

Can My Inside Cat Go Out?

Kitty may love to be outside, but is it safe? Not really.

If you allow your cat to wander outside without supervision, your cat is susceptible to many harmful situations.

- Being hit by a car
- Ingesting poison
- Being trapped by an unhappy neighbor
- Being attacked by a loose dog, a feral cat, or other wild animal.
- Contracting a disease from another animal
- Getting lost and not being able to find their way home
- Being stolen
- Encountering a human with cruel intentions



I have a six-foot fence....	Supervise kitty during outside time. Do not leave your cat unsupervised. Your cat can scale that fence in seconds.
My cat loves to be outside...	There are cat specific leashes and harnesses to take kitty on a walk. It will take a few tries before your cat is comfortable with it, but practice makes perfect.
My cat's litter box smells...	Scoop your cat's litter box daily and change the litter often. Wash the litter box with soap and water every time you change the litter.
My cat likes to sunbathe...	Kitty can sunbathe in windows. Leave the blinds or curtains open on a window that gets tons of sunlight so kitty can get all the sun they want.
My cat yowls to go outside...	Your cat may need to be spayed or neutered. Inside cats still feel the physiological need to mate if they have not been altered. Sterilized cats do not have the need to breed and will not be as anxious to find a mate.

Per City of Arlington Animal Ordinance:

[Section 4.11 Animal At Large](#)

A. A person commits an offense if he fails to keep an animal he owns from being at large.

