



From the desk of Miss Kitty Zimmerman

Greetings from Miss Kitty, a feline resident of Ardenwoods Retirement Community.

First of all, I want to make it clear, I am no where near the age of retirement, I am only 6 going on 7 years old, but my people are retired. They moved to this community 7 months ago, and I want to share this experience from a feline's perspective.

First of all, if you're not upset by all the chaos of moving from a residence you have been familiar with for a long time, act like you are. This gets you lots and lots of special attention and care. There is a sign outside "my peoples" door that says, "this house is maintained solely for the comfort and convenience of the cat" - take advantage of that when you move to your new apartment. This worked for me!

There are big windows in every room, so make sure furniture is placed in such a way you can look out and/or lie in the sun. There is always something going on outside to get your attention. You also have options as to where you want to spend your time - for me I prefer (most of the time) sleeping on my people's bed where I can enjoy the sun and looking out the window for the small amount of time I am awake.

There are nice closets that I can turn into my "hidey hole" and I really enjoy this feature. Although my people do not let me do it very often, I can go out into the hall and take some longer walks without fear of being chased by a "resident dog", and yes they are here, but unlike us, they have to be on a leash.

When I have had to have those dreaded shots, there are lots of options for feline care. There is a vet who will actually make house calls to Ardenwoods. My Vet is less than a mile away which means I don't have to be in my carrying case very long. I have to admit that my vet and his staff take good care of me.

There are also lots of stores where your people can buy your special food and favorite toys to play with. Personally, I like to chase a rolled up piece of paper, but if I want something more exotic, there are options. When my people have to go somewhere and leave me, they have friends here at Ardenwoods who are willing to come in and feed and scoop my litter box, and sometimes they take me with them.

All in all, it is a good life here and I hope to see your picture on our PET WALL in our Clubhouse very soon!