



Keeping your cat contained to your property is in the best interest of your furry friend. Here are some reasons why and some tips to help.

Cats that live or spend time outdoors are susceptible to disease and the dangers of predators, traffic and extreme weather.

Did you know that if your owned cat is found off your property and not under your direct supervision, any person may trap or pick up your cat and turn it into the Animal Shelter? For an owner to claim their cat from the shelter they must provide proof of ownership, present a valid form of government issued photo identification, and pay all associated fees incurred during its stay.

Spayed or neutered cats are less likely to roam or cause a nuisance. Have you heard about P.A.W.S of Georgina? They are a registered charity helping animals and wildlife in our community. Part of their mission is to promote responsible pet ownership. If you are a resident of Georgina you may apply to their program for a rebate on the cost of spaying or neutering your pet. Please visit pawsofgeorgina.com for more information.

Low cost spay or neuter appointments are available at the following facilities:

- **Barrie SPCA:** 705-734-9883 or 705-734-9882
- **Newmarket SPCA:** 905-898-6112
- **Toronto Humane Society:** 1-416-392-2273 ext. 2 or spayneuter@torontohumanesociety.com

Georgina Animal Shelter & Adoption Centre

Top 10 Ways YOU Can Help Animals at the Georgina Animal Shelter

1. Spay and Neuter your pets!
2. Don't let your pets roam. Keep them safe at home
3. Make a commitment to your pets for the rest of their life
4. Adopt a pet from your local shelter
5. Become a cat or kitten foster home
6. Support your shelter's fundraising efforts
7. Donate towards our Emergency Medical Fund
8. Donate treats, litter, leashes, collars, cat toys, catnip, durable dog toys, etc.
9. Donate old blankets, towels, sheets and other linens (no pillows please)
10. Licence, microchip/identify and vaccinate your pets

Shelter Hours:

CLOSED:

Sundays, Statutory & Civic Holidays

Monday to Friday:

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

June to September

Saturdays

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

October to May

Saturdays:

8 a.m. to 12 noon



georgina.ca

helpinglostpets.com

adoptapet.com

georginaferals.ca

pawsofgeorgina.com

Keep your furever friend safe!



Tips to keep your cat safe

- Spaying or neutering
- Keeping your cat contained
- Preventing stray cats from lingering



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Indoor cats can be happy cats

Consider reading the Indoor Pet Initiative by The Ohio State University-College of Veterinary Medicine for more resources on how to keep your pet happy and healthy. Below are some tips to help keep your indoor cat enriched and content:

- Fresh food and water
- Clean litter box for each level of your home
- Scratching and climbing structures
- Rest, relaxation and safety
- Play opportunities, puzzle feeders, treat balls

More information is available at indoorpet.osu.edu/cats.

For cats that won't take no for an answer

Cats can be tricky and some can really love to stretch their legs in the grass. The Oscillot® or other systems are installed on fencing to safely keep your cat in and local wildlife out. Find more information at oscillot.com.au.

Other forms of containment systems

- Harness training
- Catio
- Cat fencing

For those who do not have fencing, other types of containment systems are available at catsandbirds.ca/take-action.

Tips to contain your escape artist

- Greet your cat away from the door
- Smack the door with a rolled up newspaper. This will train your cat that the door is not a nice place
- Dilute orange or lemon juice and spray around the bottom of doors. Cats dislike citrus
- Puzzle feeders
- Provide a rich and stimulating environment
- Collar with tags, microchip and recent photographs are essential in the event your cat does get outside

For more information on how to contain your escape artist, visit catsandbirds.ca.



Receiving unwanted visits?

If you are a resident of Georgina receiving unwanted visits from neighbourhood cats, consider approaching your neighbours to see if they are missing their pet.

To prevent cats from lingering, **do not feed them**. If the cat does belong to someone it is more likely to go home if it isn't receiving food elsewhere.

Help reunite cats by visiting our Facebook page and helpinglostpets.com to see if the cat has been posted as lost or missing. Call the Animal Shelter to see if we have any lost reports that match.

If the cat is friendly but does not appear to belong to anyone in your area, please contact **Animal Control** at **1-855-898-8605** for safe and humane options for removing cats.



Spotting a Feral Cat

If the cat appears to be unfriendly, avoids human interaction, is missing its ear tip(s) and/or has been hanging around for many months without leaving, this cat may be feral or part of a local Trap Neuter Return (TNR) cat colony. The Georgina Feral Cat Committee (GFCC) may be monitoring its care. For assistance with feral cats in your neighbourhood, please call 289-231-7230 or visit georginaferals.ca for more information.

Are you experiencing any of the following?

- ☐ Cats digging in your garden
- ☐ Cats lounging in your yard or on your porch
- ☐ Cats sleeping under your porch or in your shed
- ☐ Cats yowling, fighting, spraying, roaming and litters of kittens
- ☐ Wildlife attracted by food left out for cats

Please visit alleycat.org for tips on discouraging these behaviours.

Protect your pet: spay and neuter, fencing, catios and reporting lost pets