

# Keeping Your Cat Inside Your Home:

## *the dangers of letting them roam*

- **Greatly Reduced** risk of potentially fatal cat transmitted viruses such as:

- Feline Immunodeficiency Virus
- Feline Infectious Peritonitis
- Feline Leukemia
- And others...

- **Reduced** Risk of being attacked by:

- Another cat
- Dog
- Raccoon
- Owl/hawk/eagle
- Neighbor children

- **No** risk of being hit by a car

- Average lifespan

- of an outdoor cat is up to **4** years
- as apposed to an indoor cat of **15-18** years

- The percentage of cats picked up by the Whatcom Humane Society that are reclaimed by their original owners is a bleak **5-10%**



## Ways to keep your kitty happy indoors

- Provide opportunities for play areas:

- Cat tree
- Condo
- Playful cardboard boxes

- Offer toys:

- Catnip
- Mice
- Laser pointer
- And more...



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