



# Love them for life

## PROTECT FROM FALLS, CARS, ESCAPE

### Your transport responsibilities

- Never transport cats in a box or other improvised container – pets are lost this way
- Purchase a cat carrier and check it is secured, fully enclosed, that zips are escape-proof
- Do not permit children to open the carrier in the car or during the journey
- Do not transport cats on bikes, motor bikes or utes
- Few cats cope with 'outing' such as being walked on leads or carried to the shops. This activity poses escape risk and then the loss of your pet. Outings will stress cats once over 6 months old because cats are territorial and generally prefer to just stay at home.

### Protect from falls

- Use perspex sheets to prevent stairwell falls: internal stairwells of apartments /mansions pose risk.
- **Balconies must be fully netted for all pets** (see Get Netted handbook) to protect from panic, and from instinct-based leaps for birds, insects).
- Windows must be fully screened to prevent falls.

### Protect from fox, dog and street attack

- Foxes live all over Sydney and hunt in packs. Cats are not safe even up a tree because the fox will wait...
- It is common for cats to be killed by dogs, even dogs on leads will attack cats: cats often die from fright.
- Dogs chase cats some blocks away and then your cat is unable to find his or her way back home.
- Cats get stolen if allowed to wander.
- Cats will be confiscated if allowed to roam free by some Sydney Councils <sup>1,2</sup>, who impound and kill.

### Protect your cat from going missing or being killed by cars

- The most serious threat to your cat is letting him or her out at night to toilet.
- WLPA opposes free-to-roam pet cats believing cats should be inside the boundary of the property to protect them from cars or starvation should they go missing. (Outdoor cats **must be fully secure** in an outdoor humane enclosure).

1. Zautsen D. Plan to limit cats to protect wildlife. Daily Telegraph, 30 July 2018  
2. Hunters Hill Council

