

Indoor Cats

Considerations for indoor cat health:

Indoor methods of enrichment can provide safe alternatives to letting your cat roam outside. This will allow your cat to enjoy a happy, healthy, and productive life inside your home while protecting them, humans, wildlife, and the environment.

By keeping cats indoors, we can prevent dangerous health & environmental impacts within our community.

Keep indoor cats active by providing a variety of toys, perches, and scratching posts to keep them stimulated while meeting their daily exercise requirement.



Creating the Purr-fect Indoor Environment!

Constructing a "Catio":

- A screened-in porch/enclosure.
- Provides your cat with a safe, enjoyable place to enjoy the sun, fresh air & view of nature.
- Ensure screens are secure to prevent escape & always keep an eye on your pet.
- Provides a controlled, outdoor environment.



Considerations for outdoor cat health:



- Don't Declaw: Without their claws, cats cannot defend themselves or climb a tree to escape a threat, making the outdoors even riskier.
- Medical: Make sure your pet is safe by staying current on all scheduled vaccinations & parasite prevention.
- Identification: Make sure the collar has a safety clasp that will release if your cat gets caught on something. Microchips increase the odds that your cat will be returned if they wander away.

Enrichment

- Be sure to provide your cat with a variety of interactive toys.
- To satisfy their curiosity while keeping them physically & mentally stimulated.
- Examples:
 - Laser toy
 - Kitty fishing pole
- These toys provide an appropriate outlet to satisfy their natural prey drive.

Companion

- Many cats enjoy the company of another pet in the household.
- Playing, chasing, mutual grooming, snuggling, etc. can fulfill your cat's need for exercise and companionship.



Perches & Posts

- Provide cats with various climbing places around your home, such as cat trees or perches.
 - Tip: perches can be installed on the window for sunbathing.
- Cats need places to perch, jump, & climb.
 - As well as places to exercise their natural instinct to scratch.

Leashed Walks

- Leash-walking is a possibility for cats that are comfortable with it.
- Ensure that your cat is properly fitted for their harness.



Tips

- Owners need to be involved & active with their cat for these methods to succeed.
- Space: effectively utilize the space in your home, by building cat shelves on your walls.
- Litter Box: cats need multiple, clean litter boxes.
- Hiding Places: provide your cat with various, fun hiding places.