

Calgary Humane Society

Indoor Cats

Position:

The Calgary Humane Society advocates that all cats be kept indoors or permitted to go outside only under direct supervision, meaning allowing a cat outdoors either into screened-in balconies, or outdoor enclosures, or on a harness for walking cats.

Recognizing that despite the dangers inherent to allowing a cat to roam (e.g., being hit by a vehicle, being stolen or taken in as a stray, disease, injuries from fighting, predators), many owners still allow their cats to roam, the CHS advocates that all owners ensure their cats are spayed or neutered and fully vaccinated, as well as appropriately tagged with identification.

Rationale:

Cats permitted to roam at large are exposed to many dangers including injury, sickness and death. Cats kept indoors are generally healthier and live longer than roaming cats.

In the City of Calgary, allowing your cat to roam is a violation of municipal by-laws.