

## **Cat Attack of native animals, an argument for a 24 hr cat curfew.**

Animalia wildlife shelter rehabilitates many animals each year up to 3000 animals in fact. 85% of those animals that come into care are as a direct result of cat attack.

Many of those animals sadly do not make it or often have to be euthanased due to their injuries being too severe, Often the injuries are multiple attacks over long periods of time. These multiple attacks on one individual animal happens because the cat is a supreme predator but pet cats are often not hungry but still possess the instinct to hunt. So instead they “play” with our native wildlife. I am often the last stop for the poor animal and the last hope usually by this stage the infection is so great it has caused toxemia in the system. Sadly it is a down hill spiral and no amount of antibiotics will help or stem the infection, the kidney is shutting down due to trying to fight the huge infection for so long as well as the liver starting to fail. Due to stress blood loss the animal is dehydrated and its heart is struggling to beat with thickened blood. Would you stand by and do nothing?

2013 Top Ten excuses by members of the public for their cat bringing a possum or bird to them.

1/. “Fluffy doesn’t hunt she finds them and brings them to me so I can get them help somebody else’s cat did that”

2/." Fluffy was only outside for 5mins and she must have found it".

3/. "She knows not to kill anything but she likes to play with them but she never kills them"

4/." She was out last night but she found it this morning"

5/." She was just holding it til I came"

6/." My cat is too old to hunt it wouldn't have been her"  
(after they handed me a headless sugar glider left on the back door mat)

7/." My cat stays in our yard and never hunts" (just as cat jumped back on to the top of their side fence with another bird in its mouth)

8/. "Fluffy only pulls out their feathers it's just a game to her, she dosent know any better"

9/."My cats are well fed.. they don't need to eat wildlife...they would not fit them in.."

10/." My cat thinks of the possums as family and often plays with them" this after I pointed out the bleeding neck wounds in a 150g baby brushtail that they said cat had taken inside

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