

Bruny Island Cat Management Survey

Results March 2016



These results are for 157 records, the total of the electronic survey (September 2015) and the paper based survey (February 2016).

Respondents

119 respondents were Bruny Island Residents and 38 were non- resident property owners

25 respondents were cat owners (16%) with an average of 1.5 cats/owner

Of these 16 have cats living on Bruny, 8 have cats that visit Bruny and one that never brings their cat to Bruny.

Management measures in place for respondents cat/s

Of the cat owners who responded:

96% have their cats de-sexed

64% have their cats micro-chipped

44% keep their cats indoors at all times

28% keep their cats indoors at night only

24% have enclosed outdoor cat runs

24% give their cats free access in and outdoors

No cats were outdoor only

Support from all respondents for management measures for domestic cats

Compulsory de-sexing 91%

Compulsory micro-chipping 81%

Containment 81% with 62% supporting 24hour containment and a further 19% night time only containment

Annual Registration 67%

Limit on the number of cats per household 78%

Fines for cats at large or causing a nuisance 64%

Support for cat Free developments where appropriate 61%

Support for cat prohibited areas 73%

Permits for cats coming to Bruny 53%

A last cat policy 58% (including 16% support from cat owners).

Two respondents rejected all the above options and wanted total eradication of all domestic and feral cats on the Island.

Support for Management measures for stray & feral cats

63% supported culling in important conservation and agricultural areas

83% supported eradication stray & feral cats from the whole island

71% supported education about problems and management of stray & feral cats

Respondents concerns about feral and stray cats on Bruny:

54% were concerned there were too many cats

86% were concerned about the threat to wildlife

38% were concerned about the spread of disease to wildlife

46% were concerned about spread of diseases to livestock

66% were concerned that cats were not desexed

55% were not concerned about any of the above.

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