

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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and neutering information call:
Spaying and Neutering Syracuse at
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the SPCA at (315) 454-4479

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