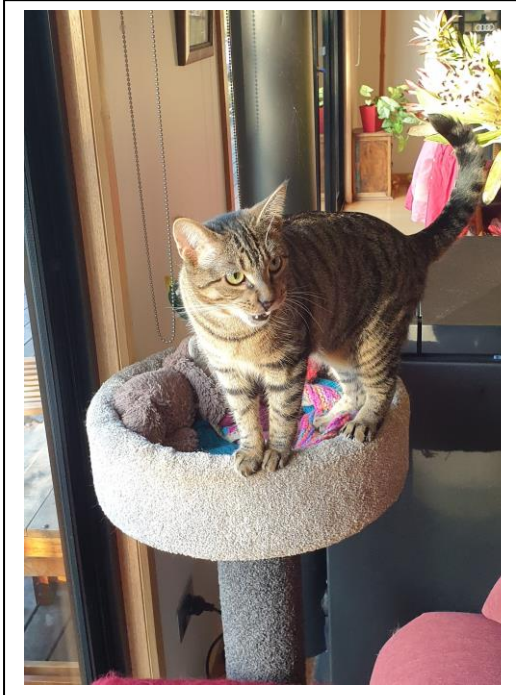


Thank you – Bruny Islanders!



Council is delighted to report that nearly all Bruny cat owners (91%) have come forward to register their cats under the Bruny Island Cat By-law. 95% of cat owners own only 1 or 2 cats. 12% owners regularly visit the island with their cats.

Three years ago, just over half of cat owners were fully complying with the By-law, including keeping their cats safe and secure at home. Now the majority comply, with 49% providing an outdoor enclosure/enclosed deck; 29% choosing to keep their cats indoors 24hr/day; and a small number have trained their cats to walk with a harness and lead!

Council continues to work with cat owners so they can become fully compliant. Registration is free and assistance is available for desexing, microchipping, containment advice and materials. It is never too late to ask for help.

Please remember to check that your cat/s is/are fully secure before you go to bed or leave your property. A registered cat was recently trapped on a nearby property when the owner thought it was secure. This cat, like most, will stay close by when family members are around. But cats given the chance, will generally roam widely when alone. Because the cat was registered with Council, it was quickly returned to its owner.

To learn more about how the By-law, register a cat or gain assistance, please visit [our website](#) or email kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au or phone 6211 8200.

Due to the excellent trapping work of Bruny Farming, there are now far fewer reports of cat sightings by residents and visitors to the island. As feral cat numbers drop, it is even more important to continue to report cat sightings via the Feral Cat Scan smart phone app (www.feralcatscan.org.au) or directly to Council.

Community members continue to assist our trapping efforts. This is invaluable in our work to manage stray and feral cats! In the past 12 months 17 cats were trapped on private property with the help of 8 households.

To learn more about the project on Bruny and project updates visit:
<https://nrmsouth.org.au/project/cat-management-actions-for-eastern-quoll-on-bruny-island/>

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