

# Kawartha Lakes Feral Cat Survey

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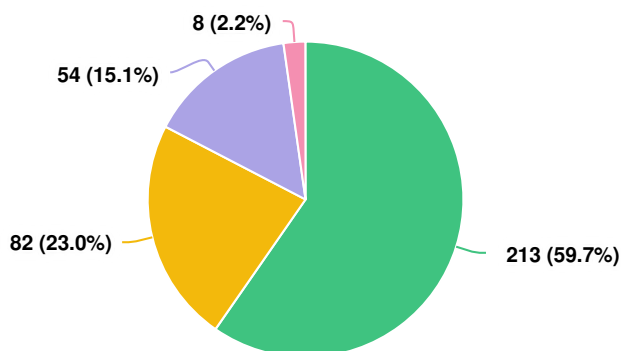
## **SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT**

03 November 2022 - 24 November 2022

### **PROJECT NAME:**

Stray and Feral Cat Pilot Project

# SURVEY QUESTIONS

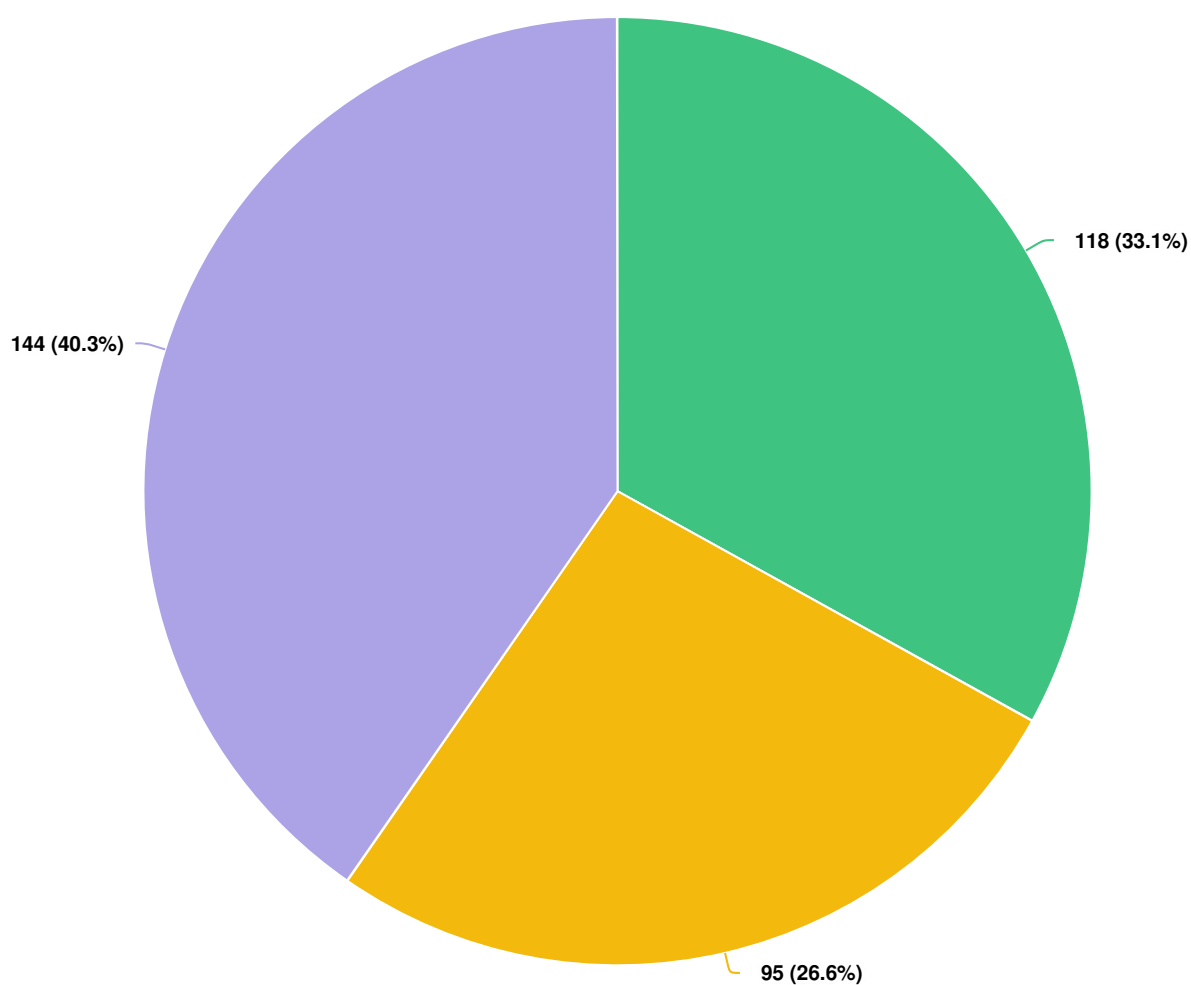
**Q1 Which of the following areas best describes where you live in Kawartha Lakes?****Question options**

- Urban (town, village, hamlet)
- Rural (farm, other agricultural area)
- Cottage (seasonal residential, waterfront area)
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (357 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q2** Do you have a feral cat colony in your area?



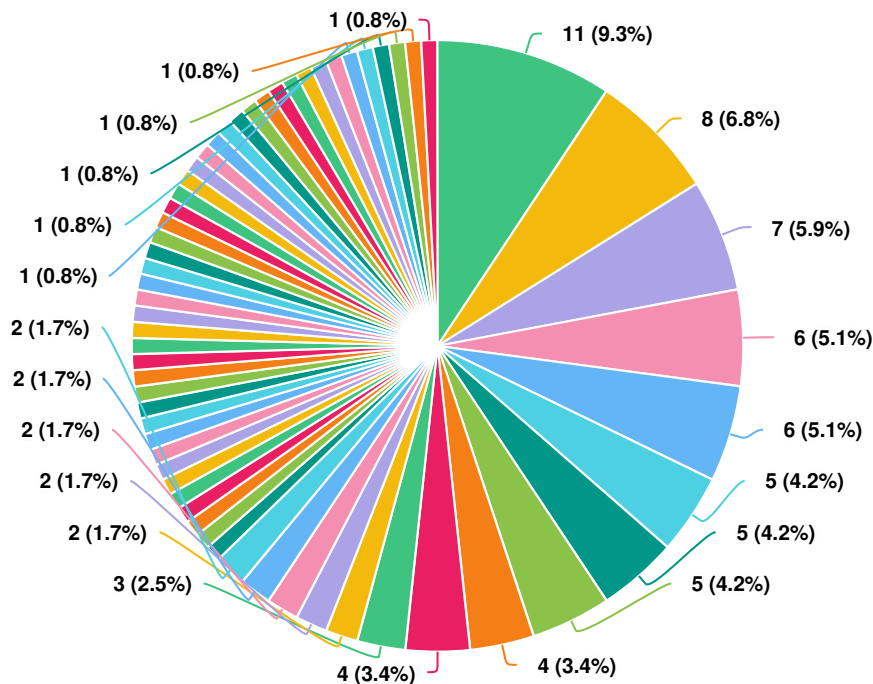
**Question options**

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know





























































Mandatory Question (357 response(s))

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**Q3** Please type in the postal code for the general location of the suspected feral cat colony in your area. If you don't know the exact postal code for the colony, provide a postal code that is close to the area.



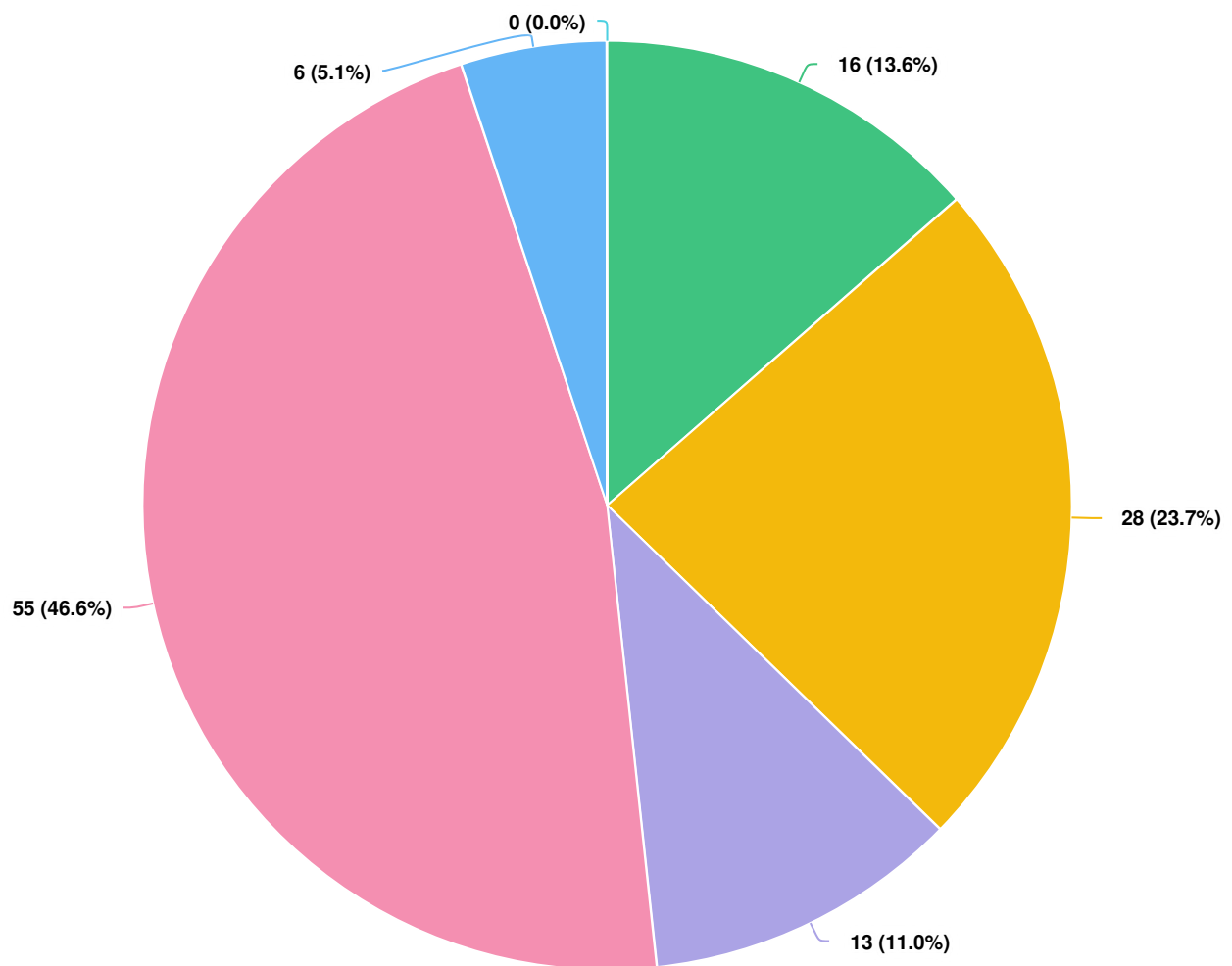
### Question options

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|  Omemee, ON, K0L2W0     |  Kirkfield, ON, K0M2B0     |  Little Britain, ON, K0M2C0 |  Bobcaygeon, ON, K0M0A1 |
|  Bethany, ON, L0A1A0    |  Woodville, ON, K0M2T0     |  Fenelon Falls, ON, K0M0A3  |  Coboconk, ON, K0M1K0   |
|  Pontypool, ON, L0A1K0  |  Lindsay, ON, K9V4R2       |  Reaboro, ON, K0L2X0        |  Norland, ON, K0M0B3    |
|  Lindsay, ON, K9V3R6    |  Lindsay, ON, K9V0J5       |  Oakwood, ON, K0M2M0        |  Lindsay, ON, K9V1W3    |
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|  Lindsay, ON, K9V5B2    |  Lindsay, ON, K9V2P3       |  Trent Lakes, ON, K0M1A0    |  Lindsay, ON, K9V4P9    |
|  Lindsay, ON, K9V3W4    |  Lindsay, ON, K9V1H9       |  Lindsay, ON, K9V3W5        |  Lindsay, ON, K9V5P3    |
|  Minden, ON, K0M2K0     |  Lindsay, ON, K9V3B9       |  Lindsay, ON, K9V3P1        |  Lindsay, ON, K9V1N3    |
|  Lindsay, ON, K9V1J8    |  Sebright, ON, L0K1W0      |  Kinmount, ON, K0M2A0       |  Norland, ON, K0M2L0    |
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|  Lindsay, ON, K9V4C5    |  Lindsay, ON, K9V3N4       |  Uxbridge, ON, L9P1B1       |  Lindsay, ON, K9V5R5    |

*Mandatory Question (118 response(s))*

Question type: Region Question

**Q4** Are you aware of whether or not the feral cat colony in your area is receiving care? If so, who is it being cared for by



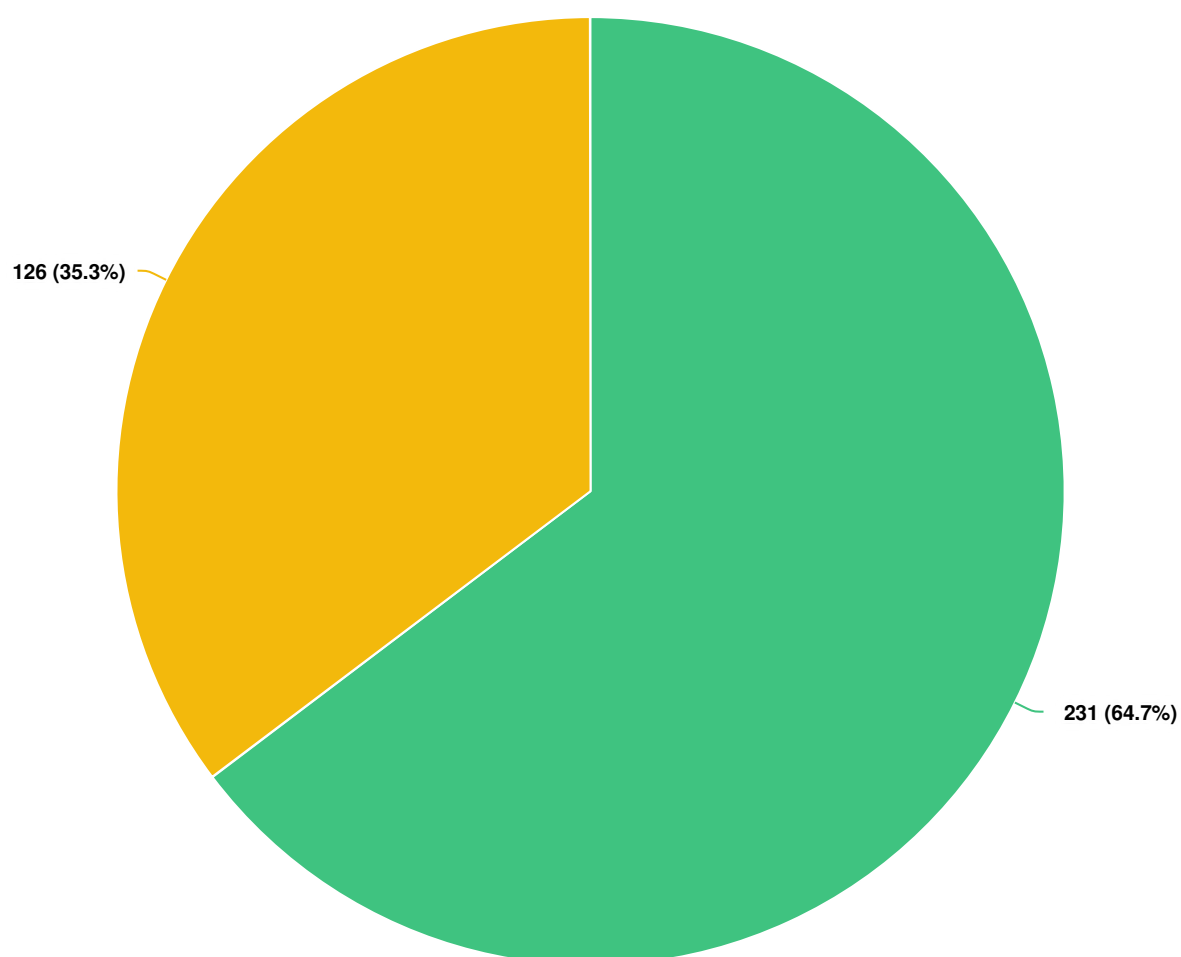
#### Question options

- Myself ● A neighbour ● Someone who is known locally for caring for feral cats ● I'm not aware if it's being cared for  
● Other (please specify) ● A cat rescue organization

Mandatory Question (118 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q5** Do you think that feral cats are a problem in Kawartha Lakes?

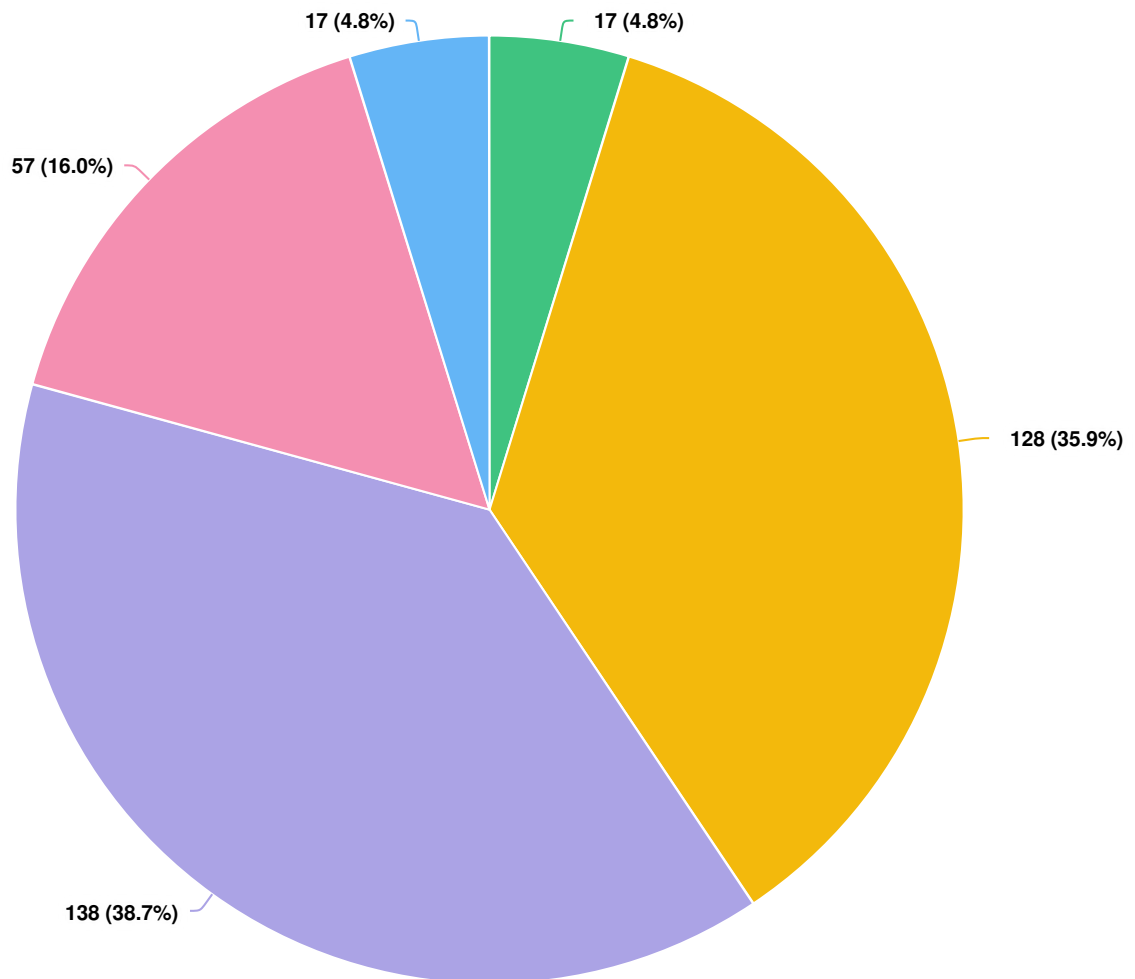


**Question options**

☒ Yes ☐ No

*Mandatory Question (357 response(s))  
Question type: Radio Button Question*

**Q6 What do you think should be done to control the feral cat population?**



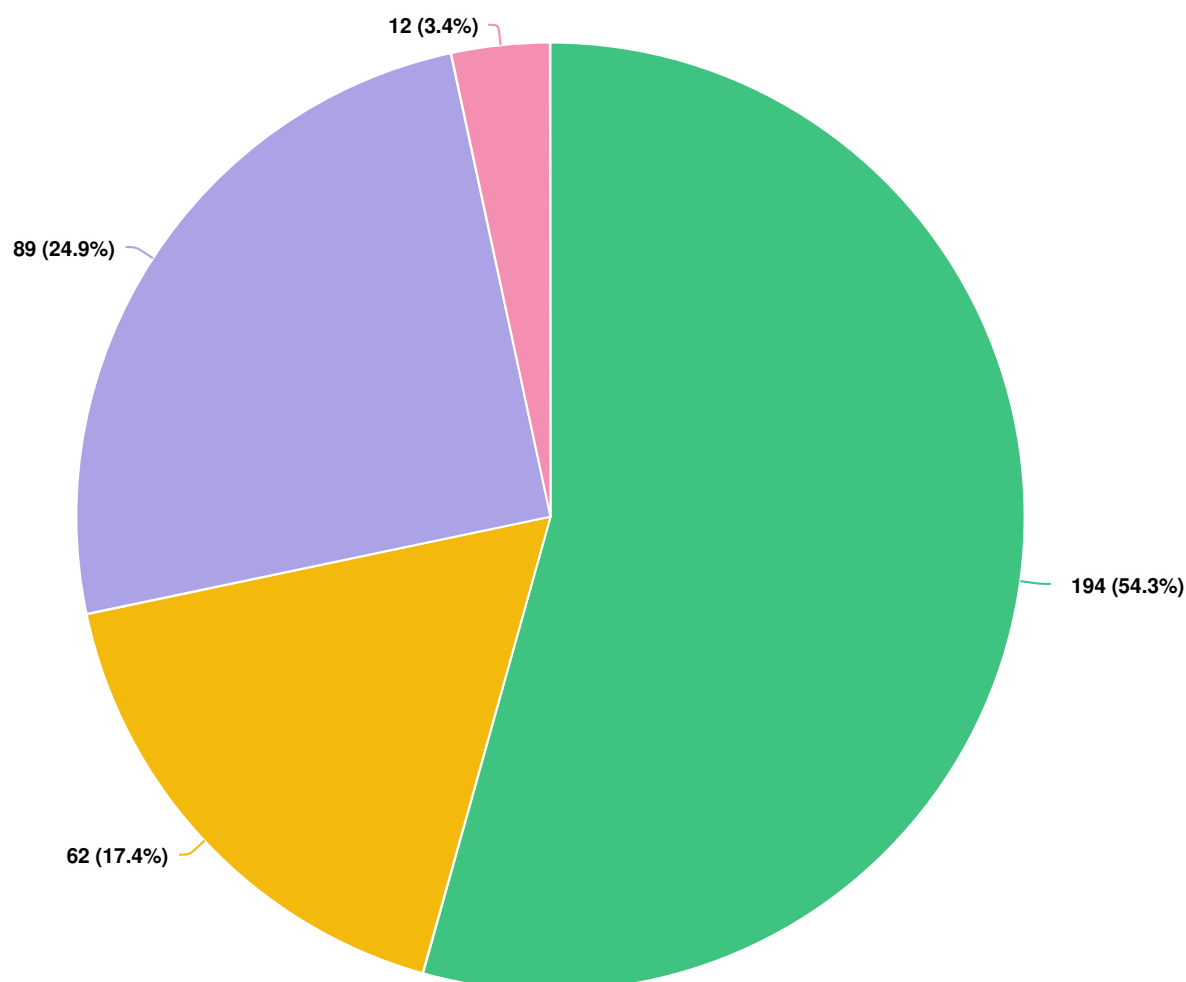
**Question options**

- Leave them alone
- Capture, neuter and return them
- Capture, neuter and place them with a rescue to be rehomed
- Capture and euthanize them
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (357 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question



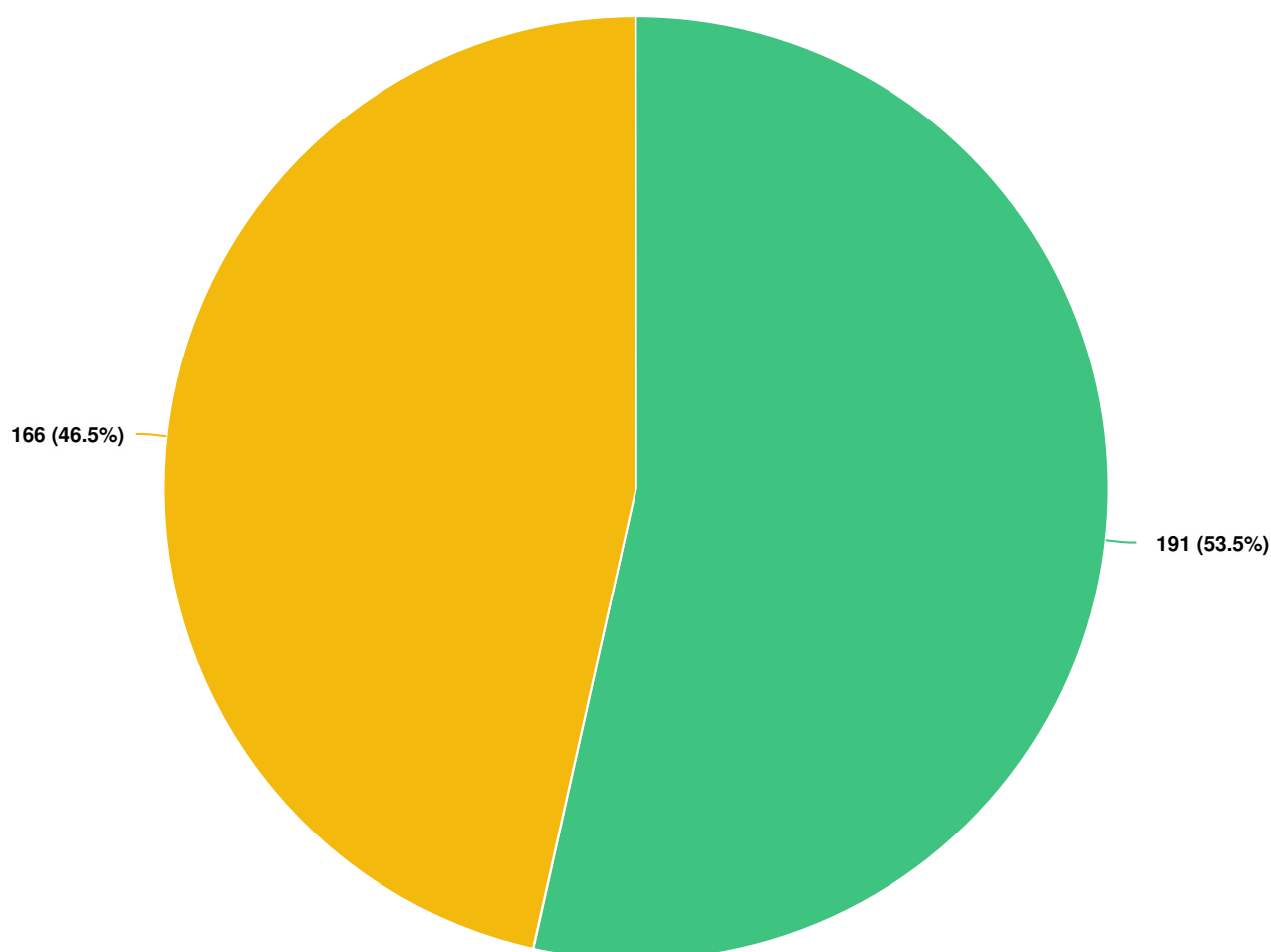
**Q7 Who do you think should be responsible for the feral cat population?****Question options**

- Municipality (regulations and programs)
- Provincial Authority (Provincial Animal Welfare Act)
- Humane Society or Welfare Organizations
- Other Organizations

Mandatory Question (357 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q8** Would you donate to a charitable organization to support a feral cat colony or trap, neuter and return programs?

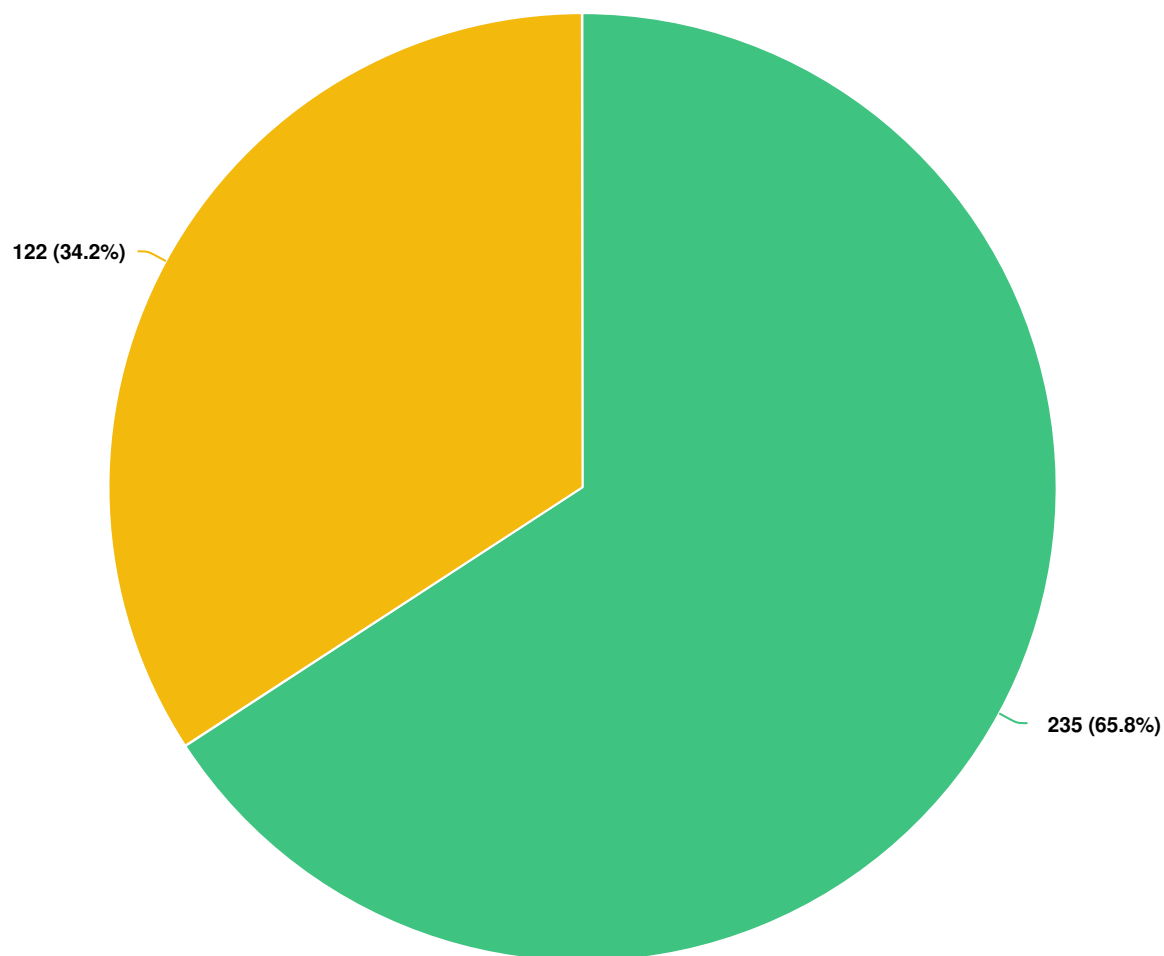


**Question options**

● Yes ● No

Mandatory Question (357 response(s))  
Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q9** Do you think that the municipality should regulate charitable organizations that provide trap, neuter and return services for feral cats?



**Question options**

● Yes ● No

Mandatory Question (357 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

**Q10 Please provide any additional comments about feral cats in Kawartha Lakes here**

Screen Name Redacted

11/03/2022 04:29 PM

I have only seen one feral cat in my area.

Screen Name Redacted

11/03/2022 04:38 PM

Tired on feral cat damage in my property

Screen Name Redacted

11/03/2022 04:45 PM

I have seen opinions published that promote killing the feral and outside domestic cats because they kill birds. No one likes to see a bird killed. However, feral and homeless domestic cats hunt in the city's drains and keep the rat populations in check

Screen Name Redacted

11/03/2022 04:50 PM

I've Lived in Lindsey for 13 years and I have live trapped over 30 cats and kittens in my yard got them fixed and now they returned them to where I caught them from or found them homes homes I find people in Lindsey toss their cats out like kids .

Screen Name Redacted

11/03/2022 04:55 PM

municipality has staff to assist humane etc orgn's catch etc.

Screen Name Redacted

11/03/2022 04:58 PM

I was never under the premis that the City of Kawartha Lakes had a feral cat problem.

Screen Name Redacted

11/03/2022 05:15 PM

Not sure where cats come from but over the 16 years I've been here I've had to deal with 6 episodes of feral cats looking for food. Not particularly a pet person; I can't turn my back on hungry distressed animal. Difficult to get help.

Screen Name Redacted

11/03/2022 06:03 PM

I have a rescue cat from CKL that has FIV (a communicable immuno definiciency virus). My vets have told me it is prevalent in Kawartha Lakes. My cat has suffered as well as my wallet. Captured cats should be screened for FIV before release to reduce FIV

Screen Name Redacted

11/03/2022 06:21 PM

Stop it at the source. Backyard breeding

Screen Name Redacted

11/03/2022 10:26 PM

I understand that feral cats are responsible for the deaths of huge numbers of birds and mammals. I think it's time to have regulations in place that significantly reduce these numbers.

Screen Name Redacted

11/04/2022 07:17 AM

Feral cats are a major killer of song birds and i have witnessed this myself... even though some misguided people make sure theyvare well fed... the cats continue to kill the birds as it is thier nature. You cannot retrain a cat from this behaviour.

Screen Name Redacted

11/04/2022 07:21 AM

The feral cats in this neighborhood has been an issue since we moved into Lindsay 8 years ago.

Screen Name Redacted

11/04/2022 08:09 AM

Spread of rabies should be addressed at the same time as neuter.

Screen Name Redacted

11/04/2022 09:38 AM

The only good cat is a dead cat.

Screen Name Redacted

11/04/2022 10:55 AM

It is difficult living downtown knowing if there is a feralcat colony but i do know there are multiple stray/outdoor cats in my backyard every day.

Screen Name Redacted

11/04/2022 11:14 AM

I don't know if all of Kawartha Lakes has a feral cat problem, but on my road we have a lot of cats/kittens of all ages.

Screen Name Redacted

11/04/2022 11:39 AM

I believe feral cats to be a health hazard in urban communities as well as a danger to the bird populations.

Screen Name Redacted

11/04/2022 12:24 PM

need to get outdoor / feral cat problem under control. Too many birds and small critters are being killed by these cats.

Screen Name Redacted

11/04/2022 01:58 PM

Outdoor cats are responsible for the decimation of songbird populations in North America.

Screen Name Redacted

11/04/2022 02:30 PM

All should be chipped so folks know they have been neutered and returned.

Screen Name Redacted 11/04/2022 02:34 PM	Feral cats need to be controlled, their instinct is to hunt/kill wild birds. They should not be returned to a colony in the wild. Cats are not indigenous and are invasive. Audobaun considers birds to be the major threat to birds.ulation
Screen Name Redacted 11/04/2022 02:48 PM	Do not release feral cats! They kill many birds and small mammals (rabbits). Euthanize feral cats. Being a wild animal is not easy - diseases, starvation, predators. Humanely euthanize. I would not support a trap and release program.
Screen Name Redacted 11/04/2022 03:42 PM	Think a combined effort offers municipal & charitable. City provides\$ & organization the manpower
Screen Name Redacted 11/04/2022 03:42 PM	Stop increased regulations. Scale back government
Screen Name Redacted 11/04/2022 04:09 PM	As a pet owner I was always taught to do what was right for the animal even when it wasn't pleasant or easy. I don't believe that the life of a feral cat is in the best interests of the cat. Adoption is too complicated to address here but I've done it.
Screen Name Redacted 11/04/2022 04:20 PM	Many rescue groups exist without municipal intervention. They fund raise, have volunteers who help. Several people I know feed feral cats, check on their health. Program to help fund vet bills would be great.
Screen Name Redacted 11/04/2022 04:24 PM	s[ay release cats are still a threat to small birds
Screen Name Redacted 11/04/2022 04:24 PM	Something needs to be done so they stop reproducing. There are too many kitties that need homes and with nothing being done the amount of cats grows so quickly!
Screen Name Redacted 11/04/2022 04:24 PM	Having worked in animal welfare, I recognize the fine line btwn people wanting to help and instead causing more suffering. As such, there is a need to regulate and monitor feral cat agencies to provide guidance and hopefully avoid potential problems.
Screen Name Redacted 11/04/2022 04:26 PM	charitable organizations are great, but some of the members of these organizations can get over-zealous in their "caring" for animals.

Screen Name Redacted

11/04/2022 04:39 PM

I've donated to other cities trap and release programs. They try to home the cats that are friendly and release the "spicy" cats. I've taken in a feral cat in the past. If the municipality was to help an organization like Klaws, that would be great.

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11/04/2022 04:58 PM

An affordable clinic to help get these cats fixed and vaccinated would help this problem.

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11/04/2022 05:13 PM

Unfortunately, we cannot take on another regional expense, by licensing, tagging and forcing owners to spade;neuter to control the cat population.

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11/04/2022 05:27 PM

They are great at getting rodents in the barn, but survival of the fittest seems to be the norm . Usually find one deceased come spring.

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11/04/2022 05:40 PM

Trap, neuter and return service do not address the real impact of feral cats. They are a top predator and should be regulated as such.

Screen Name Redacted

11/04/2022 06:16 PM

A lot of them seem to get dumped around Woodville area.

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11/04/2022 06:32 PM

We adopted a feral cat for our barn from a Stouville SPCA program. It was a wonderful solution.

Screen Name Redacted

11/04/2022 07:44 PM

IF they are impacting wildlife populations or causing damage to crops, domestic animals or property then landowners should be allowed to trapa end shoot them without reprisal, as is the case for other nuisance wildlife.

Screen Name Redacted

11/04/2022 07:53 PM

Cats catch mice, rats, and other vermin which carry disease. I don't feed birds so, they do not get attacked by cats. Catch, fix and either release or rehome is the preferred option. This is the definition of a bylaw that cannot be enforced.

Screen Name Redacted

11/04/2022 08:00 PM

They hunt along the properties and waterfronts, eating young ducks and geese, chipmunks, rabbits and squirrels. They defecate in gardens etc with potential for spreading illness to other animals and domestic pets

Screen Name Redacted

11/04/2022 08:47 PM

We see a lot of cats around and getting into garage, but we are unsure if they have an owner

Screen Name Redacted

11/04/2022 08:52 PM

Animals and pets cannot roam free....feral cats need to be controlled and dealt with

Screen Name Redacted

11/04/2022 09:58 PM

It is not the cats fault that they are feral. Man has caused this problem and it is up to us to solve in a humane and caring way. We as the human race are the most invasive species and it is time we took responsibility for this problem caused by us.

Screen Name Redacted

11/04/2022 10:00 PM

If allowed to roam free and breed the feral cats will form an increasing danger to local bird populations.

Screen Name Redacted

11/04/2022 10:26 PM

There is no place on the landscape for feral cats. They are an invasive species and pose a serious threat to wildlife and a disease threat to domestic animals.

Screen Name Redacted

11/04/2022 10:29 PM

All feral cats can be rehomed with time. The humane society, municipality and provincial should help and nobody should be relying on donations. Animals need a voice and shouldn't be outside in any weather.

Screen Name Redacted

11/05/2022 01:42 AM

As a foster already for one of these programs, I am concerned with the lack of resources at the provincial and municipal levels. Most calls come from people trying to manage colonies with no support for affordable and speedy spay neuter programs.

Screen Name Redacted

11/05/2022 08:08 AM

I currently live in the middle of 3 houses that have feral cats. 5 were dumped here this summer because there is a barn in the area so that added to the 6 that were already here and now the females are all pregnant, one having 4 kittens in the past 2 mth

Screen Name Redacted

11/05/2022 08:14 AM

All animal welfare organisations and Rescue organisations need to be properly regulated! Way too many Cowboys and scammers out there with a slick social media site and no accountability.

Screen Name Redacted

I have personally engaged and won the trust of some of these poor



11/05/2022 09:15 AM

souls myself and know many can become beloved pets. Irresponsible humans create the problem and we need to help save the poor cats from bearing the consequences

Screen Name Redacted

11/05/2022 09:53 AM

These cats should not be returned to the wild after capture and neutering. They kill to survive and in some areas wipe out bird and rodent populations.

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11/05/2022 10:01 AM

The municipality should work with rescue organizations and provincial humane societies to trap neuter and return or rehome cats. Not all cats in a feral colony are truly feral, some are abandoned or lost pet cats.

Screen Name Redacted

11/05/2022 10:58 AM

I don't think the city should regulate any groups unless they speak with ALL groups that are functioning in the area, not just favourites. The City would also need to have an organized animal control and not law enforcement that do "all" bylaws.

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11/05/2022 11:09 AM

Know of someone who has both feral and domestic cats but will not receive this survey because they do not use nor apparently have a computer use they

Screen Name Redacted

11/05/2022 12:16 PM

They kill birds, chipmunks and reptiles. People feed them and the breed to over run the neighborhood

Screen Name Redacted

11/05/2022 02:06 PM

Feral cats should be treated as an invasive species, and are responsible for killing too many birds. If there is potential for rehome ie. kittens, then do that.

Screen Name Redacted

11/05/2022 02:52 PM

I have noticed a reduction in feral cats in my neighbourhood in the past 5 years. I'm not sure if there is currently a program in place, or if it's simply a cyclical thing.

Screen Name Redacted

11/05/2022 04:28 PM

Monitor health implications of feral cat populations on the residence of the city of Kawartha Lakes. Make necessary changes in Bylaws to ensure the health and safety of the population not only human but other animals that are domesticated and licensed.

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11/05/2022 09:40 PM

should be a municipality responsibility and not a charitable organization

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11/05/2022 11:42 PM

Are we trapping and neutering raccoons as well?

Screen Name Redacted

11/06/2022 01:39 AM

Whatever you do it has to be with the cats best interests, and it has to be enforceable without difficulty. Having a bylaw or program means nothing if you can't implement it meaningfully.

Screen Name Redacted

11/06/2022 06:38 AM

There was a feral cat colony in our neighbourhood. The problem was resolved when one neighbour trapped the cats and took them to the countryside to release them. He captured and released over 30 cats.

Screen Name Redacted

11/06/2022 07:12 AM

The larger provincial government should take an active role in environmental issues. Feral cats can infest wide areas and should be considered an invasive species similar to feral hogs.

Screen Name Redacted

11/06/2022 08:20 AM

cats deficate in my gardens. I have tried using mothballs in my gardens yet my gardens continue to used as a litter box.

Screen Name Redacted

11/06/2022 09:00 AM

Quite off cats are dumped in our area

Screen Name Redacted

11/06/2022 10:06 AM

We do not have a feral cat population where I live at the moment

Screen Name Redacted

11/06/2022 12:02 PM

Wiping out all of the feral cats by capture, neuter and release may not be the best way forward. Allowing some feral cats may be the best solution for the urban environment.

Screen Name Redacted

11/06/2022 12:25 PM

I have a cat colony which I feed, provide shelter, and have spayed almost all out of my own pocket which has severely reduced the cat population in my neighbourhood but I wouldn't mind some financial help or food donations. I am a low income senior

Screen Name Redacted

11/06/2022 12:27 PM

The space is far too limited for what I have to say. Humans must take responsibility and find a way to end the cruelty.

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Screen Name Redacted 11/06/2022 12:41 PM	feral cats should be euthanized.
Screen Name Redacted 11/06/2022 01:39 PM	We have feral cat colony in our backyard of 4 males, I have been able to trap, neuter, return and maintain all of them and have received help, advice and trap use from Operation Catnip Peterborough <a href="http://operationcatnip.ca">http://operationcatnip.ca</a>
Screen Name Redacted 11/06/2022 03:49 PM	Likely a combination of humane society or a charitable group, municipal animal control and
Screen Name Redacted 11/06/2022 03:55 PM	I think it has to be a multilevel effort between citizens, npo's, municipal government and provincial. I think cats should be rehomed if possible.
Screen Name Redacted 11/06/2022 09:13 PM	If the cats aren't completely feral and undomesticated, all attempts to place them with foster and forever homes should be made. Otherwise, a TNR and ear tipping program is the next best option.
Screen Name Redacted 11/07/2022 08:42 AM	There is a private cat rescue home in Bobcaygeon that helps wild cats. It was very useful in helping to recapture my cat when he escaped from the house for 11 days.
Screen Name Redacted 11/07/2022 09:05 AM	TNR programs are the best way to manage these populations and should supported by the city, animal welfare and other rescue organizations
Screen Name Redacted 11/07/2022 10:38 AM	While the City is responsible for stray and feral cats, it likely lacks the human and facility resources to substantially address the problem via TNRM. So, the City might consider outsourcing the TNRM service to HSKL and other animal welfare groups.
Screen Name Redacted 11/07/2022 01:33 PM	Feral cats in lindsay have been quite a problem in our neighborhood. My yard has been like a cat freeway and bathroom stop in the past.
Screen Name Redacted 11/07/2022 06:17 PM	Government should help and people

Screen Name Redacted 11/08/2022 10:11 AM	I would like to see them trapped and neutered and either returned to the wild or put up for adoption.
Screen Name Redacted 11/08/2022 02:47 PM	Educate the public, fine anyone caught dumping cats. Most people will try to respect the laws if they understand what happens when the let cats roam free or breed cats.
Screen Name Redacted 11/08/2022 03:34 PM	I believe feral cat are beneficial to the community. Cities who limit and control feral cats have problems with mice and rats. I do not own a cat.
Screen Name Redacted 11/09/2022 09:19 AM	They cause a lot of harm to other animals and serve no purpose to our ecosystem.
Screen Name Redacted 11/09/2022 12:13 PM	If you trap neuter and return the population will naturally decline. Farmers should be forced to participate at some level. As well as domestic cat owners
Screen Name Redacted 11/09/2022 12:16 PM	Other local areas have trap spay and return programs in place. Let's not waste money in reinventing the wheel and just utilize getting these programs in place in our area.
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2022 10:30 AM	Just captured a feral cat- got required shots for \$250. Need to catch him again in 2 weeks to have him neutered for \$350. I can't afford to keep doing this for the community
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2022 05:28 PM	Living in a Rural area, we have had kittens abandoned on our property that we arranged to have spayed and neutered and kept on our property and another small kitten later our son took home. I think the enormous cost forces many owners to abandon them.
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2022 06:24 PM	Had a feral cat colony in our neighbourhood. Was a real problem until they were trapped and removed. Now much better for my own cat who is staying healthy and clean.
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2022 10:47 PM	Whose idea was it to stop roaming Cats? Have they never seen Larry at # 10 Downing and read what happened when they did not have a cat?

Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2022 01:00 PM	I was not aware that this is a serious problem. I am aware of coyotes in the area, but not over-run by cats.
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2022 03:57 PM	They make a mess on garbage days, and are carrying lots of sickness.
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2022 03:59 PM	Feral cats help keep down the rodent population. Let them do that.
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2022 04:03 PM	Feral cats multiply very fast and something has to be done to stop it. Feral cats can be dangerous to the public and carry many diseases.
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2022 04:12 PM	Feral cats are not a problem in my area of CoKL but they may be in other areas. I'm thinking of Keith Stata in Kinmount and the feral cat population there.
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2022 04:14 PM	I assist small cat rescue groups to trap, spay/neuter stray and feral cats found in Bobcaygeon area. I also help with costs, fostering and aftercare. Municipalities need to work with humane societies to provide inexpensive spay/neuter clinics.
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2022 05:12 PM	Need to find people that abandon domestic cats. Coyotes usually look after keeping the cat population down. However, cats do keep rodents in check. Farms benefit from feral cats.
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2022 05:54 PM	Note: not sure what you meant in number 9 by 'regulate' Char. orgs.; they should not be funded or supported by munic. Euthanize loose and feral cats, especially in wilderness, wildlands, wetlands, environmental reserves, rural lands, and where complaints
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2022 06:02 PM	Cats are an incredibly destructive variable in our local natural ecosystems. They should be removed as much as possible. Capturing, neutering and returning them to the "wild" allows the destruction to continue. Humane treatment is also key.
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2022 07:53 PM	Feral cats would be less of a problem for rural areas if people would stop dropping off unwanted animals instead of taking responsibility for their "pets". Maybe they should be held accountable for their mess they are causing.

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2022 08:10 PM

I know that a stray cat uses my garden. However, this occurs at night and it may be a neighbour's cat....I don't know. Do I like it...no. Pet owners should be more responsible and keep their cats on a leash or at home. I have been a cat owner in the past .

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2022 08:27 PM

Feral cats can spread disease. They can be a nuisance too.

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2022 07:05 AM

I think this is a worthy initiative and I would donate , Many of these cats are hard to adopt as they are really feral and releasing them back to the colony seems more humane than killing them

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2022 08:21 AM

Personally I think the feral cat population is cause by people "dumping" their pets in the country. My sisters farm gets a few new ones every year. Usually healthy and well groomed and friendly . See is on a side rd/farm. She adopts them..

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2022 08:39 AM

We have taken in three feral cats over the years and domesticated them into indoor house pets, neutering and vaccinating them

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2022 01:24 PM

I worked with a TNR group for 7 yrs and volunteers were very hard to come by and retain. People do not know how much work is involved, the cost of food and neighbours complaining about the cats on their property.

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2022 03:25 PM

There is an overabundance of domestic pets not properly supervised by their owners

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2022 07:43 PM

Feral cats have short lives. They also clean out bird and squirrel populations

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2022 08:11 PM

For 4 I have chosen my ideal situation but I am sure capture, neuter and return is more feasible. I'm not sure about 7 and if it would help or hinder rescue organizations.

Screen Name Redacted

11/13/2022 11:25 AM

This needs to be controlled, Farmer Barn Cats should have a one time license for each farm, Villiages should not promote stray Cats

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11/13/2022 11:39 AM

Feral cats are a issue, they kill millions of song birds a year and that is growing. Time the city stepped in funded trap, neuter and re-home. Get the bylaw in place for domestic cats, no roam freely will put a stop to this growing problem.

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11/13/2022 07:19 PM

Some seem to live near facilities in urban areas where they know they can find handouts or food scraps (e.g. near restaurants, nursing homes, empty urban buildings, the college) but I think many are within CKL but rural locations (i.e. fields, near farms,

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11/13/2022 07:51 PM

I currently have a feral mother cat & 4 kittens on my property, and I am actively seeking assistance with Humane Society Stouffville for TNR. Spay/neuter fee is \$80 per cat, and \$400 is pretty steep out of pocket expenses for me (single fixed income)

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11/13/2022 08:17 PM

Putting Money into spay and neuter services for ALL pets will control feral populations.

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11/13/2022 09:56 PM

We are assisting more than 1000 feral and domestic cats per year from KL. A municipal funded TNR program is crucial for managing the cat population.

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11/14/2022 10:16 AM

The coyotes usually take care of the feral cat population in my local area.

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11/14/2022 12:54 PM

(20-30) feral/Pet outdoor cats are being homed at 10 Forest Dr. Bethany in a private heated shed. Refuse to attempt to find homes for cats and have them all named. Cats use neighbouring properties as their litter box. Disgusting. They eat all songbirds. Sad

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11/14/2022 04:19 PM

In my neighborhood the foxcoyote have eliminated most outdoor cats , some of which were feral. I live on the northern edge of Lindsay , near Jennings Creek. It seems that local construction has disrupted wildlife populations.

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11/15/2022 12:00 PM

These catch, neuter and release programs seem to work quite well in other municipalities. The shelters are quite overwhelmed since ferals are taken there and really are adaptable to domestic life. Shelters should be for lost domestic cats, rehoming.

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11/15/2022 05:20 PM

Cats need to be controlled, especially feral. The city should take primary responsibility, unless a charity steps in. The City should still ensure the charity's work is effective in controlling the feral cat population.

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11/15/2022 08:46 PM

We have feral cats visit our property and area on a regular basis and have witnessed the death of many birds and other wildlife( chipmunks, red squirrels ec).We have captured many cats and safely released them into other areas, paid for neutering of 2 cat

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11/16/2022 07:51 PM

All cats who roam free pose a hazard to birds and rabbits. We lost about four wild rabbits in our yard because they were attacked by cats roaming free. At least one of the the three cats in our yard was domestic, we are unsure of the other two.

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11/16/2022 08:06 PM

I worry that a trap/neuter/release program will encourage individuals to trap and cruelly dispose of animals. Many "ferals" are actually abandoned and fearful animals that individuals rescue successfully. What happens to them in a TNR program?

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11/16/2022 10:53 PM

I have seen few or no feral cats in the CKL. In the country of Bermuda, there is an epidemic of feral cats. Rehoming only works for about 1 in 10 cats.

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11/17/2022 08:48 AM

You should also check into dog owners with more than one dog- maybe running a puppy mill. Located way behind their homes, in the woods along Mary St west. Dogs barking through the day and night.

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The municipality should donate to charities who trap, neuter and return feral cats.

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If this issue is not dealt with responsibly, it will grow very quickly and wild populations killed by domestic cats will continue to be severely affected. It is an ugly truth but some cats may have to be eliminated to fix the situation and start over.

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11/18/2022 10:50 AM

This is a problem that should be brought to animal owners



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It would be nice to see some co-operative efforts between the municipality and animal welfare societies. It's too much for the Humane society to handle on their own, but enforcement officers have more pressing matters to attend to.

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11/18/2022 05:21 PM

Feral cats negatively affect wildlife population's and should be controlled.

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If the feral cat cannot be neutered or spayed then it should be euthanized there's just too many feral cats

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I think these cats can spread Disease to domesticated animals and or children and I love animals but cats living like this is not happy to watch either....plus they rip up gardens and spray on outdoor furniture.....it's not fair or healthy

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11/18/2022 05:53 PM

Feel cats are a problem. People think they are being kind by feeding and sheltering feral cats, but they are contributing to a problem.

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Feral cats have been great for keeping rodents at bay. It would be ideal to have them neutered then placed back into the community.

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11/18/2022 07:27 PM

Feral cats are not the problem. Irresponsible owners who fall out of love with their pets are the problem. Microchip them so they can be traced to their owner and the owners fined. I own 2 cats and would support people being fined for improper care.

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Feral cats / barn cats help control rodent populations and exist in a natural eco balance .

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neuter and return programs don't address the numbers of wild birds killed by loose cats...a significant issue in ecosystems

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11/18/2022 08:08 PM

Not a feral cat colony here, just odd ones passing through... one of my two indoor cats is one of these feral cats I fed in my yard.

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Make spaying and neutering more affordable.

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The residents are responsible for the feral cat population. Maybe the public can be educated on nuisance/non natives. As a community we should be encouraging native species to thrive instead of allowing more nuisances choking out our natural beauty.

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11/18/2022 11:00 PM

The Municipality should support recognized charitable organizations to trap, neuter and release feral cat populations. When the cats are neutered they should also be microchipped to assist in further catch and release programs.

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11/18/2022 11:18 PM

My heart breaks for these poor cats, I have found 2 frozen to death in area of Rail Bridge Park. Action by our Municipality is long overdue. Please do not let another winter come and go before the catch, neuter, and rehome starts. Thank you

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11/19/2022 06:24 AM

Feral - must be controlled along with the Canadian goose populations - lack of natural predators lead to increase in numbers which are completely unhealthy for ecosystems and communities.

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11/19/2022 06:38 AM

Increase license/registration fee for domestic cats to cover cost of trap neuter rehome program of feral cats. Owners of domestic cats create the feral cat problem. They should pay to fix it

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11/19/2022 07:43 AM

There needs to be an inexpensive spay/neuter program!!!

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11/19/2022 08:30 AM

Municipal free neutering (cheaper than spaying) program, combined with strong public billboard campaign discouraging cat abandonment ("he'll be fine"), and the "cuteness" of cats having kittens. Farms should not be allowed to give away "free kittens."

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11/19/2022 11:14 AM

All cats should be spayed/neutered, but some people simply cannot afford it. Every fall cottagers drop of their summer kittens here in town for us to deal with. Some very young Ferals are good candidates for adoption, some older ones are unsuited.

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11/19/2022 06:37 PM

My answer to Q6. Would be capture and attempt to rehome. If successful then spay or neuter, if not, euthanize them.

Screen Name Redacted 11/19/2022 07:30 PM	It is a problem that surfaces in all communities
Screen Name Redacted 11/19/2022 08:08 PM	When I agree to "municipal regulation" I mean only so far as it relates to the humane and careful handling of the animals, not control over the administration of a 3rd part non profit agency.
Screen Name Redacted 11/19/2022 08:35 PM	There are much larger issues in this municipality that require higher priority. CKL should concentrate on issues like roads, which are rapidly degrading. CKL must not enlarge the scope of the responsibilities, but concentrating on core issues.
Screen Name Redacted 11/19/2022 10:27 PM	Re question #7, I believe they should be registered and enabled to share best practices and education. And have
Screen Name Redacted 11/19/2022 10:35 PM	The municipality should offer a free or low cost spay/neuter program for people if they adopt a feral cat to help reduce the population and encourage adoption.
Screen Name Redacted 11/20/2022 12:05 AM	If a group of feral dogs would not be tolerated the same should apply to cats
Screen Name Redacted 11/20/2022 09:21 AM	I believe there should be a bylaw that requires home owners to keep their cats indoors. This would alleviate the problem, since cats who are not fixed would be inside. I believe it is inhumane to return fixed cats outdoors. Thanks for this opportunity.
Screen Name Redacted 11/20/2022 09:50 AM	There are several wild cats in the area killing baby rabbits and birds.
Screen Name Redacted 11/20/2022 11:06 AM	Is a feral cat problem in north ward Lindsay. Male cats are spraying corners of houses, lawn furniture etc& attract female cats. Both defecating in flower beds, lawns etc. We have to watch stepping & pick up! Not healthy!
Screen Name Redacted 11/20/2022 11:47 AM	What do you mean by regulate? Providing more overhead for these charities won't help them, they're stretched for manpower as it is. If it means legitimizing them without inhibiting their work or costing them more \$ sure.

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11/20/2022 12:08 PM

Prior to my retirement I was aware of a feral cat colony that existed near my place of employment. These cats did not bother anyone and they helped to control the small rodent - mice, etc. - population. Feral cats need help to keep them fed and healthy.

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11/21/2022 08:29 AM

I don't think the only answer is to capture and euthanize. Some cats could be captured, neutered and adopted out if there was a demand for them.

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My response to question 7 really depends on how the municipality regulates. There should be a zero death policy.

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finer for feeding and encouraging them. Fines for domestics being allowed outside and not neutered.

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11/21/2022 01:26 PM

In the cities, I hear more about foxes than cats--perhaps between the two of them they can get rid of the skunks!! LOL!

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People should be responsible for their animals and not let this become a problem. My front garden, right at my front door, has become a litter box and I have done everything I can think of to deter them. The next step is to remove and pave over my garden!!

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11/22/2022 09:46 AM

Trapping, spaying/neutering has been proven an effective way in controlling feral cats. But this issue needs to be addressed at the onset - people cannot afford the costs associated with ownership, these animals are abandoned thus creating feral colonies

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11/22/2022 04:36 PM

I do see stray cats at times and would report it to the proper authorities if contact information available. I hate to see them starved or frozen

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11/22/2022 08:42 PM

<http://www.highlandscinemas.com/cats.php> The cats are not the problem, the problem is stupid people, who created and continue to create the problem, they are the ones that should be euthanized.

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11/23/2022 07:10 AM

I believe we may need multiple phases for this initiative.

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11/23/2022 06:32 PM

I find there isn't enough help for Feral cats, We have one that live on the streets for 4 years, we can't get any where need it, When i did catch one cat that kittens there was a long waiting list and no where to take them .

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11/23/2022 06:32 PM

A lot of rural feral cats seem to find barns to stay in but they would be healthier living in a caring home.

**Optional question** (171 response(s), 186 skipped)

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