cats, or other indoor/outdoor cats during their time outside, and these interactions can cause injury and spread disease.

**Parasites:** Fleas, ticks, and other parasites found outdoors can easily harm your feline.

**Getting lost:** Indoor/outdoor cats can easily go missing and are extremely difficult to locate when this happens. Some never return home.

# Keeping Your Cat Happy Indoors

It's a common misconception that cats need to go outside to keep themselves entertained and fulfilled. However, there are many ways you can provide your cat enrichment indoors, eliminating countless outside dangers.



## PUZZLE FEEDERS

help engage your cat's natural hunting instincts



## MOTORIZED TOYS

provide hours of fun & keep your kitty active



## CAT TREES

give your cat plenty of places to climb & explore



## WAND TOYS

allow for the thrill of the chase, entirely in your control



## Safety First!

Still want your cat to experience the great outdoors? Here are some safer ways to give your cat an adventure:

**Harness Training** – Just like dogs, some cats enjoy taking walks outside on a leash!



**Stroller Walks** – Allow your cat to experience all the sights, sounds, and smells of nature from the safety of a securely enclosed stroller.

**Window Perches** – Suction cup perches or a cat tree next to a window lets your cat watch the world from the safety of your home.



**Catios** – A secure enclosure attached to your home allows your cat to go outdoors whenever they choose.