



## **INDOOR CATS LIVE LONGER HEALTHIER LIVES**



### **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.**

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:**

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