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Good day

Where as Canada's birds are in trouble and some species have declined by over 90%. Cats, both pet and feral, cause approximately 200 million bird deaths a year. We have a responsibility to mitigate loss and protect our birds, as they are a key part of a healthy environment.

We also have a responsibility to keep our cats safe and healthy. The feral cat population is growing rapidly and shelters can't keep pace. Twice as many cats are in shelters as dogs. Outdoor cats are exposed to a variety of threats, including diseases (e.g., feline leukemia), parasites, vehicle collisions, and fights with wildlife and other cats.

Dogs are not allowed to roam. Cats should not be roaming either.

Please consider this addition.

Yours truly,

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