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Cats and wildlife

Many people don't give a second thought to what their cat gets up to once they're outside. What they don't realise is that even the most docile of cats will prey on and kill native wildlife because of their natural hunting instincts.

How do cats hurt wildlife?

- The average domestic cat brings home 16 mammals, 8 birds and 8 reptiles each year.
- There are more than two and a half million domestic cats in Australia.
- Feral cats feed on wildlife. There are an estimated 12 million feral cats across Australia, many of which were once someone's pet until they were forgotten or ran away.

How can I help wildlife and look after my cat?

It is easy, and humane, to confine a cat. Without the many hazards of the outside world, indoor cats live longer than outdoors cats, at least 2 or 3 years longer.

- Keep your cat inside.
- Provide sufficient food and shelter for your cat.
- Provide a safe environment for wildlife in your garden by installing a fully enclosed cat run.
- Identify your cat with a collar, tag or microchip.
- De-sex your cat to prevent unwanted litters.
- Never feed a stray cat unless you intend to care for it as a pet. If you notice feral cats or strays in the area, call your local Council or the Cat Protection Society.

Important contact numbers: Catnip Modular Cat Parks – 1 800 639 998

Cats Inside Out Cat Enclosures – 0408 060 164

Cat Protection Society – 02 9519 7201

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