

General Bylaw Submissions

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New Zealand Companion Animal Council

Your comments

Dear Waitaki District Council,

Please accept this submission on behalf of the New Zealand Companion Animal Council.

This submission is offered on behalf of the New Zealand Companion Animal Council (<http://nzcac.org.nz/>). The New Zealand Companion Animal Council believes that an additional clause relating to responsible cat ownership and identification of companion cats should be added to the bylaw.

The General Bylaw should be amended to include:

"All domestic cats must be microchipped and registered with the New Zealand Companion Animal Register, or other Council approved microchip register."

Why does the NZCAC believe compulsory microchipping is important?

One aspect of being a responsible animal owner means ensuring your pet is identifiable. The New Zealand Companion Animal Council believes that all pets should be able to be identified as owned. Such identification gives the animal a greater degree of protection and a much higher chance of being returned to their home when lost. Research has indicated that return-to-owner rates for cats that are microchipped is 20 times higher than for cats that are not microchipped (Lord et al., 2009). During the 2011 Christchurch earthquake 85% of owners of microchipped pets were able to be contacted within 3 hours, whilst only 25% of non-chipped pets were reunited with their owners within a 7 day period (NZCAR, 2016). Unlike other methods of identification, microchipping is the only permanent and unalterable form of identification currently available for cats.

In New Zealand cats are the most popular companion animal. In our most recent report "Companion Animals in New Zealand 2016", we documented that 44% of New Zealand households have at least one companion cat – this equates to 1.1million cats. From 2011-2015 the proportion of cats microchipped has more than doubled from 12%-31%. However this is still substantially lower than dogs at 71%. Compulsory microchipping will help increase the number of companion cats that are microchipped.

Recently the Wellington City Council amended their Bylaw to include microchipping and registration on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register, or other Council approved microchip register in addition LGNZ has recently voted in favour of lobbying Central Government for national legislation regarding cat management. The NZCAC urges Waitaki District Council to include compulsory microchipping in General Bylaw.

The benefits of microchipping to the owner include:

- Microchipping allows the owner of a lost cat to be contacted so that the cat and owner can be reunited.
- Owners of cats that are injured can be promptly identified and are able to make decisions about the cats treatment.
- Cats that are straying or causing nuisance can be identified and owners can be contacted and educated about their

responsibility.

The benefits of microchipping to Council Animal Control Departments and other Animal Welfare Organisations include:

- Quicker repatriation by using the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR) means less costs for managing and feeding found animals.
- Less administration and time spent on trying to locate owners using social media and advertising.
- Less demand on shelters for larger premises and less cost to Councils trying to fund such systems.
- Profits from the register help animal charities and projects in New Zealand:
 - o Over \$2.8 million has been raised by the NZCAR since the launch in 2007.

The New Zealand Companion Animal Council therefore believes that having your cat microchipped and registered on the NZCAR is a key part of responsible pet ownership.

Why the New Zealand Companion Animal Register is the best choice for a Microchip register:

The New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR: <http://www.animalregister.co.nz/>) is New Zealand's leading register for microchipped companion animals. NZCAR currently has over 470,000 animals registered, including over 260,000 cats. The New Zealand Companion Animal Council has spent considerable time and resources coordinating the creation of the NZCAR which has become New Zealand's leading register for microchipped animals. The reason the NZCAR is so effective at getting lost pets home is that responsible pet owners have taken the time to microchip and register their pets on a single register that has support from the leading companion animal welfare organisations. Six organisations financed the creation of the NZCAR and today each of these organisations provide a trustee to oversee both the continued development of the register and the dedicated trust set up to manage the funds generated.

The six stakeholder organisations are:

1. New Zealand Veterinary Association
2. RNZSPCA
3. NZVA Companion Animal Society
4. New Zealand Kennel Club
5. New Zealand Cat Fancy
6. New Zealand Companion Animal Council

The NZCAR stakeholders have worked very hard to learn lessons from overseas microchip registers and to form relationships within New Zealand that enhance and expand the effectiveness of the NZCAR.

Within New Zealand we believe the NZCAR is the best choice for a repatriation register as it is New Zealand's largest dedicated repatriation database for companion animals.

The NZCAR is used by over 822 organisations, including 542 Vet Clinics, 52 SPCA branches and programmes, 64 Territorial Authorities, well as many other implanters, shelters and other organisations within New Zealand:

- No other register, including the National Dog Database, has the number of outlets where a microchip can be quickly scanned and contact information accessed to speed repatriation
- No other New Zealand register offers 24/7 online access, along with 365 days a year 0800 phone support.
- No other register offers the Scanner Angel network for free to New Zealand pet owners.
- No other New Zealand register is owned by the leading animal welfare agencies and uses the profits to help fund animal charities and projects within New Zealand.
- No other New Zealand register has given away over \$100,000 of microchip scanners around New Zealand to help make microchip readers even more accessible for getting lost and found pets scanned.
- The NZCAR is also actively involved in looking at future technologies that can help get more pets home and spends considerable time working with a number of overseas companies who are leading product developers in their field.

NZCAR is a not for profit venture and is raising funds to help even more companion animals. Over 60% of all income generated by the NZCAR is passed to the New Zealand Companion Animal Council (NZCAC) and to the New Zealand Companion Animal Trust (NZCAT) to help fund their activities and to assist animal charities and projects in New Zealand. The NZCAC has spent over half a million dollars helping fund desexing and microchipping initiatives around the country. It has also helped fund new technologies that benefit lost pets too.

The trust currently has over \$1 million invested, and this continues to be added to through transfers from the NZCAC and the return on investments. The goal is to build a self-sustaining fund that can fund a wide range of companion animal projects and charities throughout New Zealand. To date the trust has already funded over \$250,000 worth of projects with a significant percentage of this fund supporting the SPCA.

Restriction of the number of cats per household:

The NZCAC supports Waitaki District Council inclusion in the General Bylaw of a restriction on the number of cats per household, however clause 70 suggests that households can exceed the number of 2-3 cats if the cats are microchipped, registered, desexed and vaccinated. We believe this requires clarification as essentially it makes clauses 67 and 68 void?

Clause 69b. The NZCAC believes this should read 'veterinary clinics' rather than 'vets.'

Many thanks,

Jessica

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General Bylaw - Your Feedback

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Please give us your feedback by **Thursday 3 August**. You can complete the form below or go to www.waitaki.govt.nz and make an online submission. We'll consider everyone's ideas and opinions before we adopt the General Bylaw on Wednesday 6 December.

Name:

P. HWAITE

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1 France Street Oamaru

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Phone:

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I wish to speak to my submission on Wednesday 9 August

☒ Yes (we'll call you to arrange a suitable time)☐ No

- 9.00am or morning

Comments:

Keep bees if you have a large section would be quite safe, But not in a small section, Roosters you would be able to keep them in a large section and Hens are alright in urban sections Cats I have owned one, And I cannot see anything wrong with that at all. You don't mention ^{savege} dogs But Council you should be dealing with far more ^{ushes} ~~issues~~ such as Scooters skate Boards ~~is~~ lying in front of shop doorways children ~~Just~~ don't see the dangers That these scooter skate boards do

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Name: P.D.R. LINDSAY-SALMON

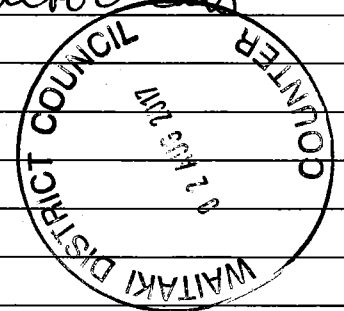
Address: 39, LUNE St.

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Organisation name (if applicable) St LUKE'S JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Comments:

- ① Drones = we do need Public Space regulations.
- ② Bees - we need them. The 2 per rental unit is good.
- I wish to speak on the cat problem.
- ① The Problem is real.
- ② On what a responsible owner should do.
- ③ Why it is vital in Otago to control cats
- ④ The practicalities of doing so.



(Please use a separate page if necessary)

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Name: Mara Barta

Address: 22 Stronsa Street, Palmerston (from 31st July)

Daytime phone number: 03 465-0893 Email: marjam@vodafone.net.nz

Organisation name (if applicable) _____

Comments:

I have an issue with the proposed bylaw on cats. I am a cat lover. For me a house is not a home without a cat! However, I think that three cats per household is one too many. Also, unless the owner is a registered breeder, all cats should be desexed. Microchipping is an issue for the owner to decide. In Palmerston we have a long-standing issue with feral cats. I am concerned that cat owners will not have to desex cats they presently own. We need to reduce the number of unloved and unwanted cats. While any cat, no matter how well-fed, will hunt and kill birds, geckos, lizards, etc., feral cats will do so at a much greater level. Our cat is from the SPCA and, by our good fortune, is a British Shorthair, bred particularly for their mousing and rat-catching ability and their reluctance to climb trees, etc. I would like to see Palmerston, because of its problem with feral cats, become a supporter of the SPCA and that a campaign be started that anyone wanting a pet, cat or dog, should obtain it from the SPCA if possible.

NB: Our address 31st July to 16th September is 30 Stewart St, Waikouaiti, while 22 Stronsa St is renovated.

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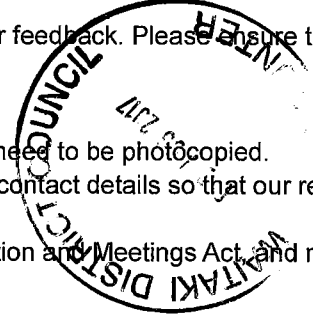
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Name: Jim O'Garman

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Organisation name (if applicable) One Organic Village Trust

Comments:

Roosters: The Council has enough power under the present by-law if it manages the noise complaints as prescribed in the Health Act.

This proposed by-law is unreasonable in that it is discriminatory and coercive in its intent.

It is also irrational given that it offers exemptions, thus defeating the proposal to prohibit roosters from Urban areas.

If this by-law is passed, I request an exemption. Poultry are the main source of phosphate in my research work. Keeping a small flock including a rooster is an essential aspect of this soil research.

Bees: Need to be inspected regularly for Varroa, A.F.B and Wasp intrusion. Hives should be inspected by a qualified person; not necessarily the hive owner. Suggest the registered number of the inspector be on the box and a diary of visits kept.

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Organisation name

not supplied

Your comments

The changes to the bylaw regarding the keeping of bees in urban areas are very much welcomed by myself and the rest of my family; better late than never!

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