



INDOOR CATS LIVE LONGER HEALTHIER LIVES



Cats are no match for the many perils outside. The average life span of an outdoor-only cat is just one-to-five years, while an indoor cat can live approximately 18 - 22 years.

Consider these dangers:

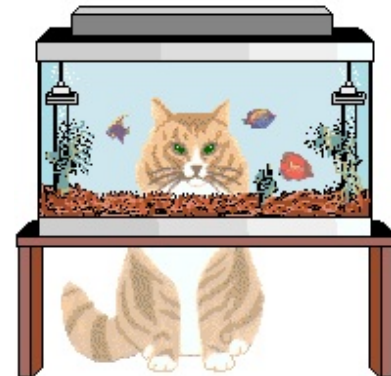


DISEASES:

- Even if your cat is vaccinated, there is a significant risk of deadly diseases from other cats.
- Feline leukemia and feline distemper are only two of the many fatal diseases transmitted by infected cats.
- FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus) will shorten the life span of your cat considerably.

OUTDOOR DANGERS:

- Vehicles
- Predators such as coyotes, foxes and raccoons
- Injury or disease from cats defending their territory
- Poisons such as antifreeze, pesticides and rat poison
- Viruses left on back yard grasses by raccoons or skunks
- Illness from eating garbage or drinking contaminated water
- Frostbite in winter or dehydration in summer
- Fleas, ticks, worms or other parasites
- Traps
- Intentional cruelty by humans



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED:

- Outdoor cats can become infected with parasites and diseases from eating birds, mice, rats and other wildlife
- Local by-laws prohibit free-roaming cats.

Have your cat spayed or neutered to reduce the urge to roam, reduce the overpopulation problem and eliminate spraying.

Trim your cat's claws and provide a scratching post to reduce damage to furniture.

Make sure that there is a place by the window for fresh air and sunshine.