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What You Can Do

- Keep your cat indoors and encourage others to do the same. Cats can get used to an indoor lifestyle. Cats that are allowed to roam outdoors can encounter feral cats and are more likely to catch a disease.
- Identify your cat. Use a collar and tag or microchip your cat in case it gets lost.
- Don't feed unknown cats without making a commitment to finding them a permanent home. Feeding stray cats will only establish their presence and lead to rapid growth in their numbers. Instead take them to a local animal shelter where they have the chance to be adopted.
- Spay or neuter your cat as early as eight weeks of age.
- Never abandon cats. This is illegal and cruel behavior. Instead take the cat to an animal shelter where it has a chance of being adopted.
- Support laws that prevent cats from roaming. Work for passage of cat control ordinances in your city or county.
- If you are unwilling to keep your cat indoors, do not attract birds to your yard by putting out bird feeders, bird houses and bird baths.
- Use the fact sheets, posters, PSA's and other tools on this web site to educate cat owners and elected officials in your community on the benefits to cats and wildlife of keeping cats indoors.
- Distribute brochures and flyers to veterinarians, animal shelters, and nature centers in your community.
- Ask your local pet supply and wild bird stores to display brochures in their stores.
- Get your school to sponsor a children's poster competition for [National Keep Your Cat Indoors Day](#), held the second Saturday in May. Send a letter to the editor of your local paper on the benefits of keeping cats indoors.