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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

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Q2

I do not wish to speak to my submission

PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON

Q3

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS
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Q4

Strongly agree,

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Further comment: :

These are the only areas I would consider Urban in the Buller District

Q5

Keeping of cats in urban areas - Council proposes: no person shall keep, or allow to be kept, more than TWO cats over the age of six months on any property in an urban area, except with the written approval of Council. any cat over six (6) months must be desexed, microchipped and registered with the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (exemptions for certified breeding animals will apply).

Strongly agree,

Further comment: :

This will help to stop unwanted kittens and make people accountable for their cats. It would also make the SPCA's job far easier.

#2

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Q1**CONTACT DETAILS**

Name **Gerald Freeman**

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City/Town

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Email address

Phone number

Gerald Freeman

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Q2

I do not wish to speak to my submission

PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON**Q3**

Yes

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Strongly disagree,

Further comment: :

Cats are are as much a problem outside of the new designated rural areas as in them. This looks like a cop out!

Q5**Strongly agree**

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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name Hans Wiskerke

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City/Town

Post code

Email address

Q2

I do not wish to speak to my submission

PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON

Q3

Yes

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS BE WITHHELD WHEN SUBMISSIONS ARE MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ?

Q4

Agree

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Disagree,

Further comment: :

As per earlier submission I would have preferred to see a limit of one cat per household. Also, the cat should be kept on the property itself.

#4

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Q1**CONTACT DETAILS**

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City/Town	[REDACTED]
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Q2**I do not wish to speak to my submission****PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON****Q3****Yes**

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR CONTACT DETAILS
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Q4**Strongly agree**

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CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Samantha SkyByrne
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Q2

I do not wish to speak to my submission

PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON

Q3

Yes

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Q4

Agree

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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Mark Pitchfork
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Phone number	[REDACTED]

Q2

I wish to speak to my submission

PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON

Q3

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Strongly disagree,

Further comment: :

I think hector, ngakawau, granity and waimangaroa should be included. If we go by th TTPP then houses in these areas are settlement zones and are urban. 100s of people live in these places

Q5

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Strongly disagree,

Further comment: :

1 cat maximum and/or to be kept in at night by law.

#7

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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name **Margaret Mackley**

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City/Town

Post code

Email address

Q2**I do not wish to speak to my submission**

PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON

Q3**Yes**

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Strongly disagree,

Further comment: :

I am disappointed that Karamea township has been excluded from the "Urban area" category. Karamea itself is an island within a National Park as well as having a nationally significant estuary which supports a wide variety of birds. The presence of wild or stray domestic cats is a great threat to the wild life living in both of these environments. Extending the limits on numbers of cats and the requirement for microchipping and desexing cats to the Karamea township would reduce the harm done by such predators.

Q5**Strongly agree**

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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

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Q2

I do not wish to speak to my submission

PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON

Q3

Yes

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Q4

Strongly agree

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Q5**Strongly agree**

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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name	Terence Amies
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Q2

I do not wish to speak to my submission

PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON

Q3

No

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Strongly disagree,

Further comment: :

gardens need poultry. eggs expensive. use household waste. bees polliate gardens. give honey. cats keep rats/mice away

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Strongly disagree,

Further comment: :

few people have more than 2 cats. waste of ratepayers money policing this. elderly love cat company. dont need more expense for pensioners

#10

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Q1**CONTACT DETAILS**

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Q2**I do not wish to speak to my submission****PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON****Q3****Yes**

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Disagree,

Further comment: :

There is a further block of land included in the revised plan that is farm land. I will email a map with it outlined. the land is down McKenna Road & Stafford Street.

Q5**Neither agree nor disagree**

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Q1**CONTACT DETAILS**

Name	Christine Hoffman
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Email address	[REDACTED]
Phone number	[REDACTED]

Q2**I do not wish to speak to my submission****PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON****Q3****Yes**

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Q4**Neither agree nor disagree**

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Disagree,

Further comment: :

I agree with 2 cats per household but disagree with all cats being fixed, there should be a longer time so that owners have an opportunity for 1 litter that is at a healthy point of the cats life or we will end up in a situation of kittens being unavailable to be purchased, allow a household to have 1 litter that they are responsible to rehome to stop the supply just being feral farm cats.

#12

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Q1**CONTACT DETAILS**

Name	Yvonne Scarlett
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City/Town	[REDACTED]
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Email address	[REDACTED]
Phone number	[REDACTED]

Q2**I do not wish to speak to my submission****PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON****Q3****No**

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Q4**Neither agree nor disagree**

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Strongly disagree,

Further comment: :

How is this proposed bylaw to be policed, by whom and at what cost to ratepayers. Council has not managed to control dogs within the district so if you've ever met a cat you would know that it's more difficult. Setting bylaws without an effectual way of policing is only unnecessary cost on ratepayers. While in principle I agree with all cats being micro chipped and desexed I feel restrictions to only 2 cats in urban areas should be 3-4 especially considering the mental support they give their owners and often the number of people residing in a dwelling

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Q1**CONTACT DETAILS**

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City/Town	[REDACTED]
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Email address	[REDACTED]
Phone number	[REDACTED]

Q2**I do not wish to speak to my submission****PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON****Q3****Yes**

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Strongly disagree,

Further comment: :

There needs to be a definition of nuisance, and the onus of proof needs to be on the complainant.

Q5

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Strongly disagree,

Further comment: :

If cats are well looked after, not wandering, no cap should be placed on the number..

#14

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Q1**CONTACT DETAILS**

Name	LYNN DEN RAIN
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City/Town	[REDACTED]
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Phone number	[REDACTED]

Q2**I do not wish to speak to my submission****PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON****Q3****Yes**

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Q4**Strongly agree**

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Strongly agree,

Further comment: :

BEAUTIFUL ANIMALS, PRECIOUS COMPANIONS, BUT THEY BELONG NEAR US, NOT IN OUR GARDENS. IT IS HEART-BREAKING THAT PEOPLE LET THEIR CATS ROAM OUTSIDE AFTER DARK. IN THE FIRST PLACE IT IS VERY HARMFUL FOR THE CATS...EYES CLAWED OUT IN A FIGHT, JAWS BROKEN FROM A COLLISION WITH A CAR, AND GIVING BIRTH TO UNWANTED KITTENS. AS WELL, ROOSTING BIRDS, SKINKS AND OTHER SMALL CREATURES ARE PREYED ON. IF PEOPLE HAVE TO MICROCHIP AND SPEY THEIR CATS, I THINK THEY WOULD VALUE THEM MORE.

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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

Name **John**

Postal address

City/Town

Post code

Q2

I do not wish to speak to my submission

PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON

Q3

Yes

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Strongly disagree,

Further comment: :

I see this as just another way to remove cash from the public pockets. Bdc, is the worst council i have ever come across, and an investigation into back handlers should be investigated.

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Strongly disagree,

Further comment: :

Just like covid vaccine, my cat will not be chipped.

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Q1**CONTACT DETAILS**

Name	Elaine Kitto
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Q2**I do not wish to speak to my submission****PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON****Q3****No**

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Strongly agree,

Further comment: :

Would like to see this extended to all areas of the Buller district.

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Q1**CONTACT DETAILS**

Name	Margaret Montgomery
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City/Town	
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Email address	
Phone number	

Q2 I wish to speak to my submission**PRESENTING YOUR SUBMISSION IN PERSON****Q3** No

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Strongly disagree,

Further comment: :

Only having 2 cats per property may be fine for small 1/4 acre sections - but the Westport Holiday Park is set over 5.4 hectares, within the town boundary of Westport and has many people living on this one property, who own and care for their cats. The same will apply for pensioner housing in both Westport and Reefton, as cats are permitted to live with the elderly residents. So I believe that the wording is flawed in this proposed policy.

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Q1

CONTACT DETAILS

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Q2

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Q3

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Neither agree nor disagree,

Further comment: :

It doesn't bother me where is classified urban, however I very strongly believe the new cat desexing and microchipping laws should extend across the whole district and not be limited to urban areas.

Q5

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Agree,

Further comment: :

I only believe these laws do not go far enough, although they are a good start. This law should apply to ALL areas within the district, not just urban areas. Desexing and microchipping is great, however we also need to bring in a law that cats must be contained on the property and not allowed to wander. This is for the cats own safety (far too many cats meet their end on the roads), and also for the safety of our native birds which are under threat. When bringing in these laws they need to be backed up with proper penalties for breaking them as well or else not much will change.

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Further comment: :

It should apply to every area

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Strongly agree

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Neither agree nor disagree,

Further comment: :

I would like to understand why the bylaw is only going to be enforced in the newly proposed urban areas? Do yes this mean that cat owners outside the new urban area's have different rules to comply with? Why not apply the rule across all wards in Buller?

Q5

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Strongly agree,

Further comment: :

Please apply the rule across all wards not just urban.

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Agree,

Further comment: :

I believe that a 6 months target for spaying is good - there will be some cats that are not well-grown enough in my opinion, and the logistics of getting them operated on might also make it difficult for some. Separately requiring microchipping would be a good option, as the cats can be better tracked. Offering microchipping for free would make it much more palatable and fair for impoverished owners. It would hasten acceptance, as some savvy owners will get their cats microchipped even if they are older to facilitate recovering them - if for instance the Big One (earthquake) scares them away from their property.

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Strongly disagree,

Further comment: :

Our property is designed RD2 and clearly Rural. It is inconsistent and pointless to redesignate it Urban.

Q5**Strongly agree**

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Neither agree nor disagree,

Further comment: :

We do not believe that cat management is an urban-only problem. So, while we have no view what should be classed as an urban area in Buller District, we have reservations that urban areas are being defined for the purpose of cat management.

Q5

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Strongly agree,

Further comment: :

While we strongly agree with the sentiment of this bylaw clause, we strongly advocate for desexing to be from 4 months of age and in ALL areas, not just urban areas. We note that the New Zealand Veterinary association support prepubertal desexing, so we know it can be done safely. New Zealand. Rural management of cats will help protect against dumping of unwanted cats in rural areas and avoids unnecessary management inconsistencies based on address.



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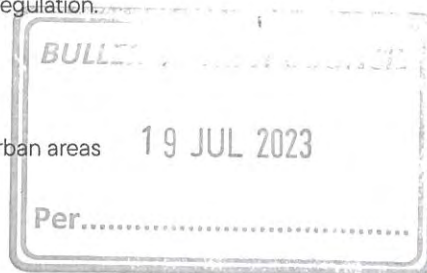
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Further comment:

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Further comment:

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LIFE IF THE SUBMISSION GETS APPROVED.

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CATS IS BETTER THAN
3 plus.

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Submission on Keeping Of Animals By Law

- 1) While I appreciate the intent behind 2 cats per household, some people take in strays so that they are not a nuisance for others. For example our 3rd cat came to us in that manner obviously hungry and without an owner. So it would be counterproductive to prevent cats being taken care of by a household. And I have known others to adopt strays in order to provide a safe home. The SPCA is no longer active here so there is no back up support. We were asked to help with 2 kittens abandoned on the lagoon mud flats and had to take them to Cat Rescue Christchurch.
- 2) Spay and Microchip – good initiative however I would like to raise the issue of cost in a time when Households are under financial stress. Some years ago an elderly friend was given two young cats understanding they were male. But they were young pregnant females. It cost around \$300 for me to get them spayed as he didn't have the money and I had difficulty getting times at the vet. Had to take one to Grey to get her spayed. A friend said in the past there was a van which would come to the coast and provided low cost spay and neutering services. I think having such a low cost mobile service would be helpful. To obtain funding for such a service over several years or longer could help people meet additional costs including microchipping.
- 3) I would like to further observe that cats in general have a right to life the same as any species and they should not pay the price for bad human behavior of breeding for money and then abandoning or being abandoned through indifference or as an act of domestic violence.

4)

Celia Smith 16 Bentham Street

John Robb

Pam Milligan.



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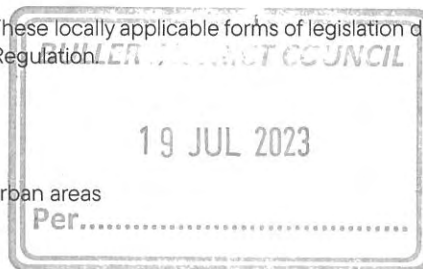
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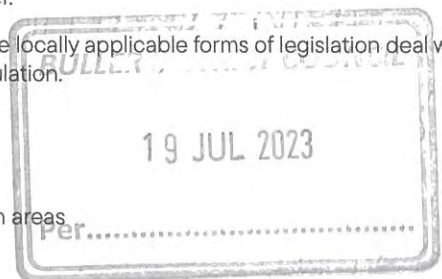
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Further comment:

Great work BDC and Councillors. This is a positive start.
Cats wreak havoc on our wildlife & neighbours.

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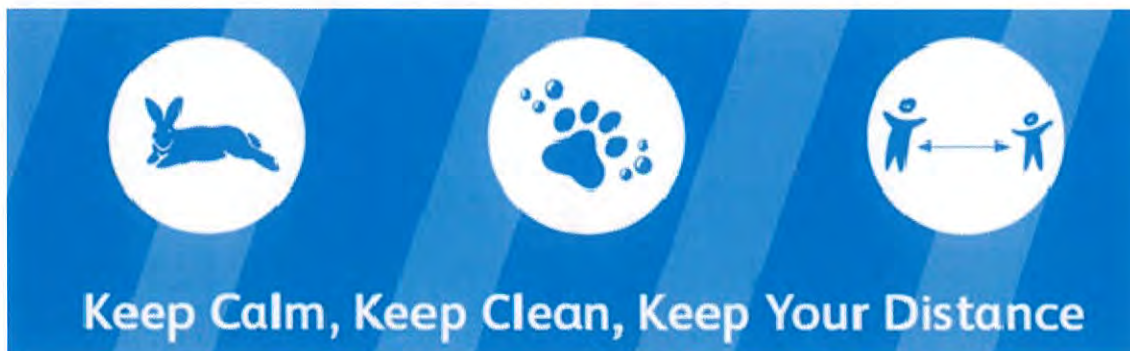
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on the
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Keeping of Animals Bylaw 2022
Amended Urban Areas and Keeping of Cats

31 July 2023



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Executive Summary

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- The unwanted cat population in New Zealand requires local (and national) policy solutions where the true cost of owning an undesexed and non-microchipped cat does not place an undue burden on New Zealand society.
- SPCA supports reasonable limits on the number of cats per household as this can help ensure a cat's welfare needs are met and they experience A Good Life.
- SPCA supports the mandatory microchipping and registration of microchips for all cats over four months of age in the Buller District. Microchipping and microchip registration can help ensure a lost or injured cat's owner can be identified and contacted.
- SPCA supports the mandatory desexing of all cats by four months of age or at the transfer of ownership in the Buller District unless a cat is a registered breeding animal or a veterinarian has deemed this would negatively impact the health of the cat. Desexing provides welfare benefits to the individual cat and is an important tool to address problems with cat overpopulation.
- SPCA advocates for cat owners to keep their cats at home or on their property, and supports bylaws that facilitate this behaviour.
- SPCA urges Buller District Council to improve their tracking of nuisance associated with roaming cats including property damage, spraying and defecating on neighbouring properties, and fighting with other cats causing injuries that then require veterinary treatment.



Introduction

The following submission is made on behalf of The Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (trading as SPCA).

SPCA is the preeminent animal welfare and advocacy organisation in New Zealand. The Society has been in existence for over 140 years with a supporter base representing many tens of thousands of New Zealanders across the nation.

The organisation includes 29 Animal Welfare Centres across New Zealand and approximately 60 inspectors appointed under the Animal Welfare Act 1999.

SPCA welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the Buller District Council Keeping of Animals Bylaw Amended for Urban Areas and Provisions for the Keeping of Cats.

Submission

Cats are one of New Zealand's most popular companion animals. However, SPCA is concerned with a recent decrease in the number of cats that are desexed, that only half the number of cats are microchipped, and very few are kept at home (Companion Animals New Zealand [CANZ], 2020).

Our SPCA Centres regularly see the welfare problems related to irresponsible cat ownership, including:

- the predictable cycle of unplanned litters of kittens born each year because there are too many cats that are not desexed and allowed to breed;
- the number of cats and kittens who are lost or have strayed, but we cannot find their owner because they are not microchipped, or their microchip details are not registered on a national database; and
- the majority of cats and kittens who need our care is because they have contagious disease, are injured, or lost because they roam freely from home.



We also know that irresponsible cat ownership can lead to nuisance in communities (e.g., spraying, toileting, fighting), predation on wildlife, and the spread of toxoplasmosis to people, farmed animals, and vulnerable native marine mammals (e.g., Hector's and Māui dolphins).

SPCA advocates for more responsible ownership of companion cats to improve the welfare of these cats and to help address the problems with community nuisance, predation, and the overpopulation of stray cats. SPCA advocates for all companion cats (except registered breeding animals belonging to registered breeders) to be desexed and microchipped, and their microchip to be registered on a national microchip registration database. Our organisation advocates for companion cats to be kept at home by keeping them indoors or kept on their owner's property.

The unwanted cat population in New Zealand must be viewed as a public problem, requiring local (and national) policy solutions where the true cost of owning an undesexed and un-microchipped cat is not an undue burden on New Zealand society. These costs include the costs that shelters and rescues absorb, costs that local councils absorb with managing unwanted cats, and costs of increased protection of vulnerable wildlife.

Currently, there are four places in New Zealand where bylaws require cats to be desexed¹ and six places where bylaws require cats to be microchipped and the microchip is registered.² Please see Part 1 of the Background section for more information on cat-related bylaws.

New Zealand needs more leadership from the local government to encourage responsible cat ownership and complement the work done by our organisation and others. Our organisation is pleased to see the inclusion of requirements for companion cats to be desexed and microchipped in the amended proposal for the Keeping of Animals Bylaw in the Buller District. Below, we provide feedback on the proposed changes in the bylaw, additional suggestions for the Council to consider which promote more responsible cat ownership, and background information in support of our submission.

¹ Palmerston North City, Whanganui District Council, Whangārei District Council, and Ruapehu District Council.

² Wellington City Council, Palmerston North City, Whanganui District Council, Selwyn District Council, Whangārei District Council, Ruapehu District Council.



SPCA's feedback on proposed changes to the Buller District Keeping of Animals Bylaw

Proposed change: 7.1 No person shall keep, or allow to be kept, more than two cats over the age of six months on any property in an urban area, except with the written approval of the Council.

SPCA prefers the previously proposed bylaw of a limit of four cats six months or older per dwelling. Our organisation supports reasonable limits on the number of cats per household as this can help ensure a cat's welfare needs are met and that they experience a Good Life. We support Buller District Council's inclusion of exceptions with the written approval of the Council for cat owners no matter the set limit. We urge Council to consider that people who keep their cats at home, including those cats confined to their property, be permitted to have more than two cats.

Proposed change: 7.6 Any cat over six (6) months must be:

- a) Microchipped and the cat's microchip registered with the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.**

SPCA supports the mandatory microchipping and registration of microchips for all cats in the Buller District. Microchipping and microchip registration can help ensure a lost or injured cat's owner can be identified and contacted (Lord et al., 2010; Lancaster et al., 2015). We encourage the Council to consider lowering the age at which cats must be microchipped to four months as this helps ensure kittens under the age of six months benefit from having a registered microchip. Please see Part 2 of the Background section for more information about the welfare benefits of a registered microchip.

Proposed change: 7.6 Any cat over six (6) months must be:

- b) Be de-sexed, unless:**
 - i. The cat is kept for breeding purposes; and registered with a nationally recognised cat breeder's body OR**
 - ii. The owners provide a certificate from a veterinarian stating that the de-sexing of the cat will adversely affect its health and/or welfare.**

SPCA supports the mandatory desexing of all cats in the Buller District by four months of age or before the transfer of ownership unless a cat is a registered breeding animal. Desexing provides welfare benefits to the individual cat and is a valuable tool to address problems with cat



overpopulation (Farnworth et al., 2013; Joyce & Yates, 2011; Yates et al., 2013). Desexing cats helps reduce the number of kittens that enter shelters and are euthanased (New et al., 2000; Marston & Bennett, 2009; Marsh, 2010). Please see Part 3 of the Background section for more information on the welfare benefits of desexing cats.

We urge Buller District Council to lower the age to four months for when cats are required to be desexed. The traditional age for desexing a cat is from four to six months of age (Farnworth et al., 2013; Orr & Jones, 2019). Kittens enter puberty typically from four to six months of age; however, a kitten may reach puberty as early as 14 weeks of age (3.5 months) (Farnworth et al., 2013; Stubbs & Bloomberg, 1995). Therefore, we advocate the requirement for desexing to be earlier than is currently proposed to help ensure those kittens who have entered puberty before six months do not contribute to the cycle of unplanned litters born each year in New Zealand.

Desexing can safely be carried out at an earlier age than the traditional age of four to six months (Howe, 1997, 2015; Root Kustritz, 1999; Stubbs & Bloomberg, 1995; Stubbs et al., 1996). Early desexing does not adversely affect the physiological or behavioural development in cats; desexing at a younger age is a faster procedure and has a quicker recovery time for the kitten (Aronsohn & Faggella, 1993; Bushby & Griffin, 2011; Howe, 1997; Porters et al., 2015); and it reduces the likelihood of some cat behaviours such as spraying, straying, and vocalising (Spain et al., 2004).

Additional suggestions for promoting responsible cat ownership

Keeping cats at home to reduce nuisance

We urge Buller District Council to consider the public health risks, nuisance, and property damage issues related to owned companion cats whose owners allow them to freely roam from their property. SPCA advocates for cat owners to keep their cats at home, and support bylaws that facilitate this behaviour.

There are roughly 1.2 million companion cats in 41% of households across New Zealand (CANZ, 2020). Recent studies indicate that most cat owners do not restrict their cats roaming from their property (Bassett et al., 2020; CANZ, 2020; Gates et al., 2019). The likelihood of undesexed



companion cats contributing to the unwanted population of cats is exacerbated by most cat owners allowing their cats to roam freely.

A cat's physical, health, behavioural, emotional, and mental needs can be met whilst keeping them at home as either indoor-only cats, with access to a secure outdoor enclosure, or with access to a garden with an escape-proof fence.

In addition to being at increased risk of welfare harm from disease, injury, vehicle accidents, and becoming lost, roaming cats can have negative impacts on other people and animals in communities. Please see Part 4 of the Background section for more information on the benefits of keeping cats at home.

Keeping track of nuisance complaints

SPCA urges Buller District Council to improve how they track nuisance associated with cats including property damage, spraying and defecating on neighbouring properties, and fighting with other cats causing injuries that then require veterinary treatment.

SPCA is concerned that the true scale of nuisance related to un-desexed and roaming companion cats is not fully communicated to local councils. Our organisation regularly receives emails and calls from the public related to cat nuisance (e.g., the neighbour's cat is toileting in their garden). We even have a [website article](#) offering advice and tips for keeping a neighbour's cat out of your garden. However, these strategies place the onus of managing nuisance on those who do not own the cat. Our organisation advocates that preventing nuisance is the cat owner's responsibility.

SPCA is concerned about issues related to the keeping of cats that may be perceived as non-nuisance such as predation on native wildlife. We receive emails and calls related to the harms that members of the public voice about native wildlife predation, and we argue, this impacts the person and should be considered a community nuisance. Cats are the definitive host of toxoplasmosis, and exposure to cat faeces in soil, sandpits, litter beds, and gardens are risk factors for transmission to people and other animals (Aguirre et al., 2019; Stelzer et al., 2019).



Please see Part 5 of the Background section for more information on other benefits of responsible cat ownership.

Background Information

Part 1: Examples of where Local Councils have passed requirements for cats to be desexed and microchipped

There are few places in New Zealand where desexing, microchipping, and microchip registration are mandatory for cats.

Table 1: Local councils that have bylaws requiring cats to be desexed or microchipped.

Council (year)	Desexing	Microchipping
Wellington City (2016)	None.	All cats over the age of 12 weeks must be microchipped and registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.
Palmerston North City (2018)	All cats over six months of age, born after the 1 st of July 2018 must be desexed (exemptions are in place for registered breeders).	All cats over 6 months of age and born after the 1 st of July 2018 must be microchipped and registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.
Whanganui District (2020)	Any cat over four months of age is required to be desexed (exemptions are in place for registered breeders or to protect the cat's health and/or welfare).	Any cat over four months of age is required to be microchipped and registered with the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.
Selwyn District (2021)	None.	Every person who keeps a cat over the age of four months is required to microchip and register the cat with the New Zealand Companion Animal Register or other approved registry.



Whangārei District (2022)	Any cat over six months of age must be desexed (exemptions are in place for registered breeders or to protect the cat's health and/or welfare).	Any cat over six months of age must be microchipped, and the microchip registered on the New Zealand Companion Animals Register.
Ruapehu District (2022)	Every person who keeps a cat that is over six months must ensure the cat is desexed (exemptions are in place for registered breeders or to protect the cat's health and/or welfare).	Every person who keeps a cat that is over six months must ensure they are microchipped, and the microchip is registered on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register or other Council approved microchip registry.

Part 2: Welfare benefits of microchipping and registering the microchip

SPCA prefers microchipping as the primary form of identification for a cat because the chip cannot be removed, dislodged, or lost without surgical intervention. Once a cat is microchipped, the 15-digit microchip number and the animal and owner's details can be registered with a microchip registration database, such as the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (CANZ, 2018). Microchipping helps ensure a lost cat can be reunited with their owner, which can be especially true during emergencies.

Table 2: Benefits of microchipping cats.

Benefits of Microchipping	Source
During the 2011 Christchurch earthquake, 85% of owners of microchipped animals were contacted within 3 hours by the New Zealand Companion Animal Register, compared to only 25% of non-microchipped animals reunited with their owners within seven days.	CANZ, 2018
39% of microchipped cats were returned to their owners, compared to 2% returned for un-microchipped cats.	Lord et al., 2010
51% of microchipped cats were returned to their owners compared to only 5% of un-microchipped cats.	Lancaster et al., 2015



The addition of a collar and tag for companion or managed stray cats can provide a visual indication of a cat's ownership/management status and successfully help reunite lost cats with their owners/carers (Alberthsen et al., 2013; Lord et al., 2007, 2010).

Part 3: Welfare benefits of desexing cats

Desexing can reduce the risk of certain diseases, reduce the likelihood of roaming (which can increase risks of harm such as disease and infection, injury, and becoming lost), and increase lifespan. Desexing can also prevent the mortality of unwanted kittens which is often overlooked as a welfare impact.

Table 3: Welfare benefits of desexing cats

Decreased risk of reproductive disease	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 16.3% of all tumours are in the mammary gland, making this the second most common tumour (Vascellari et al., 2009). 8.2% of tumours in a Swiss feline cancer registry (1965-2008) were mammary gland tumours (Graf et al., 2016). Previous reports showed a 2.5% incidence of mammary gland tumours in female cats, 12% of all tumours making this the third most common tumour (Dorn et al., 1968; Verstegen & Onclin, 2003).• More recently, mammary tumours have been found to make up 16.3% of tumours• >90% of mammary gland tumours in cats are malignant (Dorn et al., 1968; Hampe & Misdorp, 1974; Hayes et al., 1981). A more recent study with a Swiss feline cancer registry found that 83% of mammary tumours were malignant (Graf et al., 2016).• Japanese and Siamese breeds are at increased risk of mammary tumours (Graf et al., 2016; Verstegen & Onclin, 2003).• Pyometra risk increase significantly with age for female cats (Potter et al., 1991).	
Benefits of desexing	Source
Sexually intact females are at increased risk of mammary tumours.	Hayes et al., 1981
Sexually intact cats have seven times the risk of developing mammary gland neoplasms when they get older compared to spayed female cats.	Dorn et al., 1968



Ovariectomy was found to protect against mammary carcinomas but not against benign mammary tumours. Intact cats are seven times overrepresented in the population of cats diagnosed with mammary tumours.	Misdorp et al., 1991
Desexing before one year of age is protective against mammary carcinoma: 91% risk of reduction if desexed before 6 months, 86% reduction if before one year. Desexing after two years increased the risk (likely due to very few cats being desexed after this age).	Overley et al., 2005
Desexed female cats had significantly lower odds than entire female cats of developing tumour/malignant tumour in the mammary gland.	Graf et al., 2016
Reviews on this topic: Reichler, 2009; Root Kustritz, 2007, 2012	

Increased lifespan and improved overall health

- Lifespan should be cautiously interpreted, as it can be a proxy measure for overall better care provided for both owned and stray cats. There is little research on this topic, so it is difficult to make strong claims about the specific impact of desexing on increasing lifespan.
- Improved health for both male and female cats in managed colonies may be related to decreased risk of infectious disease, nutritional deficiencies, and stress associated with reproduction (Gilhofer et al., 2019) and reduced reproduction-related aggression in males (Cafazzo et al., 2019; Finkler et al., 2011; Gunther et al., 2018).

Benefits of desexing	Source
Desexed male cats live a mean of 62 percent longer than undesexed male cats, and desexed female cats live a mean of 39 percent longer than undesexed female cats.	Banfield Pet Hospital, 2013
Desexed stray cats were in better welfare condition compared to intact cats.	Gunther, et al., 2018



Undesexed males and females in a TNR (Trap Neuter and Return) managed colony were more likely to be injured or have impaired health.

Gilhofer et al., 2019

Decreased roaming risks

- Intact male cats are at higher risk of traffic accidents, injuries, bite wounds, and disease transmission compared to desexed males (Finkler et al., 2011; Gunther et al., 2015; 2018).
- Decreased roaming is most relevant for cat owners who do not keep their cats confined to their property (either garden or house).

Benefits of Desexing	Source
Roaming (and fighting and spraying) reduced or eliminated in 80-90% of cats.	Hart & Cooper, 1984
Desexing reduces activity related to territorial behaviour. Authors note cats are less active, which they do not specify includes roaming.	Cafazzo et al., 2019
Reviews on this topic: Bain, 2020.	

Improved kitten welfare

- Unplanned kittens contribute to high numbers of animals surrendered to shelters. Kittens under the age of 6 months made up the largest proportion of owner-surrender cats to an animal shelter in Australia; 34% of all owner-surrendered animals were emaciated (Marston & Bennett, 2009).
- Kittens that enter the shelter system because they are from unplanned breeding can often be in a poor state of welfare. This is before shelter entry and not related to shelter stay.
- Free-roaming kittens had the highest prevalence of emaciation and thinness, lowest BCS (Body Condition Score) scores, and higher prevalence of severe injury or disability than adults. (Gunther et al., 2018).



- There is high variability among kitten mortality in stray cats, however, at least one study showed 75% mortality before 6 months, with trauma being the most common cause of death (Nutter et al., 2004).

Benefits of desexing	Source
An average of 30% of kittens that came into SPCA Centres are categorised as not healthy at intake. Not healthy categories include Dead on Arrival; Unhealthy not treatable; Unhealthy treatable (urgent); Unhealthy treatable (non-urgent).	SPCA Intake Health Data: Jan 2021-Jul 2023

SPCA advocates for pre-pubertal desexing to reduce the likelihood of a cat having kittens before the 'traditional' time of de-sexing at four to six months of age. Cats may reach reproductive maturity as early as three and a half months of age (Farnworth et al., 2013; Little, 2011; Stubbs & Bloomberg, 1995). Therefore, delaying the desexing of owned cats can result in unwanted litters of kittens which has long-term negative impacts on nuisance in communities, public health, and animal welfare.

Desexing companion cats is one of the few humane methods we have for managing stray cats, as it reduces the flow of unplanned litters of kittens from the companion cat population into the stray cat population.

Part 4: Welfare benefits of keeping cats at home

Cats who are allowed to roam from home face numerous welfare risks including threats to their health, consequences of becoming lost or straying, and if not desexed, can contribute to the unwanted kitten population in New Zealand.

Table 4: Welfare benefits of keeping cats at home

Benefits of keeping cats at home	Source
Reduces the risk of injury and death from vehicles, fighting with cats and other animals, infectious disease transmission, and ingestion of harmful substances.	Bruce et al., 2019; Loyd et al., 2013, Rochlitz, 2003a, b, 2004a, b



Reduces risk of disease transmission to people and other animals (e.g., ringworm, Feline Immunodeficiency Virus [FIV]).	Hosie et al., 2009; Stull et al., 2015
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Part 5: Other benefits of responsible cat ownership

Desexing, microchipping, and keeping cats at home can also reduce the negative impacts cats can have including nuisance, predation on native wildlife, and spread of toxoplasmosis to both native animals and pastoral animals. Desexing and microchipping are longer term-strategies that will address problems with the overpopulation of cats and keeping cats at home can provide immediate local benefits for reducing nuisance such as spraying and toileting on neighbouring properties and reducing predation. Preventing cats from defecating away from home can also contribute to a reduction in the spread of toxoplasmosis to other animals and people.

Table 5: Other benefits of responsible cat ownership

Benefits of responsible cat ownership	Source
Reduces risk of disease transmission to people and other animals (e.g., ringworm, FIV).	Hosie et al., 2009; Stull et al., 2015
Reduces risk of toxoplasmosis transmission to farmed animals.	Aguirre et al., 2019; Stelzer et al., 2019
Decreases predation on native wildlife.	Bell & Bell, 2003; Bellingham et al., 2010; Dowding & Murphy, 2003; Imber et al., 2003; Veitch et al., 2011
Decreases risk of toxoplasmosis transmission to native wildlife.	Aguirre et al., 2019



Conclusion

SPCA appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the Buller District Council Keeping of Animals Bylaw 2022 Amended for Urban Areas and Provisions for Keeping of Cats. We welcome further engagement on this issue. If any further information is required, the Society is happy to discuss this matter further.



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