

FREQUENTLY ASKED:

Why is safe cat containment so important?

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Keeping Cats Safe

Cats that roam are at greater risk of road trauma, dog attacks, snake bites, poisoning, infectious disease and becoming lost. Safe containment dramatically reduces these preventable risks while still allowing cats to enjoy enriching lives.

References

Tan et al. (2020). *Animals*.
American Association of Feline Practitioners
& ISFM (2022).

Cats Can Roam Further Than You Think

GPS studies show many pet cats regularly travel hundreds of metres from home, while some cover more than 1 kilometre in a single day. Even a short period outside can quickly take a cat beyond familiar territory.

References

Hall et al. (2016). *Applied Animal Behaviour Science*.
Kays et al. (2020). *Scientific Reports*.

Containment Doesn't Mean Confinement

Modern catios, enclosed gardens and secure fencing allow cats to climb, explore, sunbathe, watch wildlife and enjoy fresh air without the dangers associated with roaming. They provide freedom in a safe environment.

References

Ellis et al. (2013). *AAFP/ISFM Environmental Needs Guidelines*.
ISFM (2022).

Harness Training Opens New Opportunities

Many cats can learn to comfortably wear a harness using gradual, reward-based training. This allows supervised outdoor adventures while keeping cats safe and under control.

References

International Cat Care (2023).
ISFM Feline Friendly Handling Guidelines (2022).

Protecting Australia's Wildlife

Even well-fed pet cats hunt. Research estimates that pet cats kill millions of native animals every year, including birds, reptiles and small mammals. Responsible containment protects vulnerable wildlife as well as your cat.

References

Woinarski et al. (2017). *Biological Conservation*.
Legge et al. (2020). *Biological Conservation*.

Safer Cats Often Live Longer

Indoor and safely contained cats generally experience fewer traumatic injuries, fewer infectious diseases and longer lifespans than cats allowed to roam freely. Prevention is always better than treatment.

References

Tan et al. (2020). *Animals*.
AAFP & ISFM Feline Environmental Needs Guidelines (2022).



Safe cat containment isn't about restricting your cat. It's about protecting them from preventable injury and illness while allowing them to enjoy enriching outdoor experiences through catios, secure fencing and supervised harness walks. At the same time, it helps protect Australia's unique wildlife.

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