# Safe and secure indoors after dark





Night-time is when cats that are left outside are most active and travel the longest distances.



Night-time is also the most dangerous time for cats as they are more likely to fight with other cats, be attacked by dogs, and be injured or killed by cars.

Night-time is also when vulnerable wildlife like gliders and small bats are most active.



Feeding indoors at night, after closing doors and windows, can be used to keep your cats safe and secure from dusk to dawn.

It's highly effective and carries no additional cost.

While APWF strongly encourages containment of cats to their property, we are strongly opposed to mandated cat containment because it criminalises cat ownership for disadvantaged families, and is a barrier to semi-owners adopting cats they are feeding.

## Feed at night to keep your cat safe indoors





Feed your cat half its daily food in the morning, inside the home.

#### **REMOVE FOOD**

Don't feed more than can be eaten in 10-15 minutes. Remove uneaten food to be most effective and prevent obesity.

#### LOCK UP

Close windows, screens and doors before the evening meal is fed to prevent your cat from leaving the house after eating.

### NIGHT

Feed the second meal inside at bed-time when you lock-up the house for the night



MORNING

For cats that are challenging to contain, or if the time between dusk and bedtime is more than 4 hours, feed an extra small meal inside at dusk and close all doors and windows. Feed the last meal inside at bedtime when you do a final lock-up of the house for the night. This gives maximum certainty "door-dasher" cats are inside overnight.

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