## **Keep Your Cat Safe & Healthy:**Why to Keep them Indoors

Whether you live in the city, suburbs or on a farm, outdoor cats face an abundance of risks.

The only way to truly safeguard your cat is to keep him or her inside

(or on a fully-enclosed, secure catio).

## **Perks of an Indoor Only Cat**

Indoor cats are typically healthier and exposed to less disease/harm, meaning fewer & cheaper vet bills.

The average lifespan of an indoor cat is 15-20 years, but only 2-5 years for an outdoor cat.

## **Hazards an Outdoor Cat Faces**

Getting hit by a car Feline Leukemia Attacks from dogs Attacks from feral cats Poisoned food Fleas, ticks and worms Getting lost
Getting stolen
Gunshot wounds
Cold, rainy weather
Visits to animal control
Human cruelty

## How to Enrich Your Cat's Life Without the Outdoors

- Cats love the sun! Install perches or shelves to allow your cat more windows of opportunity.
- Give them "cat-TV" by placing bird feeders near the windows.
- Give them more room to roam by expanding upwards with kitty condos or climbing trees.
- Provide different toys, puzzles or other enrichment activities that work their minds.
- Go green cats love nibbling on plants! (be sure to check with Animal Poison Control Center first)
- Start them young! Kittens who are kept indoors are usually happy to stay there.



For more enrichment ideas, visit our Pinterest! www.pinterest.com/PasadoSafeHaven