

Be a Responsible Cat Owner

*It is a New York State Public Health Law
that indoor and outdoor cats must be vaccinated for rabies*

Be a responsible cat owner:

- Take your cat to a vet every year.
- Make sure your cat is up-to-date on its rabies shots.
- Spay or neuter your cat.
- Feed your cat every day.
- Keep the litter box clean.
- Keep your cat indoors so that they are safe from cars, getting hurt by other people, and from getting other diseases.
- Indoor cats may get outside, so be sure they get a rabies shot.
- Bats can get into a home and infect an indoor cat that has not had its rabies shot.
- Keep a record of your cat's rabies shots. It is needed if you are ever treated for a cat scratch or bite.



What is a feral or stray cat?

Feral cats live in the wild. Stray cats are lost or left by their owner. If you take care of a feral or stray cat, take the cat to a vet for a check-up and a rabies shot. Get the cat spayed or neutered. If you feed a feral or stray cat and it bites someone, you are responsible.

**Teach children to be safe around cats.
Do not let them touch, play, or feed
cats they do not know.**

**Indoor, feral,
and stray cats
all need rabies
shots**



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