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## Cat registration debate hot up

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BRISBANE: An alarming 80 per cent of cats that land in council pounds will never make it out alive, but Lord Mayor Campbell is yet to be convinced the city's cat population should be registered.

Cr Newman released figures last week showing 80 per cent of the 1818 cats that wound up in council pounds in the past two financial years were euthanised, compared to just 18 per cent of the total 6668 dogs impounded.

Yet Cr Newman said he had seen nothing to justify a move toward mandatory desexing of dogs and cats or the introduction of cat registration at this stage, and would await the results of trial by other councils.

"If there is value in what they come up with we would always review our position," Cr Newman said.

Australian Veterinary Association president Dr Mark Lawrie said mandatory desexing or cat registration would not reduce the amount of animals being put down in pounds.

"The cost of compliance is prohibitive and would be better spent on other methods," Dr Lawrie said.

A 2006 Brisbane City Council study showed 95 per cent of pet cats and 89 per cent of dogs were desexed.

But RSPCA spokesman Michael Beatty urged council to introduce mandatory desexing at point of sale and cat registration regardless of the trial results, saying it would drive down the number animals in pounds.

About 12 per cent of the 5210 dogs and 67 per cent of 2292 cats impounded by Logan City Council in the past two years were euthanised.

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