

Cat Roaming Survey Results – July 16, 2020

Does Your House Include a Cat?

Yes: 12

No: 13

Do you believe cats are a contributing factor to the decline of wild bird populations?

Yes: 9

No: 14

Comments:

~ Roaming pet cats kill 390 million animals per year in Australia, including reptiles, birds and mammals. That's an average of 186 animals, mostly native species, per roaming domestic cat each year. ` University of Queensland

~ Survival of the fittest.

~ We put a bell collar on our cats

~ It is well documented!

~ While there are many factors leading to the decline of wild birds, including the use of pesticides, flying into windows and windmills, etc., it is inherent to the nature of cats to stalk and kill birds. So yes, I do believe they are a contributing factor.

Do you feel that cats should be:

Allowed to roam freely? 15

Confined to their owner's property? 10

Comments:

~ Your dog, car, kids, and cat belong on YOUR property, not mine.

~ Cats probably stay inside during the winter and maybe shoulder seasons.

~ I do not wish to be responsible for another's pet. This includes managing it's "poop" and it's safety.

~ I am not allowed to let my dogs to roam free, and they are smaller than most cats!!

If you **DO** own a cat - what would you say to people who do NOT want your cat in their yard?

Comments:

~ Cats are wild animals and they should be able to roam too!

~ My cats are indoor only so would not be in someone else's yard

If you **DO NOT** own a cat - What would you say to people who allow their cats to roam free?

Comments:

~ I believe we all want the best for our loved ones, and that we do all we can to protect them. Once your pet leaves your property and roams freely, you have no control over their actions and subsequent well-being. Why would you knowingly put your pet in possible harm's way? Aside from that, why would you think others want your pet in their lives?

~ I will call you if I have an issue with your cat. This is not a concern that should be up for HOA discussion.

~ It doesn't make sense. Would any other type of animal be allowed to roam free? We live in a suburban neighborhood, not a single owner's ranch. If you had a pet eagle, tiger or snake would people be comfortable with it roaming free?

~ I enjoy feeding and watching the birds, and it breaks my heart to see cats hunting birds on my property. And ALL FREE ROAMING CATS SHOULD WEAR A BELL- give the birds a chance!!

~ Bring them on they kill the voles and mice

~ Please keep your cat out of my garden

~ Please be prepared for others not to have the same attitudes as you about free roaming cats.

~ I don't want your cat shit in my kids' sandbox. I have cleaned this out numerous times, and literally bleached the sand. Keep your cat in your own yard.

~ It's good to see a cat roaming around. I hope that I'll get to pet one once in awhile.

~ How is it I can control access to my property in every other regard except when it comes to your cat? Why is your cat the exception to my right to quiet enjoyment of my property? Why is your cat's ability to roam more important than the right to life of the hundreds of native animals it kills each year?

If you could offer a solution that would work for both cat owners and non-cat owners, what would it be?

Comments:

~ If you choose to let your cat roam freely, at the very least putting a bell on your cat's collar would go a long way toward evening the playing field for wildlife. It would also help to alert others when your pet is nearby so they don't inadvertently lock it in a garage, run over it, let their pets out, etc. We all want our pets to be safe.

~ *Work it out between neighbors that have concerns.*

~ *This is not a problem and there are much more important things we should focus on.*

~ *Keep cats on your property and everyone will be happy*

~ *electric fences work to confine dogs?*

~ *Bells on outdoor cats....*

~ *If you love your cat, keep it inside!*

~ *No solution to offer. The responsible party should manage their pets, their children and their property. They chose ownership, not I.*

~ *It is healthier for your cats and wildlife to keep cats indoor only.*

~ 1) *Confine your cat, like so many responsible cat owners do.*

2) *If you can't control your cat please have it wear a bell on its collar.*

3) *Failing either of those, perhaps you shouldn't own a cat.*