Indoor vs. Outdoor

Advantages

* Not easily exposed to predators, diseases, poisons and accidents
* Easier to maintain cats health by monitoring food and water intake
* Can routinely inspect cats health for any abnormalities
* Longer life span (around 14 years)

Disadvantages

* Not as active, may require some extra effort to maintain a healthy weight
* Providing enough stimuli
* Deciding on declawing

Advantages

* Enjoying the freedom and fresh air
* Generally more active and in shape
* Use of natural hunting skills

Disadvantages

* Exposed to poisons
* Predators
* Diseases
* Parasites
* Traffic accidents
* Upset neighbors
* Fights/injuries
* Shorter life span

If you choose to have an outdoor cat please be aware of some precautions you can take to help keep your cat protected. Don’t let them roam free. Cats can get used to harnesses. Microchip your cat in case it does escape. Use a parasite prevention year round. No declawed cats should be allowed to roam free. Yearly wellness exams and fecals will help keep your cat in good health. Spay and neuter your cat to prevent over population.

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