

## WHY YOU SHOULD KEEP YOUR KITTY SAFELY INSIDE YOUR HOUSE

**Disease:** Unfortunately, there are many feral and homeless stray cats which may carry diseases. Your cat is at risk of having disease passed on to it if it comes into contact with a diseased cat.

**Parasites:** Depending on where you live, your kitty might pick up fleas, ticks, ear mites, intestinal worms or ringworm. Some parasites can infect your family as well!

**Cars:** Cats don't understand about cars and the risk of their venturing into busy streets. They may be injured or killed by passing cars.

**Cruel people:** Not everyone loves your kitty like you do and may intentionally hurt your cat.

**Dogs:** While cats are great hunters, they can be attacked by loose dogs. As cats are little creatures, these attacks are often very serious and often fatal.

**Wild Animals:** Cats outdoors can be food or prey for a number of different wild animals and even hawks and owls. Some wild animals to watch for are coyotes, raccoons, foxes and even alligators (depending on where you live).

**Poisons:** Cats may unknowingly eat poisons such as antifreeze (which tastes good to cats) or rat or mice poison, if they catch and eat rodents which had recently eaten poison.

**Did you think of other things that might harm your kitty outside?**

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