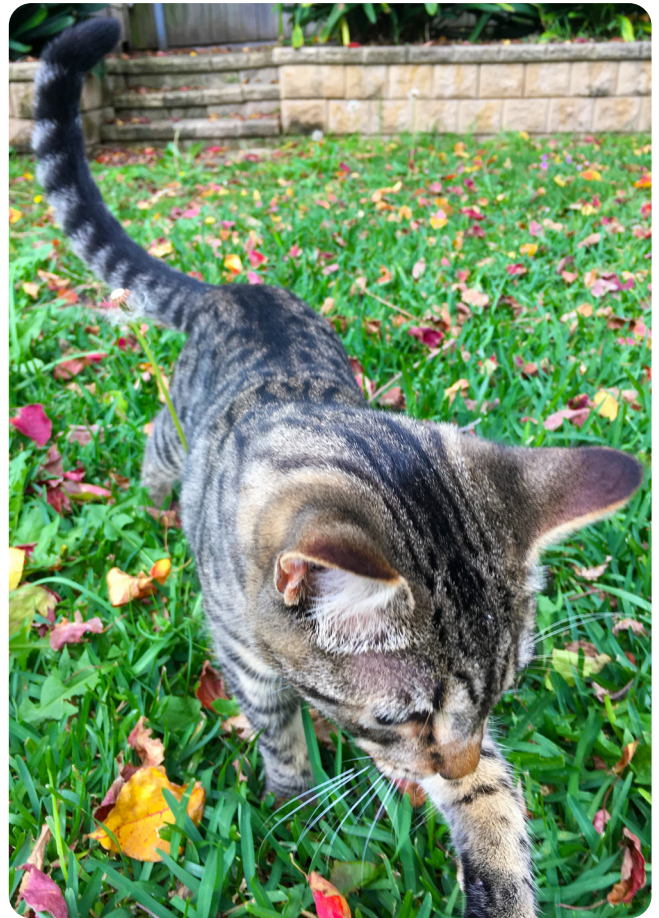


# Roaming Nuisance Cats

## What is a nuisance cat?

- ▶ Under the *Companion Animals Act, 1998* (the Act), cats are allowed in public places without a leash or under the control of a person, but are not allowed within 10 meters of food preparation and consumption areas, or wildlife protection areas.
- ▶ Cats may be considered a nuisance under the Act if they:
  - ▶ Make a noise that persistently occurs or continues to such a degree or extent that it unreasonably interferes with the peace, comfort or convenience of any person in any other premises; or
  - ▶ Repeatedly damage anything outside the property on which it is ordinarily kept.
- ▶ The Act also provides for the protection of persons and animals (other than vermin) from injury or death from a cat attack.
- ▶ We recommend contacting Customer service if you see a cat in a prohibited area, attacking a person or animal, or repeatedly damaging your property.



## How to keep roaming cats out of your garden

- ▶ We encourage residents to not feed cats they're unfamiliar with, as they are known to group in areas where they can easily access food.
- ▶ It is also recommended that residents securely close their bins as cats are known to be attracted by easily accessed garbage.
- ▶ There are many sprays and repellents available on the market that are effective in deterring unknown cats from visiting your area or property.
- ▶ Make it difficult to enter the garden with a close-boarded fence, and securing holes in fences or hedges.
- ▶ Plant shrubs closely, grow prickly plants or use small pebbles or chippings to make it difficult for cats to dig.
- ▶ Keep flowerbeds watered, as some cats don't like wet earth.

