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Dear neighbour

We recently had a cat with the following description wander onto our property, and we wish to notify its cat owner of this.

Cat description:

If this cat belongs to you, it would be appreciated if you keep your cat contained to your property, and not allow it to wander or trespass on surrounding properties.

Under the Domestic Animals Act 1994, cats are not allowed to enter private property without permission. From 10 April 2022, cat owners need to keep their cats on their property at all times.

Your co-operation in resolving this matter will be appreciated. We would like to avoid trapping the wandering / trespassing cat and handing it over to Council to address our concern.

Further information about the cat curfew is available at knox.vic.gov.au/cats

Thank you,
Your neighbor



Keep your cat safe and secured, visit knox.vic.gov.au/cats

Protecting cats in Knox

In Knox, we have over 7,000 registered cats. Cats are important residents in our community, and we want to ensure they live happy and long lives.

Knox Council introduced this change from 10 April 2022 to:

- **keep your cat safe and secured**

Roaming cats can get hit by cars, injured in fights, infected with diseases or get lost. Contained cats have longer lives because they are not exposed to these hazards.

- **protect local wildlife**

Cats are most likely to kill native wildlife between dusk and dawn; even well-fed cats will hunt.

- **Reduce cat nuisance in the community**

Cats can annoy neighbours by spraying, fighting, yowling and digging in gardens. Keeping your cat on your property will reduce complaints from your neighbours.

Animal experts recommend curfews as the best way to protect pet cats from injury and sickness.

Many animal welfare organisations also support 24 hour curfews as they're more effective in protecting cats and reducing unwanted breeding.