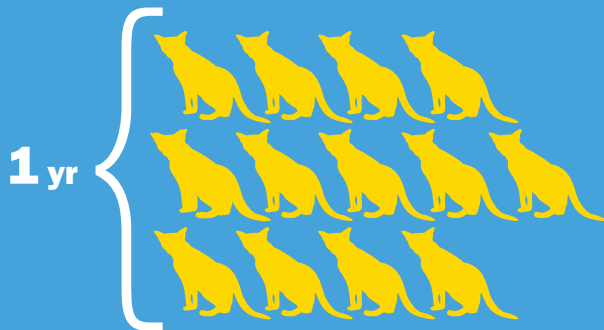


# It's important to spay or neuter your cat

- Reduces unwanted litters and cat overpopulation
- Reduces the incidence of disease and infection
- Eliminates female heat cycles and reduces male spraying
- Helps make cats more sociable and affectionate



An unaltered female cat can produce **THREE LITTERS PER YEAR** with average litter sizes ranging from **FOUR TO SIX KITTENS**



A single, unspayed female cat and her offspring can produce **more than 400,000** cats in their lifetimes

## Did you know?

The City of Saskatoon offers a subsidized spay and neuter program (SSNP) for both cats and dogs.

Through the program, low income pet owners who cannot afford to have their pets spayed or neutered have access to significantly discounted veterinary services and financial resources. These services are available through a partnership with the Academy of Veterinary Practitioners, the Western College of Veterinary Medicine and select veterinary clinics in Saskatoon.

For more information please visit [saskatoon.ca/animalservices](http://saskatoon.ca/animalservices)

### Community Cat Advisory Partners:



Street Cat Rescue

Pet Loss Support Group

Advisory Committee on Animal Control

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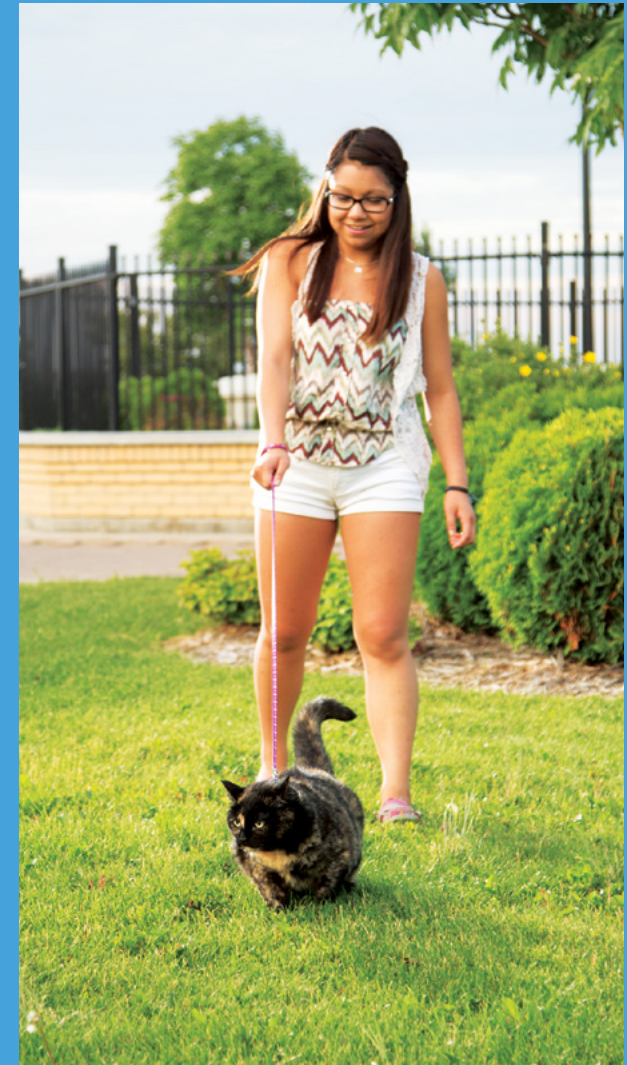
# CATS IN OUR COMMUNITY





## Outdoor play

Despite popular belief, cats don't need to go outdoors by themselves. If you want your cat to take in the fresh air and experience the stimulation of the outdoors, consider teaching your cat to walk with a harness and leash or invest in a Catio (cat patio). There are many ways to ensure that your cat can safely enjoy the outdoors.



## Owning a cat in Saskatoon

Cats make great pets to have around the home. Every cat has a unique personality and quickly becomes a part of your family. While cats are typically known for being relatively low maintenance, there are a lot of things to consider to ensure they are at their happiest and healthiest.

## Licensing your cat

- In Saskatoon, all cats four months and older require a valid pet licence
- If your cat ever escapes, a valid pet licence provides identification, safe shelter and direct return home
- Cat licences are valid for one year and must be renewed annually

- Pet licence fees help to provide food, shelter and vet care for thousands of lost cats in Saskatoon each year

## Essentials of cat ownership

### Getting started

- Spay or neuter services, food and water dishes, collar and leash, brush, litter box, scratching post, cat carrier, toys, etc.

### Ongoing

- Annual licensing fees, cat food and treats, vet check-ups, grooming, litter, medication and vacation pet-sitting.

**If you are looking for ways to save, consider adopting from your local shelter. Vaccinations, spay/neuter and microchip services are included in the adoption cost.**