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We care, when you're not there!

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Indoors or Out?

Each one of my clients is different. Some allow kitty to come and go as he pleases, going to great expense to fit cat flaps—sometimes in the most awkward and expensive places! Others of you prefer to keep kitty indoors at all times—either because you live near busy roads, or just feel happier with that arrangement. And then there are those who put up with the scratching and howling at 6am because somebody (and I don't mean the husband!) needs a wee..

But what is best for your cat? Do cats

naturally prefer to be outside? It's true that cats are born with a strong sense of curiosity, and many are explorers at heart. There are those of us who've had many a sleepless night (s) when kitty doesn't come back...

If you'd like to let her out, but are worried, there are a few things you can do to make it safer. Maybe you could build a protective pen for her in your garden, with sheltered areas to protect against bad weather or hot sunshine. Always make sure if pussy cat is free to roam that if they

wear a collar, it's an elasticated one that will come free if it gets caught on branches, or anywhere else kitty shouldn't be sticking her head into!

Many clients worry about when they are away if their cat is kept indoors. Try being creative and leave out brown paper bags with treats in the bottom for them to forage in, in addition to plenty of toys, to help keep them amused in-between our visits. Left to their own devices, most cats are active enough to keep fit and sane—you just need to make sure they're safe!

Left or Right Paw?

According to the Metro Paper, latest research suggests cats, dogs, parrots and even fish prefer using one paw, foot or eye over the other. Known as lateralisation, the characteristic of choosing one hand over another was

thought to be confined to humans.

However, the team from Queens University, Belfast, have discovered this trait in our furry friends. With cats, the team from Queen's University in Belfast

concluded that females tend to favour their right paw when trying to extract a treat from a jar while toms prefer their left.

Is this true for your furry friend?!

We all love tales of cats who have helped their owners through adversity or who have defied the odds themselves and these are the inspiration behind Cats Protection's Rescue Cat Awards sponsored by Purina Pet-Care. Following on from the success of past events, entries are now sought for this year's ceremony which is due to take place at the New

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Rescue Cat Awards 2010

London Theatre in the West End on 4 August.

The Rescue Cat Awards celebrate tales of feline heroism, bravery, survival and companionship and are open to any living cat rescued as a stray by its current owner or adopted from an animal welfare organisation. Celebrity judges will select one winner for each of the following four categories while a fifth cat from the entries received will be awarded the coveted title of Cats Protection's Rescue Cat of the Year 2010.

The categories for the awards are as follows:
 Hero Cat – Cats that have saved the day!
 Ultimate Survivor – Tales of feline survival after

those nine lives have been spent

Best Friends – Where a best feline friend has radically improved the quality of human life
 Most Incredible Story – Belief-defying, true stories. If only puss could talk!

A special Lifetime Achievement award will also be presented to an older cat chosen from all entries who has shown remarkable support or friendship to its owner over the years.

Closing date for entries is 27 May 2010—for an entry form visit:
<http://www.cats.org.uk/get-involved/rescuecatawards/entry-form>



All about Persians...

Inspired by Lucci, the hyper-ventilating Persian...The Persian is a long haired cat, characterized by its round face and shortened muzzle. Persians are generally placid and homely, and are the most popular cat breed in the USA.

Intensive breeding has made

the characteristic "flat face" of Persians become more and more exaggerated, and Persians can have any colour or marking.

They do require regular grooming to keep them in good health, as their long, dense coat is extremely difficult for them to maintain.

It is also recommended that Persians are bathed regularly and groomed every other day to prevent them getting matted.

On the whole, Persians are seen as affectionate, placid and clean cat, though noisy when they are hungry!

