SAVE BIRDS, KEEP CATS INDOORS

That’s billion with a “B”

Cats are estimated to kill more than 2.6 billion birds annually in the U.S. and Canada. This is the #1 human-caused reason for the loss of birds, aside from habitat loss.

Cats and wildlife benefit from keeping cats indoors

Save birds (and other wildlife) and keep cats healthy by keeping cats indoors or creating an outdoor “catio.” You can also train your cat to walk on a leash.

“Keeping a cat inside is one of the best ways to ensure a long and healthy life. We call on all cat households to keep pet cats indoors.”

Humane Society of the United States

Indoor Cats Are Safer From:
- Being Hit by a Car
- Diseases
- Parasites
- Getting Stuck in Trees
- Angry Neighbors
- Injuries
- Poisons
- Attacks from Wildlife
- Cat Fights

We cannot blame cats for following their instincts.

With increased pressure already facing wildlife, it’s up to us to take responsibility for reducing predation by cats. We owe it to our pets, our neighbors and to our wildlife to keep our cats indoors.

KEEP CATS HEALTHY AND PROTECT WILDLIFE

• Domestic cats are very efficient predators of our native wildlife.

• Cats kill wildlife no matter how well they are fed. Cats do not hunt because they are hungry, they hunt because of an innate urge to hunt.

• Cats are wonderful companion animals that need human care and protection. Cats are a domesticated species, brought here by European settlers. They are NOT wild animals.

• Outdoor cats lead shorter lives averaging 5 years instead of 12 years for indoors cats, due to diseases, poisons, traffic accidents, dog and predator attacks.

• Cats go where they are not welcome. Neighbors may not enjoy your cat’s visit.

• Veterinarians recommend indoor living for better feline health.

The presence of cats interrupts nesting birds reducing the feeding of their young by one third.

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