

# CATS UNLOVED

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## **SUBMISSION TO THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL OUR COMMUNITY PLAN**

### **WHO WE ARE:**

Cats Unloved is a voluntary group we are concerned at the growing number of abandoned domestic and feral cats in Christchurch.

In previous years volunteers have trapped approx 1000 wild or abandoned cats per annum at the request of the CCC, Housing N.Z. and ratepayers. Unfortunately we have had to cease this service for the city for the following reasons:

- The CCC was unwilling to assist us with the disposal of dead cats.
- The CCC and Housing N.Z. refused to reimburse us for our costs associated with trapping on their behalf.

### **WHY CHRISTCHURCH HAS A CAT PROBLEM:**

- Irresponsible people keep more cats than they can afford to feed or desex.
- Desexing is not compulsory.
- Desexing is expensive - \$80 to \$150 for a female cat. \$40 to \$80 for a male cat.
- The RSPCA does not accept unwanted cats and unwanted cats become abandoned cats.
- The RSPCA frequently turns away abandoned cats when brought in by members of the public. (see appendix A)
- Housing N.Z. allow their tenants to keep 20,30 or more neglected cats.
- Pest control operators release trapped wild cats the Council has paid them to dispose of.

## WHY CHRISTCHURCH HAS A CAT PROBLEM Cont.....

- The CCC does not enforce their bylaw Christchurch City Animals (Other Than Dogs) Bylaw 2000. This allows people to keep numerous neglected cats causing health and nuisance problems for others. (see appendix B)
- Cats are prolific breeders. One unspeyed female can have 3 litters in one season with 4 to 6 kittens in any one litter. Will start breeding from 4 to 6 months of age. Over a lifetime could be responsible for 2400 offspring.

## WHAT WE WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO DO:

- Make desexing compulsory.
- Make desexing at point of sale compulsory (breeders exempt).
- Fund an organisation that is willing to accept unwanted cats for rehoming or euthanasia.
- Employ 2 people to trap abandoned or feral cats in the city.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission.  
Wendy Sisson

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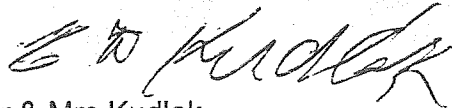
21<sup>st</sup> February 2004

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

Approx 5 weeks ago, a former neighbour at 44 Arawa Street, Shirley, shifted house and left 8 cats and kittens behind.

Wanting to do the right thing by the abandoned cats, we took them to the RSPCA's shelter in Wilmers Rd, Hornby.

Unfortunately, on arrival the RSPCA refused to accept responsibility for the abandoned cats because we did not have permission from the former owner to remove them from her property.



Mr & Mrs Kudlak  
46 Arawa Street  
SHIRLEY

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Appendix A



Sue Jessup Ph - 388 9155  
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I took 2 unwanted kittens to  
the S.P.C.A. and they wouldn't  
take them. These kitten's don't belong  
to me. What are members of the public  
supposed to do!! I'm very disapointed

Sue Jessup

Feb 2004

Mrs Alice Young  
28 Reg Stillwell Place  
North New Brighton

5-5-04

My neighbour at 28 Reg Stillwell has numerous neglected cats he does not feed.

They ~~at~~ look for food in my garden rubbish. They are desperate for food.

I phoned the Council several times. I also phoned the Health Department but they referred me to the Council. Someone from the Council did come out about 2 months ago but the situation did not change.

It was not until some of the residents took up a petition that the Council engaged Cats Unloved to remove the neglected cats.

I estimate there could be 15 cats.

A Young  
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Appendix B

## MRS SANDRA ANN (SANDY) INNS

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To Whom It May Concern


### Cat Plague from 64 Moffet Street Islington

My husband and I along with other nearby residents have been plagued by cats coming on to our property from 64 Moffet Street looking for food for all of the 11 years we have resided here. We sort help from the SPCA but they were not interested because the cats were ~~unhurt and were not ours~~. We rang the CHCH city council but they did not return our calls. Over the latter part of this time span my husband began putting down the kittens born on our property after the resident from 64 Moffet Street would not address the problem of her female cats coming on to our property to have their litters. He put down a total of 19 kittens but this still did not address the problem of the adult cats from the property.

Being an animal lover, I could not help but provide some food for the adult animals that continually tried to take the food from our own 2 cats. It was very obvious that their owner was not providing them with enough food. I have provided food for a minimum of 20 different cats from the property in question. We have discussed the problem with the property owner who would not consider getting the females de-sexed.

We finally sort help from Cats Protection League who referred us to Cats Unloved who were the only organization who were prepared to address the problem. They removed an un-know number which seemed to reduce the problem from 64 Moffet Street but the cycle now appears to be starting again with numerous kittens running out from the property.

Sincerely,



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