



As seen on

Today



**Press
Kit** 

Media: Cat Containment is making headlines

**BEN FORDHAM
LIVE**



How to keep your cat indoors to stop them killing native wildlife

[To the show >](#)

The Sydney Morning Herald



Cats and foxes kill almost 7 million animals every day in Australia

[To the article >](#)

Today



Pet rules you might not be aware of

[To the video >](#)

Daily Mail
AUSTRALIA



Cats could be BANNED from going outside under new rules in Australia

[To the article >](#)

The Daily Telegraph



Catio: the latest must have for pets and their owners

[To the article >](#)

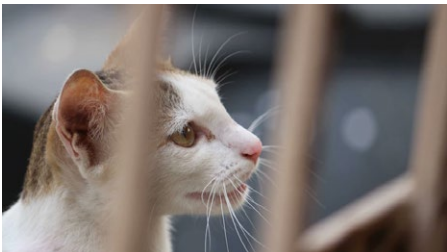
9NEWS



Cat owners face hefty fines as Melbourne council introduces 24-hour 'cat curfew'

[To the article >](#)

7NEWS



All Canberra suburbs to contain new cats from July 1, 2022

[To the article >](#)

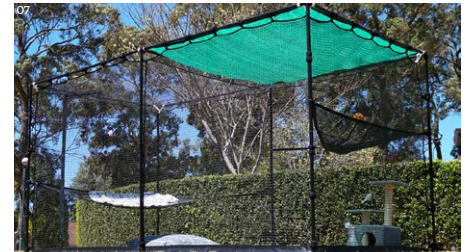
Canberra Weekly



Catnets make cat containment easy

[To the article >](#)

OUTdoor
DESIGN & LIVING



Giving your animals space to roam while also keeping them secure is every pet owner's responsibility

Media: Cat Containment is making headlines

stellar



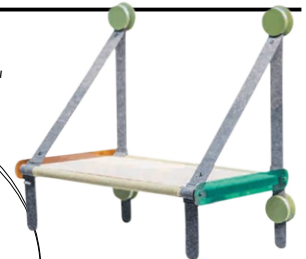
with BARRY DU BOIS

stellar • HOMES



“Creating a sanctuary at home where your beloved cat feels safe and happy is important”

PIDAN pet air bed, \$84.95, petcircle.com.au



RSPCA microchip cat door, \$159.95, rspcaworldforpets.com.au



FURRYTAIL glass cat bowl set, \$89.90, furrytail.com.au



COZY CAT FURNITURE enclosed litter box, \$145.95, cozycatfurniture.com



FURFY pet-hair remover, \$49.95, furfy.com.au

PET BARN cat scratch post, \$119.99, petbarn.com.au



THE CAT'S PYJAMAS (clockwise from top left) Kitty claws can be hell on your furnishings and manchester, so creating a cat run where they can get some exercise and sun – while staying off the bed and lounge – keeps them busy and happy; Barry Du Bois' daughter Arabella with the family moggie, Choccy; cats like to be up high – it gives a sense of belonging. A scratch pole will help your cat feel safe – and keep shedding hair away from other places.



The cat's out of the bag

... and in the kitchen, on the bed, the couch and the rug. Here are some tips on how to make your home a more feline-friendly place to live – for all involved

Until the moment a now seven-year-old exotic shorthair named Coco (“Choccy”) came into my family's life, I was not a cat fan. Now, of course, he is a very important and much-loved member of the family who adores the attention we give him and has created a bond with our daughter that is amazing.

This is of little surprise to my friend, TV co-host and fellow *Stellar* columnist Dr Chris Brown, who tells me, “Cats are the unsung heroes of Australian families. They're intriguing, full of personality and life. And they aren't the independent and distant companions they're often accused of being; they're affectionate and have a personality that – once you tune into their frequency – you can't help but laugh at.”

The rule of thumb is that cats are “easier” to live with than dogs, given they are self-sufficient, don't need to be taken for walks, bathe themselves and know their way around a litter box. But there's the small issue of hair (they can shed, a lot), vomit (they like to do it) and claws, which can turn a lovely couch into a torn, threadbare shell of its former self.

Many people aren't fond of cats owing to the belief they are responsible for the death of native birds and animals. It doesn't take too much research to find out the majority of that damage is done by feral cats – not house cats – but either way... let's discuss how to make your house a little more accommodating for cats and, vice versa, your neighbourhood a little safer from them.



Cats by nature are a lot more active at night and for their own safety should not be allowed to wander after the sun goes down. One way to achieve this, if your cat is not entirely an indoor moggie, is to consider a netted cat run. With access via an open window, this allows your pet a way to get a bit of sun and freedom in the fresh air. A wire-rope cable system is the most common method of attaching netting to hard surfaces, such as brickwork, cement and Colorbond fences. It's also the method employed for the majority of professionally installed enclosures. It's cost effective, gives a neat finish and requires little drilling.

There are also free-standing portable cat enclosures that are quick and easy to assemble; I highly recommend looking on catnets.com.au for one.

Dr Chris – who doles out helpful advice at drool.pet – is always saying a scratch pole with a high perch point gives your cat a sense of belonging, and it keeps them from tearing up the furniture or carpeting. Additionally, window hammocks for cats, which attach to panes with suction cups, allow them to do their favourite thing – take a nap in the sunlight – both safely and adorably.

Creating a sanctuary at home where your beloved cat feels safe and happy is important. Research shows that a mentally and physically stimulated cat lives a happier, healthier and longer life. And isn't that the cat's meow? Barry Du Bois is a home-design and renovation specialist, and co-host of *The Living Room* on Network 10.

Cat Containment Laws & Curfews

In February 2021, a Parliamentary Report provided a framework on protecting wildlife and reducing the impact of cats. Veterinary clinics and other organisations are now working together with their local communities to help educate cat owners about the issue and their responsibilities.

Cat containment and the protection of wildlife and the wellbeing of cats is the responsibility of every cat owner. In many districts across Australia, laws do in fact exist with heavy penalties imposed on cat owners if their cats are found roaming the streets.

Councils across Australia are increasingly introducing strict containment laws and curfews in the interest of protecting cats, wildlife and reducing neighbourhood nuisance complaints.

In the ACT, all new cats across all suburbs will need to be contained at all times from July 1st 2022.

This landmark decision from the ACT is the first time laws have been introduced state or territory wide and is sign of what's to come Australia wide.

Residents in regulated suburbs often protest against new laws, not understanding the devastating impact their cats are having on wildlife, and often not understanding just how easy it is to comply with the new laws simply by building an affordable DIY cat run.



**Outdoors,
within
the laws.**

ACT now and don't get caught out
by the A.C.T Cat Containment Laws.
Keeping your cat safe and wildlife protected.

Being compliant is simple with catnets.

DIY Cat Runs and Portable Cat Enclosures
Affordable | Discreet | Easy to install

Visit catnets.com.au



Our Story

Established in 2008, Catnets is proudly Australian owned and run.

Catnets is Australia's leading cat enclosure and cat netting supplier, supplying netting and accessories direct to the public, as well as on a wholesale basis.

We are currently the chosen wholesale supplier to over 25 installers and resellers throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Our core business is the supply of specialised cat netting and installation accessories, portable enclosures and outdoor cat furniture.

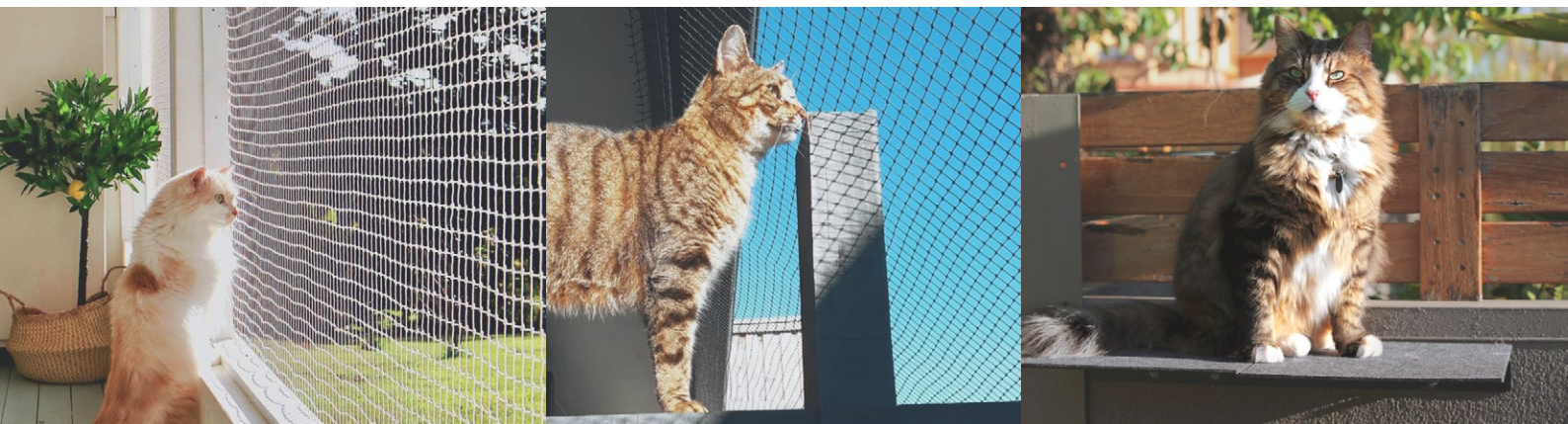
We have evolved from being just a netting supplier, and have established a true social purpose with every cat's P-A-W in mind.

Protection, Awareness and Wellbeing of cats and Australian wildlife is our core purpose, and should also be every cat owner's responsibility.



Our Values

P-A-W



Protection

Many cat owners don't realise it, but their cat is likely getting out and roaming the streets, being exposed to many threats and being a nuisance to their neighbours.

Research shows that indoor cats, or cats that are contained outdoors, live longer lives than cats who roam free. This is no surprise, reducing the threat of fights, dogs, foxes, snakes, theft, becoming lost, disease, and the most significant risk of being injured or killed by a vehicle.

Awareness

Australia has one of the highest rates of pet ownership in the world, with over a quarter of Australian households owning a cat. There are approximately 6.5 million cats across Australia, with pet cats accounting for around 3.77 million of the total cat population.

Sadly, pet cats in Australia collectively kill 390 million animals per year, with many species now extinct because of predatory events.

Every cat owner has an important role to play in reducing the impact that cats have on our wildlife and protected species. Containment is a step in the right direction to help protect our wildlife.

Wellbeing

Creating a sanctuary at home where a cat feels safe and happy is important. Research shows that a mentally and physically stimulated cat is happier and healthier, and as a result may live longer.

It's important that a cat's outdoor enclosure is set up according to its environmental and behavioural needs. These needs may centre around its age, personality, and basic need for rest, play and stimulation. All cats need vertical space, so climbing furniture is critical, and toys are a great way to keep them entertained and stimulated, while scratching surfaces are important to satisfy their basic animal instincts.

Catnets also has a range of enrichment products including cat trees, scratchers and climbing platforms to aid in the overall wellbeing of a cat in an enclosed space. This is the Skywalks™ range of outdoor cat furniture.

4 key benefits of cat containment

1.

One Happy Cat

Keeping cats outdoors in an enclosed area will keep them safe, stimulated and happy.

2.

Avoiding Injury

By allowing cats to roam free, there are many threats they are being exposing to. Cat containment keeps cats safe and reduces the risk of fights, dogs, foxes, theft, becoming lost, disease, and the most significant risk of being injured or hit by a vehicle.

3.

Reduced Vet Bills

Having a safe outdoor environment protects cats from the risk of catching diseases and being injured, ultimately reducing vet bills. Having a safe outdoor area should also help promote more exercise keeping cats healthier.

4.

Reducing the Impact on Wildlife

Studies have shown that roaming cats can be a threat to local species across all of Australia. Cat containment laws exist in many councils across Australia, with heavy penalties for owners who let their cats roam around unrestricted.



Partnerships

Catnets is a proud partner of WIRES, and is dedicated to helping support WIRES mission to actively rehabilitate and preserve Australian wildlife.

Catnets are actively looking for ways to raise money for WIRES and support WIRES with products that are used in the rehabilitation and release of injured animals.



Thank you!



September 7th is National Endangered Species Day

Catnets is proud to be partnering with WIRES to support the ongoing rescue, rehabilitation & release of native Australian wildlife.

[Click here for more details](#)



We take our social purpose seriously

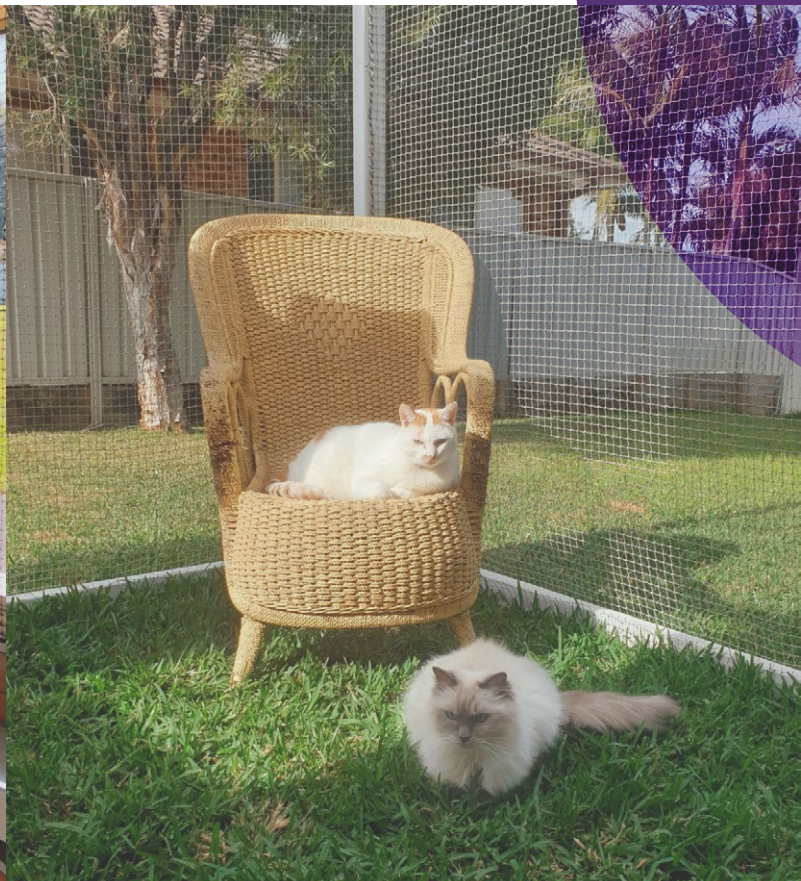
Catnets proudly supports many local rescue shelters across Australia with heavily discounted enclosures and works closely with many vets and shelters to help educate cat owners about their responsibilities.



Why use Cat Netting?

Cat netting is an ideal material for cat runs and enclosures. It has many benefits, including:

- It is very versatile and easy to work with
- It is affordable
- It is barely noticeable once installed
- It is strong and durable, designed to withstand harsh Australian conditions.





Cat Enrichment

All cats need daily activity and stimulation for their wellbeing and behavioural maturity.

The range of Skywalks Outdoor Cat Furniture is made from heavy duty materials.

Built to last outdoors, the range is durable, safe and fun.

Unlike traditional climbing trees or scratching posts, these products are designed for both indoors or outdoors and take up next to no practical living space. Made from powder coated steel and heavy duty outdoor materials, these products are waterproof and can simply be hosed down and cleaned.



Our people



Mark Winney - Director and Catnets Founder

To this day it still brings me enormous satisfaction to read the many positive reviews of our Cat Enclosure products. Catnets provides a unique opportunity to make a "real" difference in both a cat's (and cat owner's) life.



Katrina Paras - General Manager

Being part of the Catnets team has taught me the true value behind a product. Cats are part of the family, and it's rewarding knowing that Catnets is helping to keep much loved cats safe.



Joshua Mitchell - Customer Support & Sales

I've always had a love for Australian native wildlife, so working in safe cat containment was something I easily gravitated towards. My love for cats came later after I adopted my cat Whisper.



Jamie Tran Rico Pisa - Finance Manager

As a person driven by numbers and data, I am fascinated with the whole cat netting industry. With Catnets being at the forefront of all things cat netting, it gives me great confidence and passion to see we are offering quality products while also making an impact in the industry as we continue to grow as a team.



Danny Kocoski - Inventory & Purchasing Manager

It has been a life changing experience working at Catnets, watching our team grow to what it is today, and seeing all the amazing new cat enclosure products over the years.



Michael Gray - Warehouse Storeman

I've always been a cat person, so working here with our wonderful team to keep cats safe is just perfect for me! Pictured here with my cat Tooheys.

Our people



Jeremy Crofton - Warehouse Storeman

It's great to work for a company that paves the way in the cat containment industry, where I can make a real difference. I've always been driven by efficiency and results, so working with the team at Catnets has been a positive challenge as we strive to reach new goals.



Samuel Boyd - Warehouse Storeman

Being a cat owner myself, I am extremely proud of both this team and the work we do at Catnets.



Kyle Burgess - Warehouse Storeman

Growing up with cats, I have always understood the importance of their safety. I'm proud to now be a part of that and help others keep their cats safe.



Contact us

Katrina Paras – General Manager

0410 604 782

Enquiries

(02) 9772 0889

sales@catnets.com.au

Contact us for more information, logos and images.

Follow us on social media

Facebook: www.facebook.com/catnets

Instagram: www.instagram.com/catnets

Youtube: www.youtube.com/c/CatNets1

www.catnets.com.au