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High cost of new cat law

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THE State Government's proposed cat control legislation could leave the City of Joondalup more than \$100,000 a year out of pocket.

The proposed legislation would require all cats to be registered, micro-chipped and sterilised. Governance and strategy director Jamie Parry told a council briefing session on Tuesday that the State Government had modelled much of its proposal on the City's cats local law, which it passed last year but was disallowed by a parliamentary committee.

In its submission on the proposed law, the City said if the registration fee was \$10 as under the City's proposed law, it expected to raise \$274,450 from registrations, pound fees and fines.

The City estimated it would cost \$393,200 to administer the legislation.

In its submission, the City recommended the registration fee for cats instead be set at \$15 a year.



What everyone else is thinking

K9

08/09/2011

I am responsible for the new Cat Law. I contacted city of wanneroo in detail (in writing) earlier

this year, regarding the havoc cats cause to the wildlife and that if dog owners are slugged with registration fees then Cat owners need to cop it too. Then 2 months later there was a publication in (Community News) with what I had just stated.

Simon Turpin

23/07/2010

This legislation is not needed it is costly and totally old hat...it has not worked in other states or countries at achieving what the government tell us it wants from this cat control...the dog laws have NOT worked, read the West from a couple of weeks ago. How about an education package and a law to say all dogs and cats offered through newspapers, petshops, shelters, vet clinics, given away or bartered MUST be sterilised or risk a huge fine or prison ! That would make a difference to the too many dogs and cats and not enough homes. Only agents with special breeding licenses could breed. With our companion cats a few years done the line the Cat Haven could become just that and have a maternity and nursery wing, instead of having to be an establishment of death.

Harry M

19/07/2010

Our councillors appear to act only to be popular. There are many other local issues that need rectifying before cats & butting out on the beach is enforced.

Rhonda

19/07/2010

Having lived in areas near bushland which become dumping areas for unwanted cats and kittens they are not so cute anymore. They become a pest to those living in those areas - native species suffer - home avairies become a target - and legally no one is held responsible. Cat owners need to become accountable just as dog owners. Typical - because of a minority - the majority suffer and have to pay. Yes - new laws are required - it will allow rangers to take appropriate action to trap and try to lower the feral cat numbers.

Karen

15/07/2010

How will this be monitored, cats are not like dogs (in a backyard barking) how will the anyone know if a cat lives there? Also the people that do the right thing by sterilizing their cats and microchipping them are having to pay a license fee, no registration fee should be charged. Just an excuse for more revenue. For the record i do not have a cat.

Pussygalore!

15/07/2010

This is total nonsense! It penalises responsible cat owners, but does not solve any feral cat problems at all. Are local cats really causing nearly \$400,000 worth of problems in Joondalup? I think not! A lot more community services could be provided to the elderly and the young rather than ratepayer money wasted chasing a few feral cats! This is another joke being forced through by the Barnett Government and dumping it onto Local Council Ratepayers to pay yet again! Yep! just another tax!

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