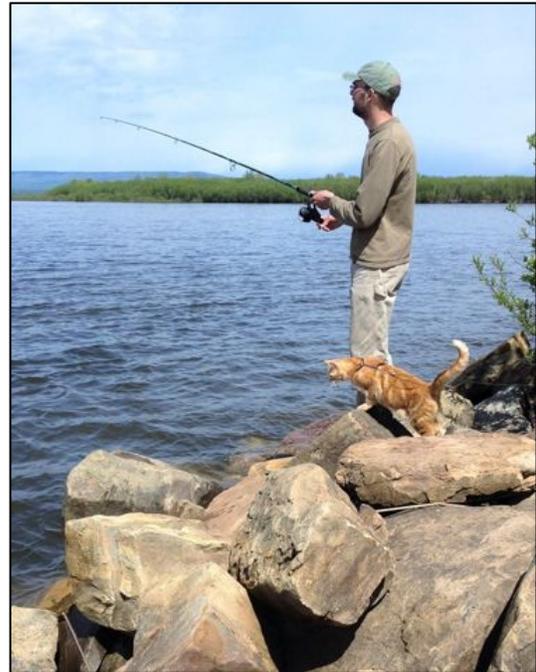




Safe Outdoor Options

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Harness training is a great way to give your cat access to the great outdoors without risk to them or local wildlife. It seems so very unlikely, but experts agree: Cats can be trained to walk with a harness. Your neighbours will get used to the sight! It's a good idea to avoid dog parks, though. Watch the Vetstreet video at www.catsandbirds.ca/research/harness-training-your-cat/ to find out if your cat is a good candidate for harness walking.



If your cat isn't into harness life but you want them to enjoy the great outdoors, you can create a protected outdoor space. Cat enclosures and 'catios' can offer the best of both worlds: your cat gets to go outside, but in a protected environment. Habitat Haven (Toronto, Ontario) and Beautiful World Living Environments for Cats (Brentwood Bay, B.C.) both offer a variety of solutions, from 'catios' to dens to larger enclosures. There are also some relatively inexpensive 'kitty run' options from TSC Pets or Kritter Kondos. Of course, you can also build your own!

There are several companies selling cat fencing, offering a way to keep your cat safely in your own yard. You can add a barrier to a current fence, or create an entirely new cat fence. Cat fences can also work to keep neighbour and stray cats out of your yard if you're trying to create a bird-safe space. Purrfect Fence and Cat Fence In are two of the most popular options.



USEFUL LINKS:

<http://www.habitathaven.com/>

<http://www.abeautifulworld.org/BeautifulWorld/Home.aspx>

<http://www.tscpets.com/enclosures.html>

<http://www.kritterkommunity.com/>

<http://www.purrfectfence.com/>

<http://catfencein.com/>