

CARING FOR YOUR CAT

HOUSING/SHELTER

- A cat that lives outside needs a shelter to give protection from heat, cold, wind, and rain.
- Your cat should be provided with a bed of its own such as an old box with a blanket.
- Cats that live outside can contract diseases, get ticks or fleas, become lost, get hit by a car, hurt in a fight or poisoned. It is better to allow a cat to live indoors where they stay safe and clean.

FOOD AND WATER

- A cat needs a varied and nutritional diet and will not thrive on scraps. Cats need a high level of protein and fat in their diet for optimal nutrition.
- Your cat should be provided fresh drinking water at all times.
- Feed adult cats twice a day; kittens, elderly, and pregnant cats need to eat several times a day.

HEALTH

- A Cat that lives outside can become infested with worms, ticks, & fleas. Ask your vet about products that prevent these infestations.
- Sleeping and living areas should be kept clean
- Ears and noses should be free of discharge, dirt and infection.
- Teeth should be strong, white and not discoloured. If infected gums are left untreated, teeth may fall out which will result in eating problems. Dry cat food and treats helps keep the teeth clean.
- Cats are vulnerable to many diseases which can be dangerous and costly to treat. Vaccinations help prevent illness and reduce the risk of infection to other cats.
- Females should be spayed and males neutered by six months of age to prevent unwanted pregnancies. Not only will it improve the health of your cat but it will also prevent thousands of unwanted cats from being born.

If you need assistance of any kind with your cat, please feel free to call us!