

That cuddly kitty is deadlier than you think!



“Forget all the adorable images of cats that play the piano, flush the toilet, mew melodiously and find their way back home over hundreds of miles. Scientists have identified a shocking new truth: cats are far deadlier than anyone realized.”

“Researchers from the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute and the fish and Wildlife Service estimated that domestic cats in the United States – both household pets that only spend part of the day outdoors and the unnamed strays and feral cats that never leave it – kill about 2.4 billion birds and 12.3 billion mammals a year, most of them native mammals”

“The estimated kill rates are twice to four times higher than mortality figures previously bandied about, and position the domestic cat as one of the single greatest human-linked threats to wildlife in the USA.....”

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Makes you think doesn't it! Yet another warning that those residents who knowingly continue to defy our rules by keeping pets, especially cats, are guilty of endangering the birds and small mammals on our estate.