

BENEFITS OF CATS INDOORS

- Keeping your cat indoors, especially between dusk and dawn, provides benefits to your cat, yourself and the environment
- There are lots of hazards for cats living outdoors, such as disease and injury through fighting and accidents
- Outdoor cats average lifespan is many years shorter than that of indoor-only cats
- Indoor cats increase opportunities for owner interaction and reduce potential disturbance to neighbours

HELP YOUR CAT HAVE A LONGER LIFE AND PROTECT OUR WILDLIFE

- Create a 'cat enclosure' in your backyard/courtyard or use clear netting to enclose your balcony or verandah
- Encourage your cat to stay indoors by providing sufficient stimulation such as toys, scratching post and indoor pots of cat grass
- Teach your new kitten to be happy indoors and gradually adjust older cats time spent indoors
- Attach a barrier on top of your existing boundary fence to keep your cat contained within your yard

For more information contact the Cat Protection Society of NSW Inc. email info@catprotection.org.au or call 9519 7201.



For more information about Wildlife Protection Areas and responsible pet ownership, call **9806 5050** or visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au



National Relay Service (NRS) ph: 133 677

Hearing impaired and deaf people may call the City of Parramatta Council through the NRS, using modem or textphone by dialling 133 677 and quoting customer service number 9806 5050.

Telephone Interpreter Service is available. Call 131 450 and ask for Parramatta City Council's Customer Service Number (02) 9806 5050.

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WILDLIFE PROTECTION AREAS IN PARRAMATTA



Conserving our native wildlife and encouraging responsible pet ownership





WHAT ARE WILDLIFE PROTECTION AREAS?

Wildlife Protection Areas are declared under the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 for the protection of our unique native animals and their habitats.

This declaration also aims to increase community awareness of our local wildlife and encourage responsible petownership.

Cats are prohibited from entering a Wildlife Protection Area and dogs must be on a lead and remain on established tracks.

WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?

Our diverse bushland is home to over 200 unique native animal species such as fairy wrens, honeyeaters, tree frogs, sugar gliders, water dragons, skinks and owls. A number of these species are threatened with extinction and need our help to ensure their future survival.

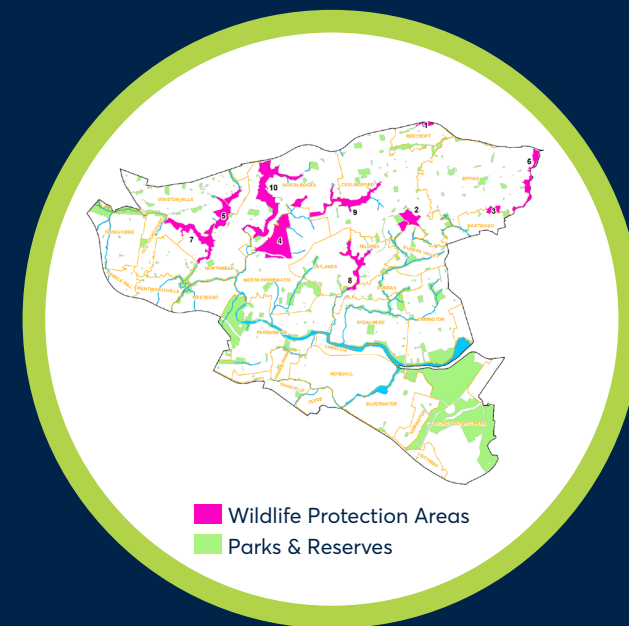
The bushland reserves declared as Wildlife Protection Areas have been identified as supporting our highest diversity of native animals.

Native wildlife such as birds, lizards, frogs and possums are vulnerable to pets who are allowed to roam and hunt.

The number of native animals injured or killed in your area can be reduced by keeping your cat on your property and walking your dog on a leash.

HELPING WILDLIFE PROTECTION AREAS

- Council encourages cat owners to keep their cat(s) indoors at night and contained on their property during the day
- Cats found in a Wildlife Protection Area can be seized and the owner incur a penalty of up to \$880 under Section 30 of the Companion Animals Act 1998
- Keep your dog(s) on a leash and remain on established tracks in Wildlife Protection Areas
- Owners of dog(s) roaming off-leash within bushland of a Wildlife Protection Area may incur a penalty of up to \$1100 under Section 14 of the Companion Animals Act 1998
- Please clean-up after your dog(s) as failure of an owner or handler to immediately remove their dog(s) faeces may incur a penalty of up to \$880 under Section 20 of the Companion Animals Act 1998
- Native vegetation, animals, bush rock and other natural features are protected and must not be removed
- Use of motor vehicles and motorbikes is prohibited
- Dumping of garden waste and other rubbish is not permitted. Any litter should be placed in the bins provided or taken home



WHERE ARE OUR WILDLIFE PROTECTION AREAS?

- 1 Beecroft South Bushland Reserve (Beecroft)
- 2 Cox Park & Galaringi Reserve (Carlingford, Dundas Valley)
- 3 Edna Hunt Sanctuary (Eastwood, Epping)
- 4 Lake Parramatta Reserve (North Parramatta)
- 5 Quarry Branch Creek (Northmead, Winston Hills)
- 6 Terrys Creek & Vimiera Park (Epping, Eastwood)
- 7 Upper Toongabbie Creek (Constitution Hill, Northmead, Winston Hills)
- 8 Vineyard Creek Reserve (Dundas, Oatlands, Telopea)
- 9 Darling Mills Creek (Northmead / North Rocks)
- 10 Hunts Creek & Seville Reserve (Carlingford / North Rocks)