

YOU CAN PREVENT TRAGEDY!

- ! **Ensure your companion animals' safety** by tagging along during outdoor excursions. Dogs need exercise—make time to take Fido on a long walk at least once a day, or play fetch in a fenced-in area. You'll both get in shape and form a special relationship. Dogs need to go outside at least four times a day to relieve themselves.
- ! Fluffy also needs all your attention while she's outside—either in your fenced yard or on a harness. Cats can learn to enjoy walking on leashes—be patient and allow them time to lounge in sunny spots. Keep cats confined to a fenced yard by installing Cat Fence In, a netting kit that attaches to the top of the fence.
Find out more at www.catfencein.com.
- ! Don't leave dogs chained up outside where they are prey to the taunts and abuse of anyone who passes by. Chained dogs may become overly territorial and more prone to biting kids who wander into the yard.
- ! Make sure your companion animals always wear identification. Microchips and tattoos can help when lost animals are taken to shelters, but a collar with your name and current telephone number helps anyone find you.
- ! Neuter animals over 8 weeks old. Neutered and spayed animals are less likely to roam and catch deadly sexually transmitted diseases. **Call 1-800-248-SPAY for information on low-cost spay/neuter programs in your area.**
- ! **Never declaw your cat.** Declawing is an extremely painful procedure that renders cats defenseless. Even "indoors only" cats can flee if they are frightened—a slip out the screen door opens up a world of danger. Contact PETA for information about alternatives to declawing.



CAT KILLINGS, WOUNDINGS WORRY COMMUNITY.

"A cat was found shot in the tail on Monday in Weeki Wachee where several other cats have been injured or killed."

St. Petersburg Times

UNFRIENDLY NEIGHBORS.

"Pets in the suburbs are becoming prey for wild animals—and it's all about sprawl."

Associated Press



WOMAN FINDS HER DOG KILLED, CUT IN TWO.

"Stiles let Sadie out in the backyard. She never saw her alive again."

Detroit News

REMEMBER, YOUR ANIMALS DEPEND ON YOU TO KEEP THEM SAFE.

Check out our Web site at HelpingAnimals.com.

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WHAT MANY PEOPLE PERCEIVE AS FREEDOM IS OFTEN A DEATH SENTENCE.

HE WANTS TO GO OUTSIDE.

Besides, we live on a quiet street.

SHE'S HAPPY.

She loves to go out and explore the neighborhood.

HE'S TOUGH.

He can take care of himself.

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN SAFELY LEAVE YOUR DOG OR CAT OUTSIDE WITHOUT SUPERVISION ...

... THINK AGAIN



MANY PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE THAT ANIMALS LEFT OUTSIDE ALONE EVEN IN FENCED YARDS ARE "SITTING DUCKS" FOR PEOPLE WITH CRUEL INTENTIONS.

UNKIND HUMANKIND

In many states, people can legally kill animals who wander onto their property. Put Fluffy outside to prowl, and she may wander into the yard of a neighbor who gets mad when she digs in the flowerbeds or kills the birds. Cats have been shot—and worse—for jumping on cars and scratching the paint. And even though you know that Fido wouldn't hurt a flea, someone may mistake your dog's boisterous greeting for aggression and take action.



THIS DOG WAS TORTURED AND BATTERED TO DEATH BY A GROUP OF TEENAGERS.



THIS CAT WAS DOUSED WITH ACID BY AN ANGRY NEIGHBOR.

Every year, thousands of companion animals are preyed upon by cruel individuals. Imagine the sickest way to kill an animal—then consider that many people do this for "fun." Cats and dogs have been microwaved, dismembered, sexually assaulted, hanged, set on fire, bludgeoned, buried alive, and otherwise tortured and killed. Animal guardians make it all too easy for these human predators when they leave animals outside.

THE NOT-SO-GREAT OUTDOORS

"Street smarts" don't keep dogs and cats out of danger. Dogs may forget all about their training when they spot a bicycle to chase. Cats who lounge lazily on front porches may dart into the street when chased by a dog or enticed by squirrels or birds.

Suburban sprawl means more encounters with wild animals. Cats and small dogs can be carried away by hawks, and even big dogs are no match for hungry coyotes and cougars.

Companion animals, in turn, are also a threat to wildlife. The American Bird Conservancy estimates that free-roaming cats kill hundreds of millions of birds and small mammals in the U.S. each year, including endangered species, such as the least tern and the piping plover.

Animals who roam outdoors are also exposed to highly contagious, deadly diseases, such as rabies, parvovirus, and feline leukemia. Dogs who spend most of their time outdoors are more likely to contract heartworms through mosquito bites. Cats can get a feline form of AIDS, which has no cure or vaccine. The only way to protect cats from AIDS is to keep them indoors.



Even animals confined to their own yards are at risk. Unattended dogs have been poisoned or beaten or had their mouths duct-taped shut for "barking too much." "Outside animals" also risk being snatched up by "bunchers," people who steal dogs and cats and sell them for use in experiments.

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