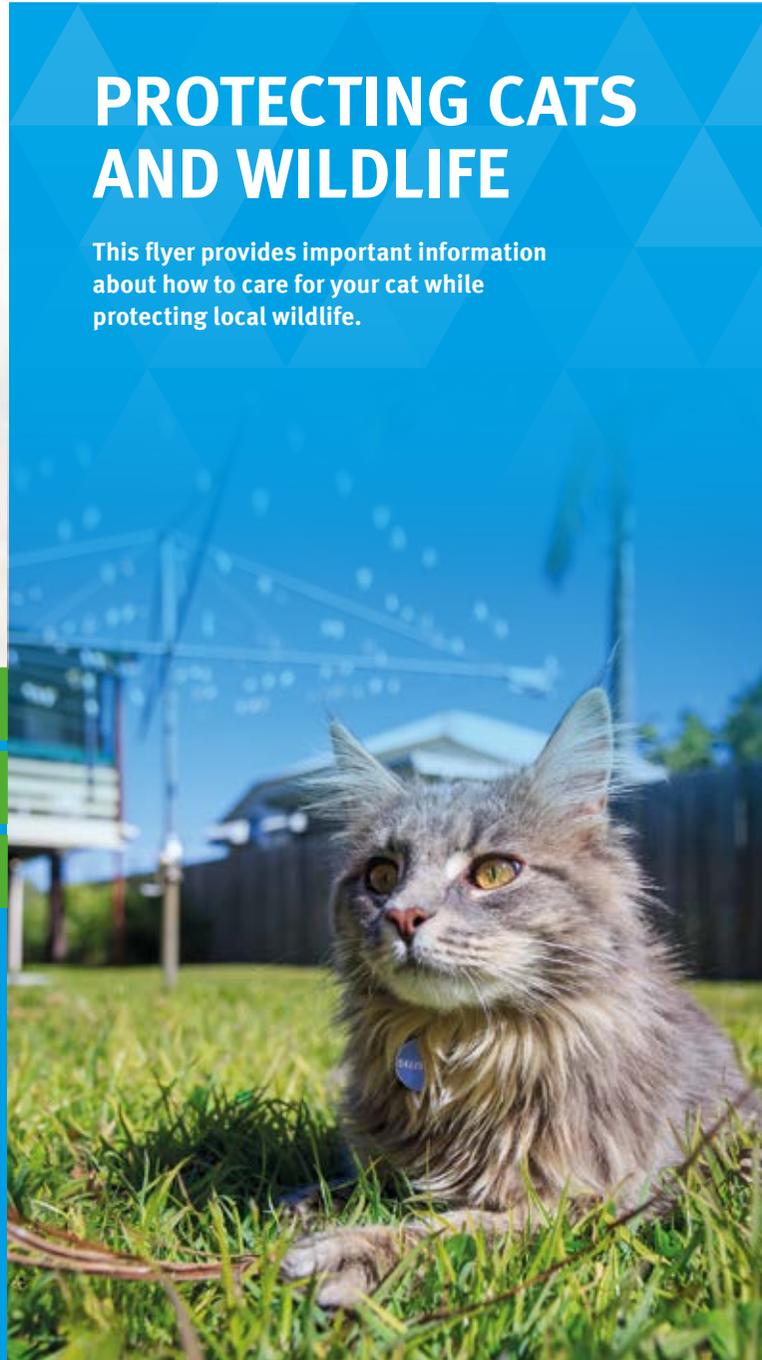




# PROTECTING CATS AND WILDLIFE

This flyer provides important information about how to care for your cat while protecting local wildlife.



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Visit the following websites for more information about caring for your cat:

RSPCA  
[rspcasa.asn.au](https://rspcasa.asn.au)

Dog and Cat Management Board  
[dogandcatboard.com.au](https://dogandcatboard.com.au)

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## Ways you can better care for your cat and protect wildlife

## Keeping your cat safe

- Desex your cat
- Identify your cat with a collar, tag and microchip
- Never dump unwanted kittens or cats, contact the RSPCA or other animal shelter
- Protect your cat and wildlife by keeping your cat from roaming

Free roaming cats have an increased risk of injury and infection from cat fights, being killed or injured by cars, digesting poisons, being attacked by dogs or foxes or becoming lost.

Outdoor cats have a life span of up to about five years, whereas an indoor cat has a life span of 15-20 years.

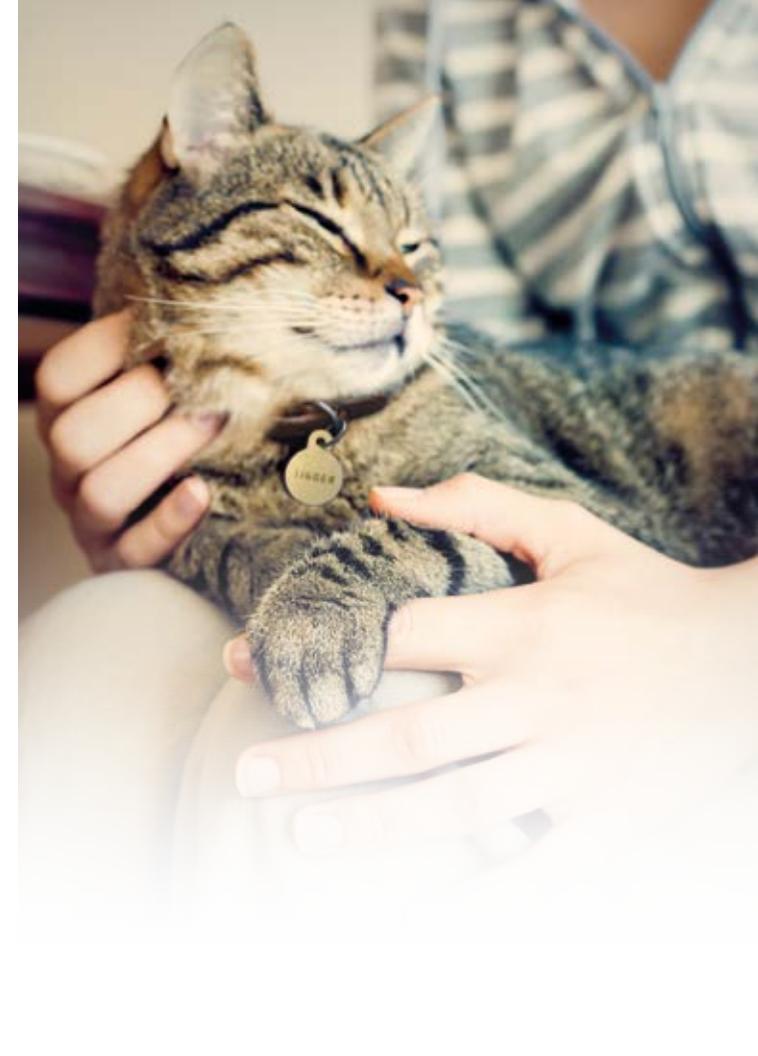
Cats which have always been able to roam freely can be trained to stay indoors, especially if you approach the transition in a staged manner. Rather than immediately keeping your cat indoors 24 hours a day, try gradually increasing the time it is confined.

For people who believe cats should have some time outside, the ideal solution is to provide them with an enclosed area outdoors where they can lie in the sun, play and watch the world go by while remaining safely at home.

Cat proof fences are an option for giving your cat access to a garden while preventing it from roaming. A list of companies that install cat enclosures or cat proof fencing can be obtained from the Dog and Cat Management Board or the City of Marion.

### You should consider keeping your cat indoors at night because:

- There is an increased risk of your cat being involved in a vehicle accident at night
- Serious injuries can result in expensive vet bills and increases the chances of your cat being exposed to a disease
- Most vehicle accidents involving cats occur at night
- Keeping your cat in at night will halve the amount of time it spends hunting and will contribute to the well-being of wildlife



### Protecting Wildlife

If you live near a conservation park or wetland it is especially important to consider keeping your cat indoors or in an enclosure to protect wildlife, including birds and small mammals.

Outdoor cats, even if well fed, can injure or kill wildlife as they are instinctive hunters. Cats prey on more than 186 kinds of native Australian birds, 64 mammals, 87 reptiles, 10 species of amphibian and numerous invertebrates.

