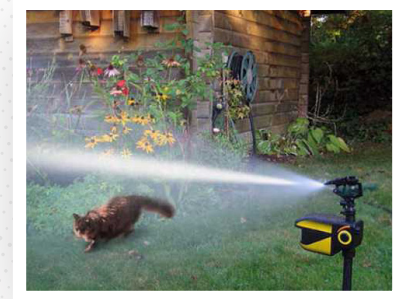




HOW TO KEEP STRAY CATS OUT OF YOUR YARD

1. CAT DETERRENTS CAN BE USED TO PREVENT UNWANTED CATS IN YOUR YARD.

Motion-activated water sprinklers detect when a cat (or similar-sized animal) enters an area and shoots out a sudden burst of water. The spray rarely hits the cat but startles and scares it away. Cats in the neighbourhood soon learn the boundaries of the protected area and become trained to stay out. The device connects to a hose and can be solar-powered.



2. CAT PROOF FENCING

Typically fence attachments are used to keep pet cats **in** their yards, but also can be used to keep stray cats **out**. For example, the **Australian-designed Oscillot Cat-proof Fence Kit** <https://oscillot.com.au> involves rollers (also called paddles) attached to existing fences at least 1.8 metres high. As a cat attempts to jump over the fence, the roller spins and the cat drops back to the ground. However, there must be no trees, or garages, sheds or house roofs in your or your neighbour's yard that the cat can use to avoid the rollers.



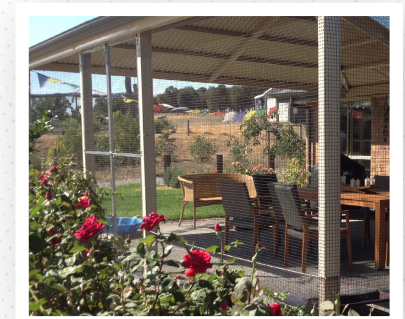
3. DISCOURAGE CATS FROM DIGGING IN YOUR GARDEN

- Cover exposed garden areas with rough-surfaced rocks or cat deterrent matting which can be cut to fit or wrapped around poles/trees to prevent cats from climbing.
- Scatter or spray non-toxic repellents on gardens, e.g. repellent crystals.
- Spray Citronella oil around your garden.

4. HELP YOUR NEIGHBOUR WITH INFORMATION AND SUPPORT TO CONTAIN THEIR CATS SAFELY

1. Print and share this brochure: Keeping Your Cats Safely Confined to Your Property: <https://www.awlqld.com.au/ipscatsathomebrochure/>
2. Email your neighbour this link with more resources: <https://www.awlqld.com.au/pet-owner-help/cat-behaviour-and-care/#/escape>
3. If you have the time and skills, perhaps you can help your neighbour install a fence attachment or enclose part of their yard.

Note: All these options are provided as ideas only. Please use your discretion. We cannot accept responsibility for the effectiveness of these examples as each cat and each situation will be different.



CONTACT THE AWLQ CAT ASSISTANCE TEAM (C.A.T.)

The AWLQ Cat Assistance Team is available to help prevent nuisance issues, e.g. advice on deterrents, loaning some deterrent devices, and assisting your neighbours to contain their cats.

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