

# Deadly combination! Cats, cars and cold

Call to save feline lives as incidents of cats getting trapped under hoods on rise

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Following many incidents with cats getting trapped under vehicles or hit by motorists on highways, animal lovers in the Kingdom have urged drivers to exercise caution.

As temperature drops, cats spot unusual places for warmth, and mostly under hoods too! Stray cats are the culprits here, who could not afford the luxury of a comfy shelter.

Residents who have witnessed such incidents or had saved a few felines from disaster warn people to watch their cars before accelerating away.

They also urge motorists to



abandoned pets become feral as they have to fend for themselves.

"Now, feral cats are said to have outnumbered dogs as it is impossible to reintroduce cats to a new owner.

Another cat lover said, "I think reducing the amount of freely available food will reduce the attractiveness of an area to the cats and thus help in population control."

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"The most effective way of controlling the population is by capturing the adult cats and having them sterilised and releasing them back to the community.



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A CAT LOVER

take care not to run over cats on the streets.

Mishel Fernandes, an animal enthusiast and cat owner, told The Daily

Tribune, "I reside in Adliya, and I notice a lot of cats in my region every time.

"It's heartbreaking to witness animals getting struck by cars.

"Since owners either unintentionally or consciously abandon them, stray cats have become a major issue in the Kingdom.

"When pets become disruptive or grow too large, people abandon them. These cats are often left alone on the property or dropped off on the roadside.

"Such animals are often discovered after foreclosure when the new realtor enters the home.

"Animals fortunate enough to survive were discovered often in poor condition due to lack of resources such as water and food."

She also pointed out: "These

"Pets won't survive in the wild without resources, which means they are at a disadvantage whenever they are left without humans to watch over them.

"Many are left to starve or become dehydrated.

I request the concerned authorities in the Kingdom to look into the issues of stray cats."

**What happens to a cat that is relocated or abandoned? He will be frightened and run off in a panic looking for his "home." He will use considerable energy searching for his original home and have no known food source or shelter. Many of these cats starve or die from exposure within weeks or a few short months.**

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## Killing brother: Public Prosecution denies social media reports

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The Deputy Head of the Family and Child Prosecution yesterday rejected social media reports about an accused killing his brother.

"Reports spreading on social media are false," the prosecutor said, denying the 'veracity' of the stories published online.

Prosecutors confirmed: "It was the victim who got released on the day of the incident."

He returned to his family home, where he fought with his brother, who used a white weapon to attack the victim and killed him immediately.

Reports had said that the person had assaulted his brother at



his home with a knife.

Following the incident, prosecutors said they had examined the crime scene with experts

from the Criminal Laboratory Department of the General Department of Investigations and Forensic Evidence.

Following this, a coroner examined the body.

The accused, Public Prosecution had said, admitted the crime he committed.

He told investigators that he had personal grudges against him.

Public Prosecution also conducted a photographic examination of the crime scene and ordered the accused to pre-trial detention, pending further investigation.

Reports also said that investigations are underway to determine the circumstances of the crime and expedite technical reports for referring the accused to a criminal trial.

## Pardoned inmates & their families thank HM King

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Inmates who had gained their freedom for a second chance in life through Royal Pardon on the occasion of Bahrain celebrating National Days yesterday expressed their gratitude and appreciation to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

HM King had pardoned 361 people serving jail terms in various cases, presenting them with an opportunity to integrate into society anew and participate in the Kingdom's development march.

The inmates were released as per the provision of the Alternative Penal Code.

Families said the royal pardon confirms the paternal gesture of HM King and "it has warmed our hearts."

"Our children have been returned to our arms again.

"They now can return to their normal lives by turning a new page for a stable and prosperous future."



## Bahrain Cancer Society explains the importance of receiving annual tests

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Cancer is a disease that does not come with very early warning signs; therefore, it is crucial to receive annual tests to ensure you are in good health.

According to the World Cancer Research Fund International, there were an estimated 18.1 million cancer cases globally in 2020. Of the 18.1 m cases, 9.3m were in men, and 8.8 m were in women, the study states.

The study states that with the growing number of cancer cases, prevention is a significant public health challenge of the 21st century.

With changing lifestyles and higher rates of obesity, the incidence of cancer is bound to rise over the years to come, the study reports.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune, Abdul Rahman Ebrahim Fakhro, President of the Bahrain Cancer Society, said: "Any disease has a cause and discovering the causes of cancer may spare future generations. Specific types of cancers have definitive causes and cures."

"Smoking cigarettes can affect the lungs leading to lung cancer. Environment having chemical and ionising radiation can lead to cancer, as is obesity. Consumption of fatty foods, roasted food, and canned food are all unhealthy lifestyle habits that could lead to future health problems like cancer."

Unfortunately, there are no very early symptoms or signs of cancer, as it usually starts in silence. "So, it is essential to practice self-examination to be aware of Breast Cancer, Hodgkin's that affects the lymphatic system and non-Hodgkin's," said Fakhro.

"Individuals should take routine medical check-ups and seek medical advice if they have noticed any change like loss of weight, mass in the abdomen, persistent respiratory manifestation, or gastro-intestinal manifestation."

There are specific cancers that have been increasing in the Kingdom. "We have noticed that prostate cancer numbers have been increasing in the Kingdom; therefore, we advise people to be aware of this and do a PSA test annually. Additionally, we documented that ovarian cancer has surpassed the cancer of the uterus; therefore, we again advise ladies that have reached menopause or contain a family history of cancer to receive ovarian sonography annually," added Fakhro.

Thankfully, the cancer of Os-Cervix has been controlled, as the Ministry of Health introduced new health measures like the PAP smear examination, which is free of charge. Also, this test has been mandatory and widely used at health centres for all women over the last thirty years and more."

All individuals must seek routine check-ups to catch the early stages of cancer.



The most common cancers are breast, lung, colon and rectum and prostate cancers. Around one-third of deaths from cancer are due to tobacco use, high body mass index, alcohol consumption, low fruit and vegetable intake, and lack of physical activity.