

Animal Welfare Seminar 2021

Feline Futures

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Presentation + Q&A videos from day one of Feline Futures.

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Reports

Included here are links to relevant reports:

- [Identifying Best Practice Domestic Cat Management in Australia](#)
- [Identifying Best Practice Domestic Cat Management in Australia - Finding and Recommendations](#)
- [Identifying Best Practice Domestic Cat Management in Australia - Response to Public Consultation](#)
- [Cat Management Plan for South Australia 2019.pdf](#)
- [Pre-pubertal desexing \(PPD\) in cats – RSPCA Australia Research Report June 2021](#)
- [Pre-pubertal desexing \(PPD\) in cats – RSPCA Australia Research Report June 2021 – Appendix](#)
- [AIAM Cat survey report.pdf](#)

Knowledgebase Articles

The following articles on the [RSPCA Knowledgebase](#) may prove useful:

- [Companion Animal Policies](#)
 - [RSPCA Policy A01 - Responsible Companion Animal Ownership](#)
 - [RSPCA Policy A03 - Shelter and Care of Animals](#)
 - [RSPCA Policy A09 - Cat Management](#)
- [I want to start keeping my cat indoors. How do I adjust an outdoor cat to containment to my property?](#)
- [How can I reduce or prevent my cat from hunting prey?](#)
- [How do I litter-train my cat?](#)
- [My cat is very active at night and keeps waking me up, what should I do?](#)
- [Is it okay to keep my cat at home all of the time?](#)
- [How do I stop my cat from scratching the furniture?](#)
- [Why is my cat urinating inappropriately?](#)
- [Should I walk my cat on a lead?](#)
- [Are curfews for domestic cats mandatory?](#)
- [My cat is being aggressive towards my other cat, what should I do?](#)
- [My cat is being aggressive towards me, what should I do?](#)
- [What is Toxoplasmosis?](#)
- [What is animal hoarding and why is it harmful to animals?](#)
- [Why does the RSPCA advocate desexing cats before puberty?](#)
- [How can I keep my cat safe and happy at home?](#)

Safe and Happy Cats

Whether you've just adopted a new cat or kitten, or are considering how best to care for your existing cat, the [RSPCA Australia Guide on keeping your cat safe and happy at home](#) can help.

The idea that all cats need to roam outdoors has changed; many owners now provide a safe and suitable environment for their cat at home all day, every day.

Keeping your cat safe and happy at home means providing for all their needs, including many that may previously have been met by being outdoors. Meeting these needs in other ways requires forward thinking and a little imagination and commitment. But you needn't go it alone: we're here to help explain how you and your cat can live at home together in harmony.

Click on the image below to visit the [RSPCA Australia Safe and Happy Cats website](#) for more information:

keeping your cat
SAFE AND
happy
AT HOME



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Videos

TassieCat - "Indoors is Better"

Million Cat Challenge: Cats, Birds, and Animal Shelters: Seeking Common Ground (Kate Hurley)

Other resources

Links to other resources

- [Subscribe to RSPCA Australia's Animal Welfare Science Update](#)
- [Subscribe to RSPCA Australia eNews](#)
- [International Cat Care - Cat Friendly Solutions for Unowned Cats](#)
- [Koret Shelter Medicine Program at UC Davis](#)
- [University of Wisconsin-Madison Shelter Medicine Program](#)
- [Million Cat Challenge](#)
- [Cat Management Plan for South Australia 2019.pdf](#)
- [Draft Cat Management Plan for ACT 2019.pdf](#)
- [Australian Cat Action Plan 2018.pdf](#)
- [Cat Management Plan for Tasmania 2017.pdf](#)
- [Operation Wanted \(RSPCA QLD\)](#)
- [National Desexing Network \(NDN\)](#)
- [Australian Institute of Animal Management](#)
- [Safe Cat, Safe Wildlife](#)
- [Community Cat Program - Australian Pet Welfare Foundation](#)
- [Invitation for Expressions of Interest: Keeping Cats Safe at Home](#)
- [Getting 2 Zero](#)
- [ASPCAPro](#)
- [ASPCAPro Feline Spectrum Assessment](#)
- [ASPCAPro Meet Your Match Feline-ality® and Canine-ality® programs](#)
- [UNE-CommunityEngagement_Handbook_2017.pdf](#)

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Presentation slides

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- [Kate Hurley - Rethinking community cat management feline futures Australia 2021.pdf](#)
- [Sophie Riley - Legal classifications as social constructions on the place of cats in society.pdf](#)
- [Lynette McLeod - Understanding risk, trust, social capital and contested science in the context of domestic cat management.pdf](#). Note that references for this talk and Lynette's papers can be found in the other resources page.
- [Jacquie Rand - Connecting positively with cat semi-owners.pdf](#)
- [Nell Thompson - Overview of Australian Local Government domestic cat management strategies.pdf](#)
- [Gabrielle Carter - Assessing the suitability of cats for rehoming.pdf](#)
- [Cindy Karsten - New model for cat management in shelters.pdf](#)
- [Rosemary Elliott - Characteristics of cat hoarders and ways forward for better management.pdf](#)
- [Lynette McLeod - Who let the cat out - overcoming barriers for cat containment.pdf](#)
- [Joy Verrinder - NDN Cooperative Desexing Program.pdf](#)
- [Ann Enright - Cat desexing programs - great partnerships achieving great outcomes.pdf](#)
- [Nikki Brookman- TassieCat- working with councils and the community to improve cat management and responsible cat ownership.pdf](#)

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