

# Responsible Cat

## Ownership



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## Contact Us

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THE CITY OF  
**Edmonton**

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## You can help

- Spread the word about properly looking after cats.
- Keep cats indoors, use cat enclosures and supervise their outdoor play.
- Promote the licensing and permanent identification of cats for life.





### Care for your cat

A shocking number of cats in our community are abandoned or stray. Very few are altered to prevent breeding. Many owners let cats wander uncontrolled. The result is thousands of lost pets, unwanted litters, feral colonies and impacts on wildlife. Cats require the same care and control as dogs!

### MAKE A LIFETIME COMMITMENT

Adopt a cat **ONLY** if you plan to practice responsible pet ownership and can look after your cat for its lifetime.

### License and ID your cat

The truth is that cats easily get lost. They end up homeless, in rescue or euthanized. A licence is the BEST way to ensure they return home.

- In Edmonton indoor and outdoor cats must be licensed at 6 months old.
- New addresses and contact information must be updated.

### Support cat care

Please license yearly and on time. Pet licence fees:

- Provide food, shelter and vet care for over 5,000 lost cats at the Animal Care & Control Centre each year.
- Support adoption at the Edmonton Humane Society and other rescue agencies.

### Keep cats on your own property

Unsupervised cats get into garbage cans, defecate in flower beds and sandboxes, attack wild birds and cause traffic accidents.

- Leaving cats alone outside is careless.
- Vehicles, humans, dogs and coyotes injure or kill them.
- Diseases like feline leukemia and parasites like ticks and fleas hurt them.



### Spay and neuter for life

Spaying (female cats) and neutering (male cats) are surgical operations that prevent them from reproducing. Spaying or neutering is a one-time surgery with a one-time cost that offers a lifetime of benefits.

- Reduces disease, infection and cancer.
- Prevents spraying, fighting and roaming.
- Helps to make them sociable and affectionate.
- Reduces licence fees .
- Fixing your cat reduces unwanted litters.

### Know the law

When a neighbour objects to a cat on private property a "roaming" offence occurs. The City's bylaw allows citizens to trap cats on their own property and take them to the Animal Care & Control Centre.

### GOT PETS?



### GET TAGS!

### Need our help?

- To register concerns and for information, visit [www.edmonton.ca/pets](http://www.edmonton.ca/pets) or contact **311**.
- For lost pets, register at [www.petlynx.net](http://www.petlynx.net) and then call **311**.

