



# Kingborough

## How can you keep your cat in your yard?

It is commonly thought that you could not keep your cat in your own yard. Cats jump fences, don't they? Cats do like to explore. However, allowing cats to roam usually leads to illness, injury or premature death for your cat – on roads or in fights with dogs and other cats.

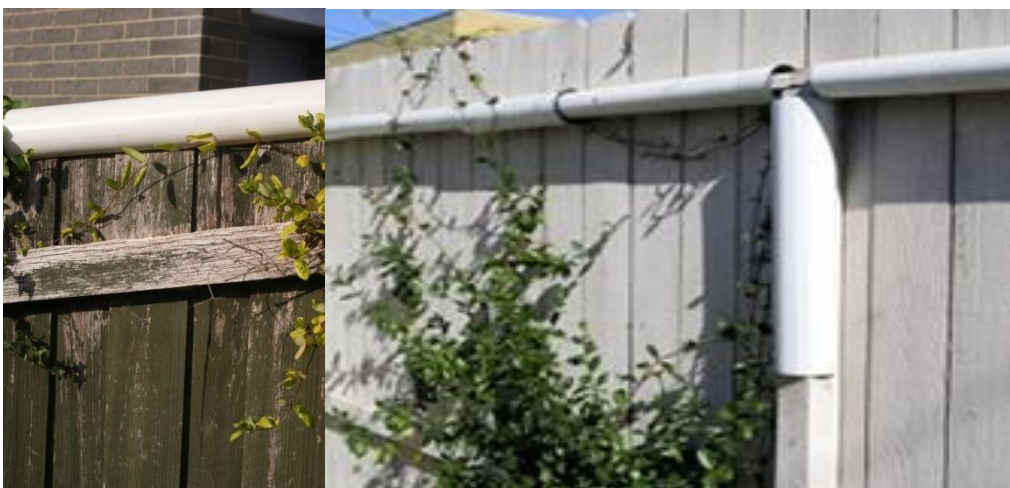
Cat management laws in Tasmania mean that your cat may even be trapped and taken to the pound if it strays into the wrong area.

It is also commonly thought that cats need to roam to be content. Cats that stay indoors or in your yard can get their required pleasure and stimulation if you plan for their needs. If you want your cat to experience the outdoors you can also train your cat to go outside on a harness and leash or build a cat enclosure.

### These days there are many ways to keep your cat happy and safe at home:

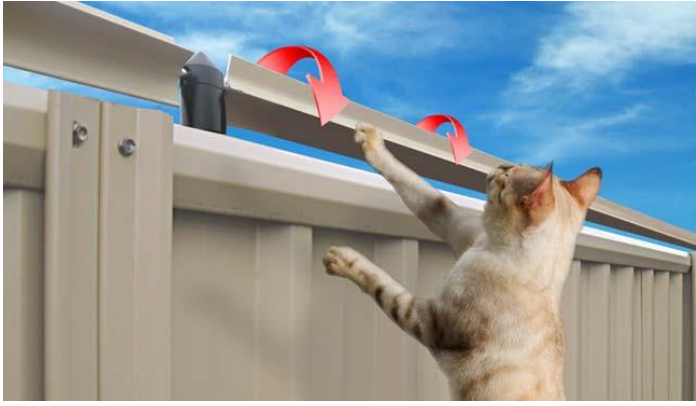
1. Turn your cat into a completely indoors cat – it can be done (see leaflet “Keeping them indoors”).
2. Build your own cat safe fence to keep your cat in your yard.
3. Build an enclosure attached to an existing structure (garage, shed or house).
4. Build a free standing cat enclosure.
5. Contact companies that manufacture fence attachments, enclosures and cat netting.

**Cat Fences:** A cat fence is a specially designed fence to keep your cats safely in your yard and prevent it from scaling fences. They can be homemade, such as attaching lengths of two inch PVC piping along the top of your fence or extending netting above your existing fence line.



There are also commercially available products such as the Oscillot™ system which attaches to the top of existing fences. This system consists of a series of four-bladed paddles which spin freely when touched. A cat cannot get traction on it and will drop back harmlessly to the ground. To learn more visit the website [www.oscillot.com.au](http://www.oscillot.com.au)

The Oscillot cat fence (paddle system): attaches on top of an existing fence.



Plastic spiked fence capping can be purchased and fitted on top of fences, shed roofs etc. They are designed to maximise discomfort without harm. Often marketed under the names 'Thorny Devil', 'Stegastrip' & 'Prikastrip'. Ask at hardware stores.



**Cat Nets:** Can be used to contain your cats within an outside area. <http://www.catnets.com.au/>



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**Cat Enclosures:** Wire or netting enclosures can extend your cat's access from indoors to outdoors for some sunshine and fresh air. Many different free standing enclosures are commercially available.



**Cat Doors:** Consider using a magnetic or microchip operated cat door system to control your cat's movements and safety. Ask your pet shop or try this link:

<http://petsafeaustralia.com.au/products/pet-doors-1/cat-doors.html>

### Where can I get more information?

#### Cat netting and enclosure products:

[www.catnets.com.au](http://www.catnets.com.au) - suppliers of netting and cat enclosure products

[www.catnip.com.au](http://www.catnip.com.au) phone 1800 639 998 - cat enclosure products and accessories

[www.catmax.com.au](http://www.catmax.com.au) - cat enclosure products

[www.stableandupright.com.au](http://www.stableandupright.com.au) New Norfolk phone 0408 535 086

[www.catsafe.com.au/](http://www.catsafe.com.au/) phone 1300 66 47 45 - cat enclosure products and accessories

<http://www.kittyklips.com/secret.htm> - DIY PVC pipe fence options

#### DIY guide to building a cat run or enclosure:

<http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/pets/cats/cat-confinement-enclosures-and-fencing>

#### Ideas for different styles of cat enclosures:

<http://www.catsaustralia.com/cat-enclosures.htm>

Cost can be kept to a minimum by using second hand building material.



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