

Press release on HCC Website – Hutt at Heart 17 December 2019
Link provided in email to Forest and Bird in response to a recent query

**Hutt
at Heart**



ENVIRONMENT

Managing cats in Lower Hutt

17 December 2019

In July a report was presented to Council outlining five options on the management of cats. In November we ran a survey to get feedback on the options. This is what we discovered.

✔ 3391 completed survey responses were received.

🐾 55% were from cat owners and 45% were from non-cat owners.

🐾 Survey responses were received from **all suburbs across Lower Hutt**.

🐾 99% of the cat owners who participated in the survey have had their cat/cats de-sexed.

🐾 There were 58% who thought a de-sexing bylaw should be introduced, 40% thought a promote and educate approach was best.

✔ 76% have had their cat/cats microchipped.

🐾 There were **55%** who thought a microchipping bylaw should be introduced, **41%** thought a promote and educate approach was best.

🐾 **53%** thought a promote and educate approach should be adopted to keeping cats indoors/contained at night and **30%** thought a bylaw should be introduced.

🐾 **58%** thought a promote and educate approach to having bells or warning devices on cats and **20%** thought a bylaw should be introduced.

🐾 **57%** thought a bylaw should be introduced to limit the number of cats per property and **28%** thought a promote and educate approach was best.

📝 The survey asked if there were any further comments the community would like to make regarding cats in Lower Hutt. **137 people** noted the management of feral/stray cat populations.

A full report will be prepared and presented to Council in 2020 outlining the results of the survey and next steps.

From: Geoff Stuart
Sent: Monday, 13 January 2020 2:25 PM
To: Sheena Perry
Subject: FW: LGOIMA Request-Megan Hubscher

Hi Sheena

For the record I phoned [REDACTED] the day we got the results 2/12/19 and gave her the high level figures
99% of cats De-sexed
76% of cats microchipped

53% said cats should be kept inside during darkness
58% cats should wear bells
57% council should limit number of cats per property

And followed that up with the release of the information on our website on the 17th Dec

Geoff

From: Contact
Sent: Thursday, 21 November 2019 12:28 PM
To: Corporate Records
Subject: LGOIMA Request

Name [REDACTED]
Organisation [REDACTED]
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Response By Email

Information requested Hi there, Can you provide a summary of the responses to this survey on cat control please: www.huttcity.govt.nz/Your-Council/Have-your-say/Consulting-on/cats-in-lower-hutt/ In particular, I'd like to know how many people submitted, the number of people in favour of each of the options, and what additional comments people made. I'm happy to discuss this request over the phone, if you'd like to clarify. Thanks, [REDACTED].

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