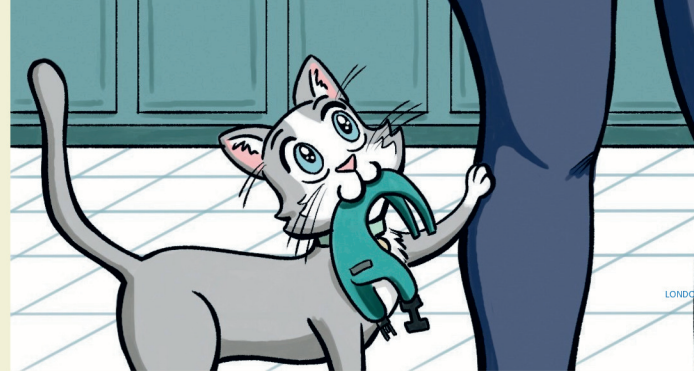
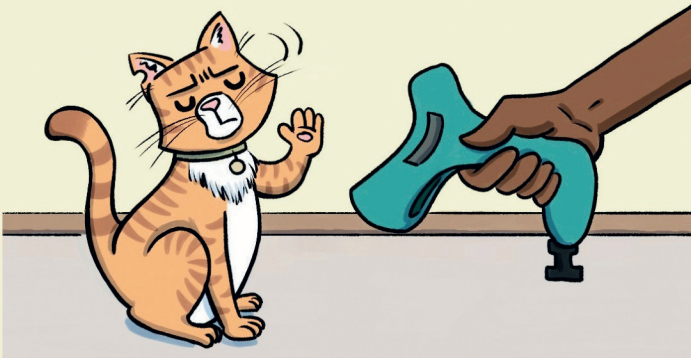
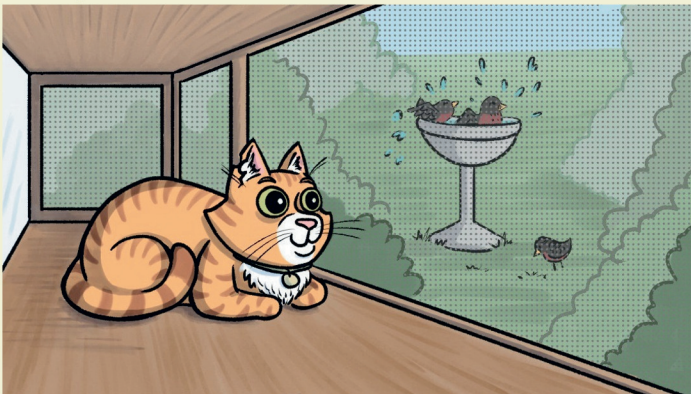




Adult cats can be more difficult, but not impossible, to train to wear a leash and harness. Cats of any age can still enjoy being outside, but they should be kept contained and/or supervised at all times.

Young cats will quickly learn to wear a leash and harness. Once trained, your cat may ask to be taken outside for regular walks. Being outside together is great exercise and promotes your cat's overall wellbeing.



For cats that won't wear a leash, you can create a "catio" space outside where they can be safely contained while still enjoying sunshine and nature.

For more information about keeping cats safe, including instructions for training cats to wear a leash and harness, please visit:

www.catsandbirds.ca
www.birdfriendlypeterborough.ca/cats

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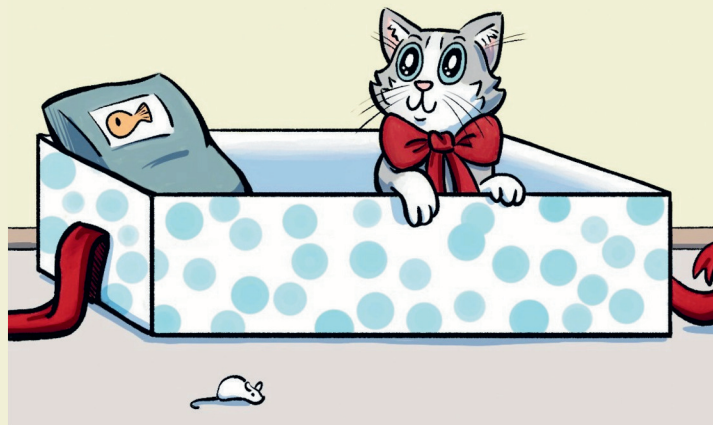


Congratulations on your feline companion!
 Help your cat prepare for a long, healthy life by taking steps early in your relationship.

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Your first months with your pet are some of the most special time you have together. This period is also an important opportunity to develop good habits while your cat is young and easier to train.



Just like children and dogs, many cats express interest in being outside.



However, allowing your pet cat to roam outside without supervision is **extremely dangerous** for both your cat and for wildlife that your cat may hunt like birds and small mammals.



Cats roaming outside may encounter many dangers that can cause them to be injured, poisoned, traumatized or killed. Sadly, many pet cats who wander away from home will never return.

