

Feeding Community Cats

An activity of "Goat towers and cat ladders"

Read "Goat towers and cat ladders" (page 20, *What's Up* August 2021). Many Swiss who live in high-rise apartments support their pet cats' freedom to roam outdoors by building cat ladders.

In Singapore, we often encounter cats in our neighborhoods. Though we don't encourage building ladders for these cats to leave and enter our homes, we can help these graceful creatures in other ways.

1. Watch the following 2021 video featuring speakers from our local Cat Welfare Society: "How can we take care of community cats in Singapore?"

➤ <https://youtu.be/gfA1KZ5V1Fw>

2. Based on the video and the *What's Up* story, what are some of your thoughts about living harmoniously with our community cats?

3. Try solving this problem.

Your neighbourhood has a growing population of community cats. Every now and then, you notice opened styrofoam boxes of food at lift lobbies or along the corridors. You know these are most probably left for the cats by your well-meaning neighbours. The cats are seen prowling around these areas. Sometimes, cat fights take place causing leftover food to be scattered everywhere. The food invites ants, cockroaches, and rats, leaving many residents very annoyed. Though you adore cats, you don't welcome the mess. You decide to do something about it.

Based on your solution, design a friendly and attractive brochure to inform your neighbours about **Responsible Cat Feeding**. Here are some tips:

- Include instructions or "Do's and Don'ts".
- Keep your language simple and direct.
- Include graphics where helpful.
- Refer to this website for some ideas: <https://spca.org.sg/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Flyer-Responsible-Cat-Feeding.pdf>
- You may use the following template.

Template for brochure

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- 1) Include an attractive title in the header (elongated box).
- 2) Provide clear and concise instructions/tips in the lined boxes.
- 3) Draw helpful and relevant pictures in the empty boxes.
- 4) Put a final message with your main idea in the footer (elongated box).
- 5) Add colour to your brochure.