

## How to Keep Cats Safe - Outdoors

In the USA 60% of cats are indoor-only cats, whereas in the UK this is around 10% (but increasing). However, it is much better to be able to offer cats outdoor access where available and suitable. There are several manufacturers who now specialise in different forms of safe outdoor containment products for cats, which provide a much larger exercise area.

**There are a variety of ways of providing a large outdoor area for cats, but the ideal ones that still provide security and safety are:**

- Fenced area within the garden
- Fencing around the garden boundaries
- Remember to include tunnels or places to play or hide in, and objects to perch on to provide vantage points!

*“Cats don’t have to be deprived of the great outdoors to stay safe. Cats can be trained to accept a harness and leash, and cat enclosures can allow them to experience all the pleasures of the great outdoors without all of the risks”*

*Humane Society of the United States*

*“A purpose-built outdoor enclosure could provide your cat with the sights & smells of the outside world and give his life some variety, without exposing him to many of the outdoor risks. Alternatively, you might consider using high fencing and Elizabethan collars on trees to keep your cat within the confines of your own garden”*

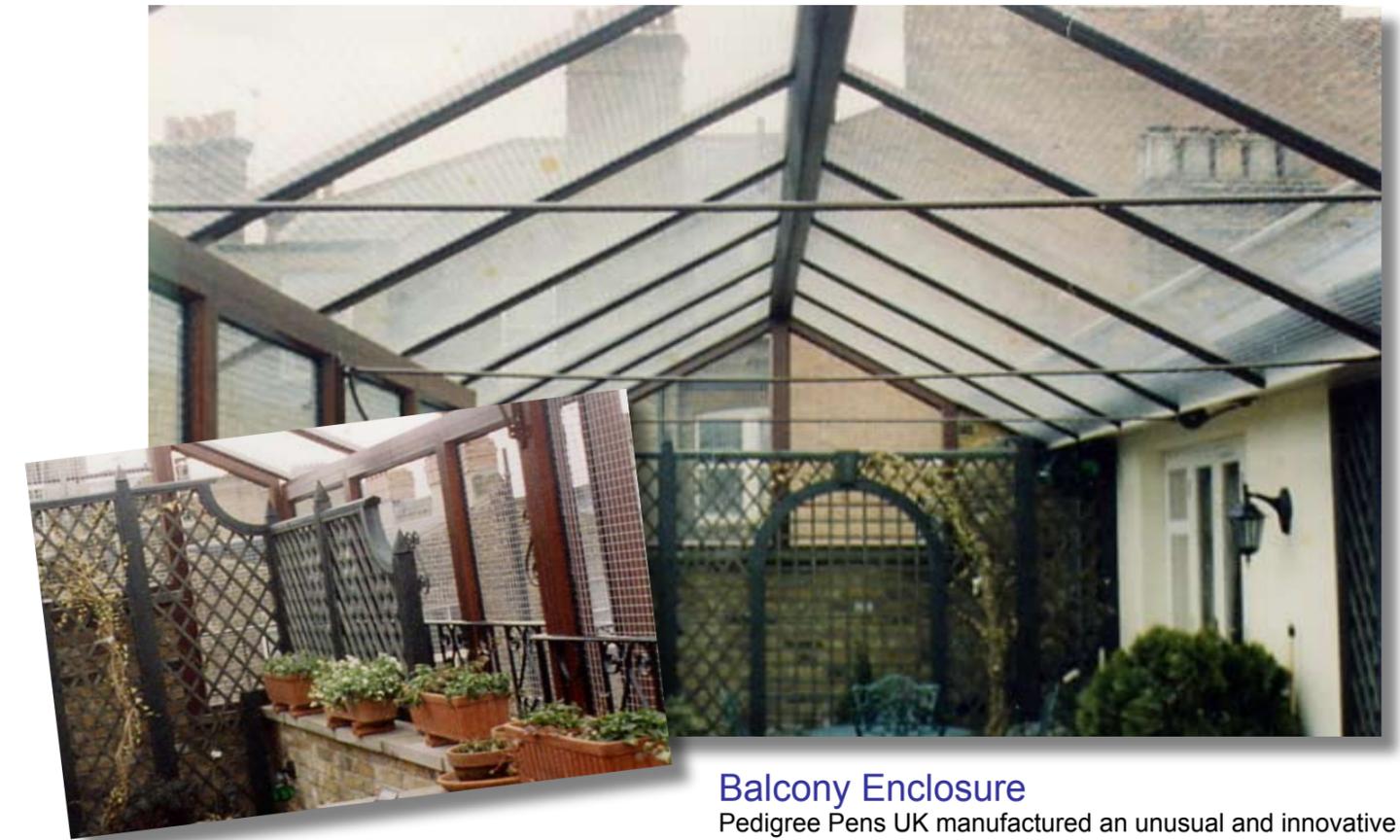
*Feline Advisory Bureau, UK*

### Reasons why some cats are kept indoors:

- Pedigree cats
- Living in high-rise apartments
- Traffic
- Disease
- Poisons
- Attacks by other animals, or mistreatment by people
- Prey on small mammals, birds, and wildlife
- Zoonotic diseases (can be transmitted to humans) such as rabies
- Defecate in or damage other people’s gardens
- Accidental loss – cats can get shut in sheds/garages, and even vehicles

### Reasons why some cats may prefer to be indoors:

- Stress – a timid cat may find the outdoors very stressful
- Attacks by other animals or mistreatment by people
- Elderly, or for health reasons



### Balcony Enclosure

Pedigree Pens UK manufactured an unusual and innovative balcony enclosure for an apartment-living cat owner in London.

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### Climb-proof Cat Fencing

Purr...fect Fence (UK, USA and Canada) manufactures lightweight, flexible, angled mesh that is cost-effective, easy to install and has minimal visual impact. It is worth considering for a wide range of cat-based operations.

You can read more about cat fencing on the following pages.

**Mention ‘Cattery Design’ and save 10% on your order!**

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# CASE STUDY: KEEPING CATS SAFE OUTDOORS



Organisation: Purr...fect Fence  
Location: USA, Canada, UK

Fencing Solution for: Cat owners who want to provide a safe outdoor area for their cats, or catteries who want to provide a safe outdoor exercise option for their clients.

Exercise area: Small gardens/yards to acres!  
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CREATE A CAT-SAFE OUTDOOR ENCLOSURE - WHETHER A SMALL AREA ADJACENT TO THE HOUSE, LARGE AREAS, OR THE PERIMETER OF YOUR LAND. IF YOU HAVE WOODLAND, ERECTING THE FENCE JUST INSIDE THE TREE LINE MAKES IT VIRTUALLY DISAPPEAR!

# PURR...FECTION FENCE

## CAT WELFARE & WELLBEING

Recent studies have proven that many cats kept exclusively indoors can understandably suffer from behavioural problems and boredom/frustration.

Cats are by nature designed to roam and explore outdoors - without this ability, many can become depressed and exhibit undesirable, problem behaviours or illness. It must be similar to how humans feel when confined indoors during the long winter months - a case of cabin fever, but one that never ends!

So, how do we allow cats freedom and the health benefits of being outdoors - but in safety?

As you will see on these pages, there are kind, humane, effective, safe systems which are virtually invisible, reliable and easy to install - such as special cat fencing. It works because the movement of the cat fencing will not appeal to cats, and even determined cats who do climb it will not be able to leave, because of the angled top which prevents cats climbing over.

Since most cats can climb or jump, an effective cat fence

must be at least 6ft/2m high and have an escape-proof top. Some products can be retro-fitted to the tops of existing fences.

Garden cabins and pens offer a very limited amount of space to move about in. They are also certainly not invisible in nature, are often unattractive and can be expensive. However, pens could be used in conjunction with cat fencing to create a large open area with a shelter, or even better, attach the exercise area to your home to allow more freedom and choices.

## THE IDEAL CAT FENCING

When considering an outdoor cat fence, **the true outdoor experience for your cat is best and most easily created with a large, secure, fear-free and safe play/exercise area.**

### Safe, kind cat fencing advantages:

- Provides you with peace of mind & happy cats
- Increased living space helps reduce behavioural issues
- Inexpensive compared with conventional fencing
- No pre-existing fence required
- Minimal visual impact to your property



## What are you most pleased with?

Purr...fect Cat Fence is the first complete, free-standing, garden or yard fence enclosure for cats. Cats can safely enjoy all the benefits of the great outdoors, without you worrying about their safety. Purr...fect Cat Fence comes in kits that are **inexpensive, easy to install, virtually invisible**, and include everything you need to turn your garden or yard

into a safe and secure paradise for your cats. The cat fence enclosure material is flexible, so most cats don't like to climb it. The 'Houdini-proof' arch at the top has been so effective, no cat has been able to climb over the enclosure.

**Cat safety fencing is the affordable, effective, safe and visually appealing alternative to conventional fencing.**



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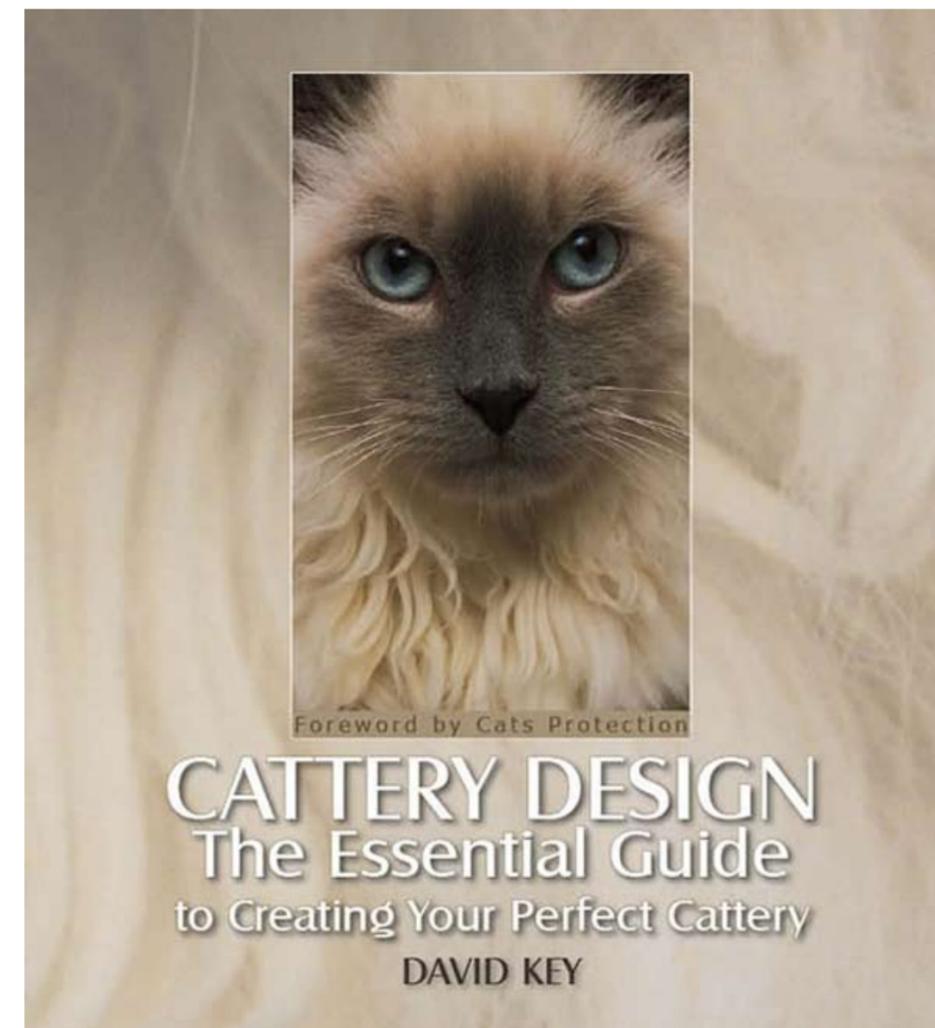
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