



# **ATTACHMENTS MINUTES**

**Ordinary Council meeting**

**Tuesday, 11 August 2026**



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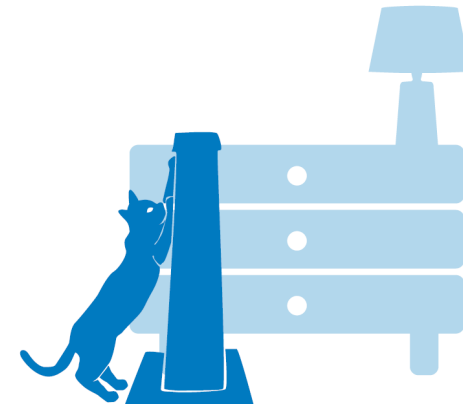
# **Tauranga City Council Hearing: Keeping of Animals Bylaw & Dog Control Bylaw & Policy**

11 August 2026



# Companion cats by the numbers

- ~1.26 million companion cats in New Zealand
- 35-40% of households
- 96% are desexed
- 72% are microchipped



Companion Animals New Zealand. (2024). *Companion animals in New Zealand. New Zealand Pet Data Report.* <https://www.companionanimals.nz/2024-nz-pet-data-report>

# SPCA cats by the numbers

**SPCA takes in ~20,000 cats and kittens each year across our Centres and partner clinics.**

- Owners unable to provide care.
- Stray cats that are born stray or are lost companion cats.
- 30% of kittens are in poor health.

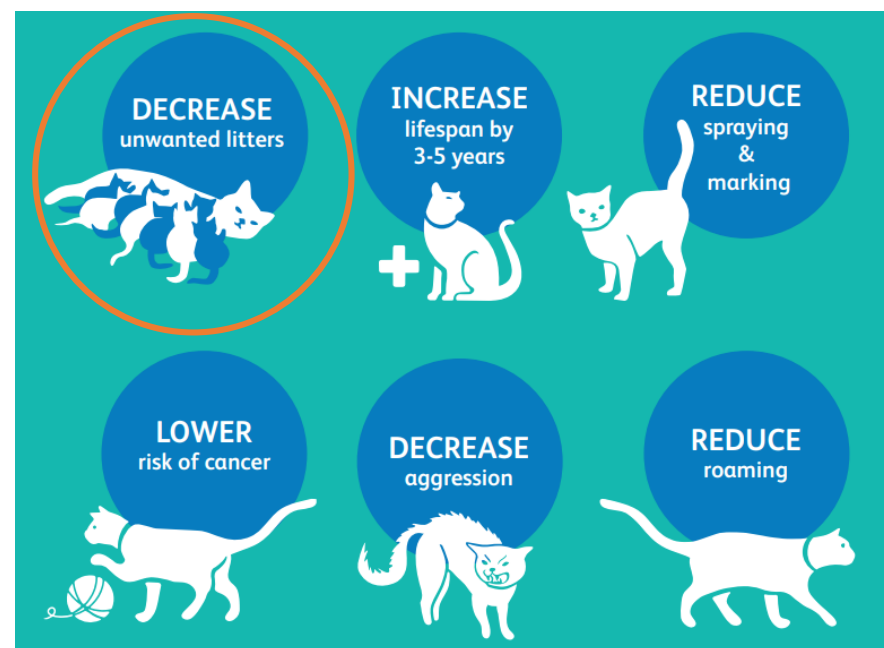
**This number has been steady for the last five years.**



# Individual benefits of desexing cats

## Benefits for the individual cat and the family

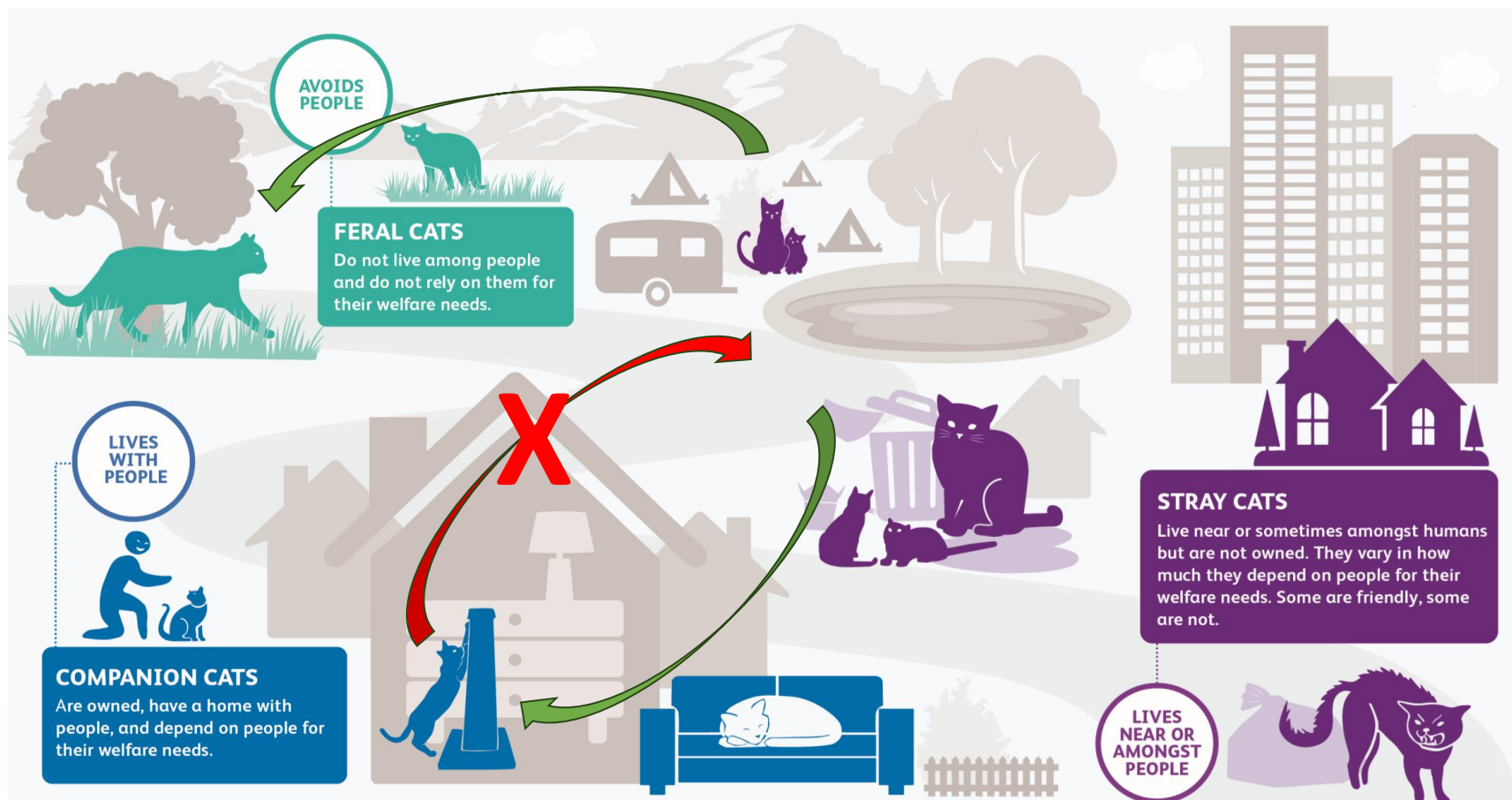
- Improved health
- Behaviour changes in a cat
- Unplanned litters



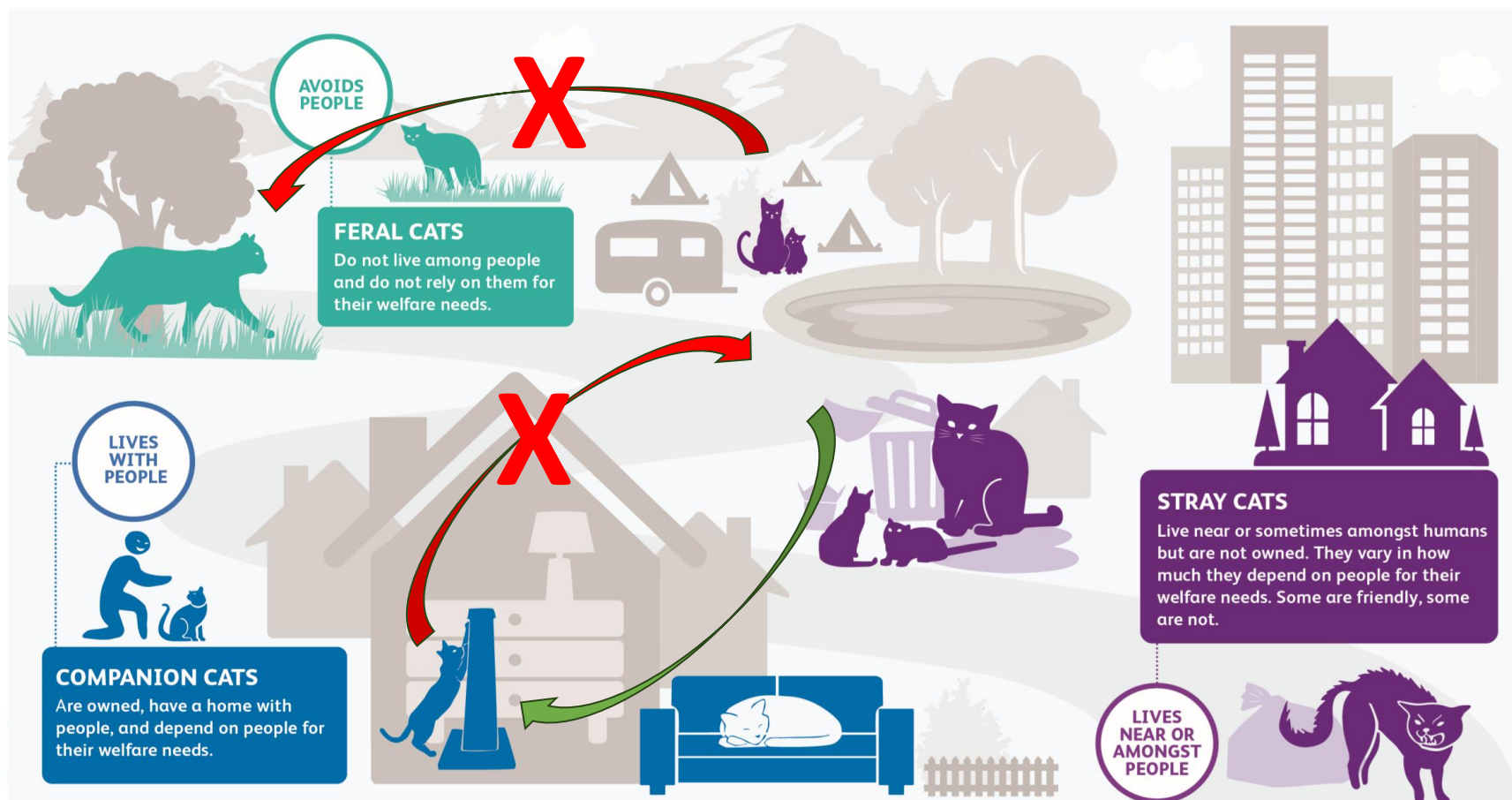
# Different types of cat populations interact



# Desexing companion cats “turns off the tap”



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# Microchipping helps lost cats get back home



 **LostPet**

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## New Zealand's microchip database for pets

Enter your pets microchip number into our checker below to confirm the status and how to proceed.

[Check](#)

Enter your chip number and we'll see if your pet is already on our register.



[Register your pet](#)

[Create lost pet listing](#)   [Create found pet listing](#)

# Local Council Bylaws

## ☑ Desexing & Microchipping

- Far North District 2025
- Kaikōura District 2025
- Porirua City 2025
- Nelson City 2024
- Tasman District 2024
- Tararua District 2024
- Palmerston North City 2024
- Wellington City 2024
- Hutt City 2024
- Buller District 2023
- Whangārei District 2022
- Ruapehu District 2022
- Whanganui District 2020

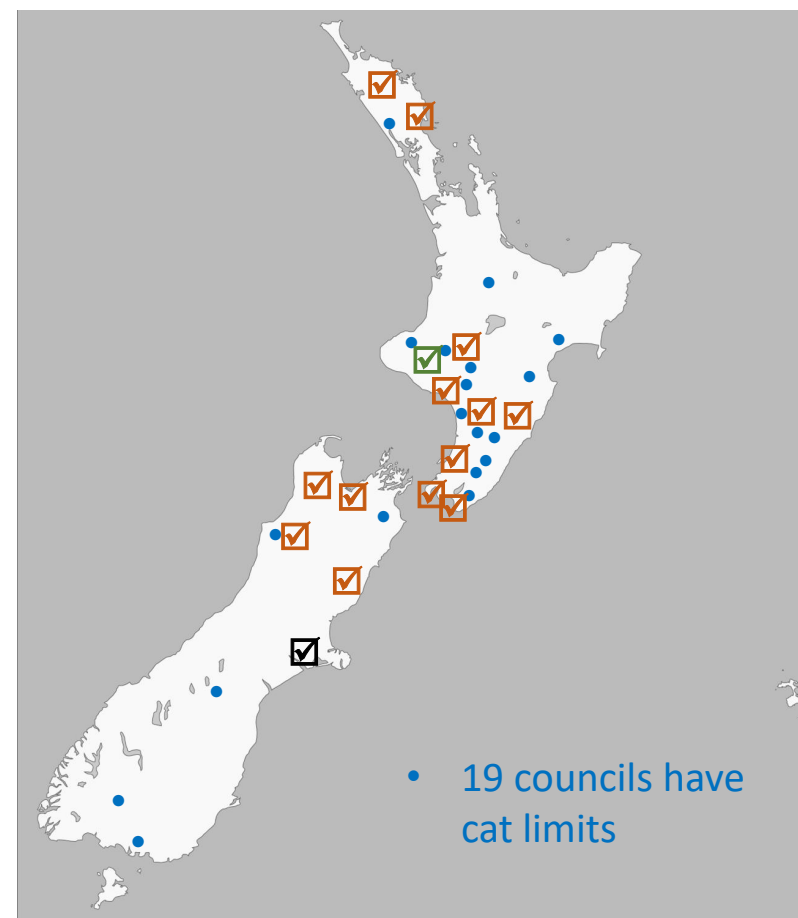


## ☑ Desexing

- Manawātū District 2022

## ☑ Microchipping

- Selwyn District 2022



## Impact of local bylaws on cat owner behaviour

A small proportion of 2024 survey respondents indicated that new local bylaws are motivating cat owners:

- 2% of owners desexed their cat.
- 6% of owners microchipped their cat.



Companion Animals New Zealand. (2025). *NZ Pet Data Report 2024*. <https://www.companionanimals.nz/2024-nz-pet-data-report>

# Dog safety & responsible ownership

## SPCA Supports

- Restriction of dogs access in specific areas
- Requirement for dogs to be kept on leash in cemeteries
- Prohibiting dogs on active recreation equipment
- Leashing of dogs on some shared pathways and urban parks
- License to keep more than two dogs
- License for commercial dog walkers





# Questions?



## Ngā hua o te whakatūpā i tō kurī

**ĀRAI**  
punipuni tē hiahiatia

**WHAKAHEKE**  
mate pukupuku me ngā pokenga

**PIKINGA**  
o te oranga mā te 3-5 tau

**HIKI I TE ĀHEINGA**  
ki ngā whare tiaki kararehe

**WHAIHUA UTU**  
mō te rēhita

**WHAKAHEKE**  
i te karoretanga

Mō ētahi atu mōhiotio mō ngā ratonga whakatūpā me te hangarau moroiti a SPCA, haere ki [www.spcan.z](http://www.spcan.z)

## 让我们打破猫咪过度繁殖这一恶性循环

今年，一只未绝育的母猫每年可能会生出 1-2 窝小猫。

一生中，一只寿命为 12 至 15 年的成年母猫一生中可以生下多达 96 至 120 只小猫。

今年，每窝可能有 3-4 只小猫。

每年出生的这些小猫有许多未能活到成年。

被丢弃在社区中的健康小猫长大后以后，又生下更多无人要的小猫，就这样生生不息。

生病、受伤和病弱的小猫数量之多，让收容所难以承受。

### 绝育 打破这一恶性循环，不让它继续下去！

有关 SPCA 的宠物绝育和微芯片服务的更多信息，请访问 [www.desexing.spcan.z](http://www.desexing.spcan.z)

## Desexing your kitten early is good for them

*Did you know?*

Your cat can have kittens earlier than you might expect. Your cat does not need to have a litter before she is desexed to be happy. Early-age desexing is safe for your cat.

### So, Why Wait?

Early-age desexing provides the following benefits:

- Faster surgical time with less trauma and stress for your kitten.
- Fewer complications and faster recovery time.
- Decreased risk for mammary cancers.
- Elimination of reproductive emergencies.
- Decreased behaviour problems which are linked with shelter surrender.
- Decreased number of unwanted kittens that end up in shelters.

For more information about SPCA's desexing and microchipping services, visit [www.desexing.spcan.z](http://www.desexing.spcan.z)



<https://desexing.spcan.z/resources>



**BAY  
CONSERVATION  
ALLIANCE**

*Empowering Communities, Restoring Nature*

***Dog Management Policy and Bylaw, and Keeping of Animals Bylaw Review***  
***Arotake i te Kaupapa Here Whakahaere Kuri me ngā Ture mō te Tiaki Kararehe***



**BCA currently links and supports 38 community conservation groups across the Bay of Plenty**



## Tauranga is an important habitat for native & endemic wildlife including rare bird species

- **Tuturiwhatu** (New Zealand dotterel - *Charadrius obscurus*)
- **Kororā** (Little blue penguin - *Eudyptula minor*)
- **Ōi** (Grey-faced petrel – *Pterodroma macroptera*)
- Live in a very vulnerable area on the edge of our coastal strip between land and sea
- Integral part of our coastal ecosystems



## Protecting Wildlife and Natural Habitats from Dogs and Cats

- Tauranga City's population has grown
- BCA acknowledge cats and dogs are important companion animals
- Our native bird populations have **dramatically decreased**
- Significant problems have occurred from **dogs** and **cats** being present near sensitive coastal areas (and cats unregulated)



There are 2 member groups whose work is directly impacted by this bylaw and associated issues



# Western Bay Wildlife Trust

undertake monitoring, pest control,  
educating & advocating for native birds and  
protecting their habitats  
around *Moturiki* and *Mauao* coastlines



## ***ARRC Wildlife Trust***

- Undertake the care and rehabilitation of injured native wildlife
- Receive about 800 animals each year
- A large proportion of their injuries are due to dog attacks and wandering cats



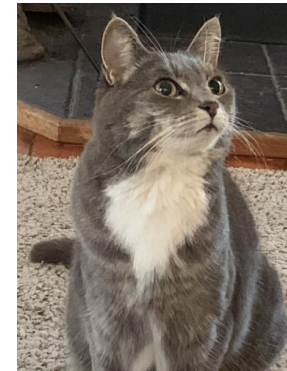


**BCA supports the banning of dogs in all coastal dunes** (except when on a leash using beach accessways) extending the current seasonal dog restrictions in the *Moturiki* and Mussel Rock (Shark Alley) area to apply year-around, including the grassed area alongside the beach



# Unmanaged Cats

- Cats are a significant problem to our native wildlife as they are highly skilled and diverse hunters.
- Managing cats will alleviate predation on not just birds, but **reptiles** and **invertebrates**
- Nationally estimated 2.4 million feral cats and 200,000 stray cats



## BCA endorses including **Cat Management** in this Bylaw

The bylaw should set

- ✓ **clear expectations of responsible cat ownership**
- ✓ **appropriate microchipping protocols**
  - ✓ **in line 28 other local councils**
- ✓ **enabling management of unowned and feral cats**
  - ✓ **in line with Predator Free 2050 strategy on feral cats**



BCA believe the  
**current regulations that are in place**  
**do not give the suitable**  
**protection to our native wildlife especially**  
**in our coastal areas**  
and the bylaws need to be amended to ensure  
**Cat Management is included**





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**Thank You...**  
**Any Questions?**

