



Happy Indoors

A part of the adoption agreement with HSAR is that your cat be kept indoors only. There are many reasons indoor life is better for cats (and for wildlife species!) including, but not limited to:

Health Concerns

- Infectious and potentially life-threatening diseases like FeLV, FIV, FIP, feline distemper (panleukopenia), upper respiratory infections, etc.
- Ectoparasites like fleas, ticks, mites, etc.
- Endoparasites like intestinal worms (roundworms, whipworms, hookworms, tapeworms), giardia, coccidia, etc.
- Other diseases like ringworm, scabies/mange, etc.
- Toxins such as plants, rodenticides, antifreeze etc.

Safety Concerns

- Cars
- Loose dogs
- Wild animals
- Other cats
- Getting lost and/or picked up by Animal Control
- Tree climbing and inability to get down

Environmental Concerns

- Killing birds
- Killing small animals
- Other concerns
- Theft, or assumed to be a stray and taken in by someone else

How to Keep Your Cat Happy Indoors:

- Get a companion (if your cat likes other cats/dogs, of course!)
- Interactive toys
- Scratching posts
- Climbing places
- Cat perches
- Window viewing for bird/people watching
- Hiding places

For more information on keeping your cat happy indoors, we recommend visiting:

<https://indoorpet.osu.edu/cats>