

# **Whangarei District Council**

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## **Bulk Cat Submissions relating to the Long Term Plan 2021 - 2031**

**Volume One**

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24 March 2021

Whangarei District Council  
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**Whangarei 0148**

Dear Councillors

**Re: Funding for Community Desexing**

In accordance with the SPCA Strategy 2019-2029, the organisation is looking at reducing the number of unwanted animals needing the care and support of SPCA. By 2029, SPCA aims to halve the number of animals needing help and this can be achieved in part through SPCA's National De-sexing Programme which will provide a humane and effective way to reduce the number of unwanted cats and dogs.

Desexing is a key component of Responsible Pet Ownership. The owned companion animal population of New Zealand is estimated to include 1.2 million companion cats and 851,000 dogs, of which approximately 146,000 cats and 221,000 dogs are not desexed and some animals may have already had a litter before desexing occurred. The main barriers to desexing of owned companion cats are cost (27%), feeling it is unnecessary (23%), and not considering it a priority (21%). For dogs the three main barriers are feeling it is unnecessary (27%), wanting to breed the animal (26%), and cost (20%). These barriers have remained largely unchanged over the previous decade. To overcome these barriers SPCA's National Desexing Programme aims to address these key barriers through the provision of readily-accessible low-cost desexing and education focused on the importance and appropriate timing of desexing companion cats and dogs. SPCA has an important role in providing a preventative, 'top of the cliff' approach, to addressing the unwanted and stray animal population of New Zealand and are reaching out to other stakeholders to support this important strategy.

In December 2020, SPCA launched our low cost desexing programme Snip 'n' Chip into the Far North Region and the interest and uptake of the programme has been phenomenal. This campaign is the largest stand-alone campaign SPCA has ever undertaken and is on target to desex 4000 cats by the end of June 2021. In order to make a real impact on the number of unwanted animals in the community, this effort has to be repeated annually, and to include dogs, if we are to achieve our target by 2029. SPCA is therefore requesting funding from the Whangarei District Council to assist us to expand and continue running this programme for the foreseeable future.

SPCA is committed to reducing the number of unwanted animals in the Far North Region so any funding SPCA receives to support this work will be used to desex, microchip and register the microchip with Companion Animals New Zealand. SPCA will bear all administrative and marketing costs, the funding will be exclusively expended in the Whangarei District Council areas and will be fully accounted for once the funding has been spent.

SPCA is aware that the Whangarei District Council is currently taking submissions for your 2021-2031 Long Term Plan, and therefore would be very grateful for your consideration on our request for funding to support our community de-sexing programme. SPCA will be happy to answer any questions you may have on our plan.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive 'R' followed by a series of loops and a final downward stroke.

Ros Alsford  
National Operations Support Manager

# Hamilton City Council

## What to do with cats

We've developed the following guidelines about managing cats, following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Waikato SPCA.

The MOU allows us to provide ongoing support to the Hamilton community around specific cats while they remain on the Waikato SPCA's books.

Helping our community with stray and vulnerable cats is new to us and we're doing what we can to provide as much support as possible within our current capacity.

These guidelines are a quick reference for people dealing with cats to know what to do in each situation. There are many different types of cats and they all have their own way of being managed.

**Below is a table for easy reference about what types of cats can be taken to each organisation:**

|  | <b>Animal Education and Control</b> | <b>Waikato SPCA</b> |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Nuisance cats                              | Yes                                 | No                  |
| Healthy/friendly strays and companion cats | Yes                                 | Yes                 |
| Litters or vulnerable cats                 | Yes                                 | Yes                 |
| Feral cats                                 | Yes                                 | No                  |
| Cats needing welfare support               | No                                  | Yes                 |
| Abandoned cats                             | No                                  | Yes                 |
| Unwanted cats                              | No                                  | Yes                 |

Animal Education and Control is located at 217 Ellis St in Frankton and is open from 12.30pm to 4.30pm every day except public holidays. The Council's customer service centre is available 24/7 on 07 838 6699.



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First name: *Ada*  
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First name: **ADELE**

Street name: **PUKE PUKE PLACE**

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Personal contact details email/phone (optional):



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Name.....*Adrienne*.....

Address.....*Charles Walton Rd, Mangatapere.*.....

Business/community organisation.....

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Address..... Paranui Valley Rd, Tikipunga .....

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First name.....

Alex

Address.....

Beasley Road

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Whangarei Heads



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First name Alicia  
Address Onerahi / Cartwright Road  
Suburb



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Address.....RAEWYN STREET.....  
Suburb.....MORNINGSIDE.....

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Name.....*Olison*.....

Address.....*262 Fairway Dr. Kamo*.....

Business/community organisation.....*(Jane Mander)*.....

Position.....

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Name Alison

Address Manganese Point Road, Tamaterau

Business/community organisation .....

Position .....

Personal contact details email/phone (optional) .....



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 Street name: *Mangakahi RD*  
 Suburb: *Mangakahi*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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First name: *Ally*  
 Street name: *Tapuhi Rd*  
 Suburb: *Hukerenui*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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NAME: Angela Almeida

HOME STREET NAME AND SUBURB: Rauko place, Whangarei (Tikipunga)

VET PRACTICE: Mill Road Vet Clinic



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Name... Amanda

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First name..... Amber .....

Address..... mc Donnell Road .....

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First name: *Amber-Lee*  
 Street name: *Puriri Park Road*  
 Suburb: *Maunu*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):



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Address..... First Ave .....

Suburb..... central city (Avenues) .....



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Personal contact details email/phone (optional):



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*Andy*

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Business/community organisation.....

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 Street name: *old onerahi rd*  
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 Street name: *Carlton Cres*  
 Suburb: *Kamo*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):



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Name..... ANNA .....

Address..... TOWN BASIN MARINA (SYNOOMI) .....

Business/community organisation.....

Position.....

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*(lives on a boat in the town basin)*



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Suburb:

*Kensington*

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 Suburb: *Kamo*

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 Street name: *Cumtoun Rd*  
 Suburb: *Kamo*

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Street name: *Sorrento St*

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 Street name: *George Pt Road*  
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 Street name: *Banff*  
 Suburb: *Kensington*

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Name.....Antonia.....

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Business/community organisation.....

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Suburb.....Regent.....



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Suburb:

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15 MAR 2021

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I would like to suggest the following solutions to the above problems:

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Name Chantelle Orchard on behalf of the YourVet Team

*Chantelle Orchard*

**Mike Macartney, Mark Borich, Sue Palmer, Nikita O'Donnell, Chantelle Orchard, Yvette Hope, Jessie Beeler, Corinne Hopkins, Debbie Rosser**

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Name..... Sophie Bell .....  
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First name:

*Bev*

Street name:

*Norfolk St*

Suburb:

*Regent*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):



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Street name:

*Beach Road*

Suburb:

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Suburb:

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## Submission for WDC 2021 Public Consultation Process

RECEIVED - CUSTOMER SERVICES  
- 9 MAR 2021  
WHANGAREI  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Business/community organisation.....

Position.....

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Suburb: *Kamo.*

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