

Responsible Cat Ownership

Having a pet cat can provide great companionship, however when deciding to become a cat owner this also means that you take on a number of responsibilities. When a cat becomes a member of your family, you become responsible for its health, welfare and the impact it has on your surrounding community. If you live in Nhulunbuy and own a cat, there a few things you can do to protect your pet, native animals and the environment.

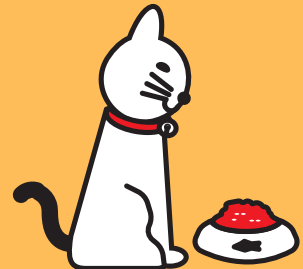
As a responsible cat owner you should



Identify your cat with a collar and bell to warn wildlife



Play with your cat and provide adequate toys an stimulation



Ensure your cat has sufficient food and water



Desex your cat



Never leave your cat unsupervised outside



Microchip your cat



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Roaming complaints

It is common that owners are unaware of the nuisance that their animal is causing. In the first instance, we encourage neighbours to discuss and attempt to resolve issues from wandering pets. If you are not comfortable talking with your neighbour or you don't know where the animal lives, contact the Animal Control Officer.



Containing your Cat

Although cats are wonderful pets and easily fit into domestic life, they are predators by nature and will go searching for mates, defend territory and hunt wildlife outdoors. To protect your cat and minimise disruption to your community, keep your cat confined to your property at all times. To assist your cat in becoming accustomed to being in a closed environment:

- Offer a comfortable sleeping area, kitty litter and water
- Confinement could include- cat proofing your yard, confining your cat to inside the house or building an enclosure attached to your house that will allow your cat to come in and out
- Provide stimulation for your cat, such as a scratching pole, toys or an enclosed run
- Cats can be easily trained to go into an enclosure by aligning feeding times with confinement of the cat

Important contacts



Nhulunbuy Corporation Animal Control Officer: 0419 838 064

Nhulunbuy Paws (cat boarding facilities): 0437 526 502

East Arnhem Veterinary Service: 0456 312 290