

SUBMISSION TO CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL ON CAT CONTROL

1. Under the "Protecting the public from Nuisance" provision, the council passes a bylaw for compulsory de-sexing all cats; male and female.
 - a. All cats to be micro chipped when de-sexed.
2. All **CAT OWNERS** to be registered.
 - a. The cost of registration to be significantly less if accompanied by a vet certificate stating that all cats owned by the individual are de-sexed.
3. The Council and Housing New Zealand, as estate owners police the processes in place for controlling the number of un-de-sexed cats living in their properties.
4. To protect birds from hungry cats, a curfew on cats to be implemented from 10.00pm to 6.00am.
5. The common complaints against cat nuisance are:
 - a. Late night fighting.
 - b. The pungent urine smell.
 - c. The digging up of gardens.
 - d. The spreading of infection e.g. Feline Immunodeficiency Virus
 - e. The killing of birds.

All these (cat nuisance) complaints can be avoided by de-sexing all cats.

6. As \$10,000 was allocated to the Environmental Services Unit in 2004 to 2007 for the control of cats, surely compulsory de-sexing of all cats before they are old enough to reproduce (approx 5 months) is the most effective procedure to accomplish this task.

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