

Kawartha Lakes Domestic Cat Survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

03 November 2022 - 24 November 2022

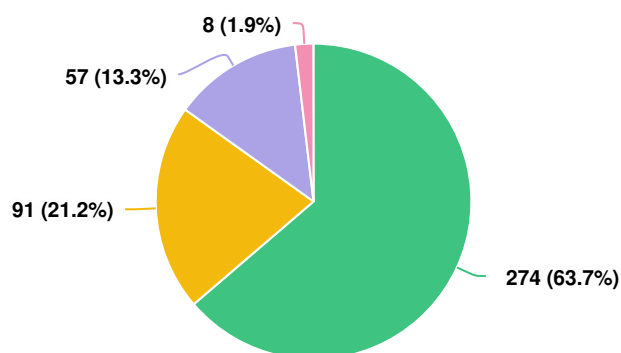
PROJECT NAME:

Stray and Feral Cat Pilot Project



SURVEY QUESTIONS

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



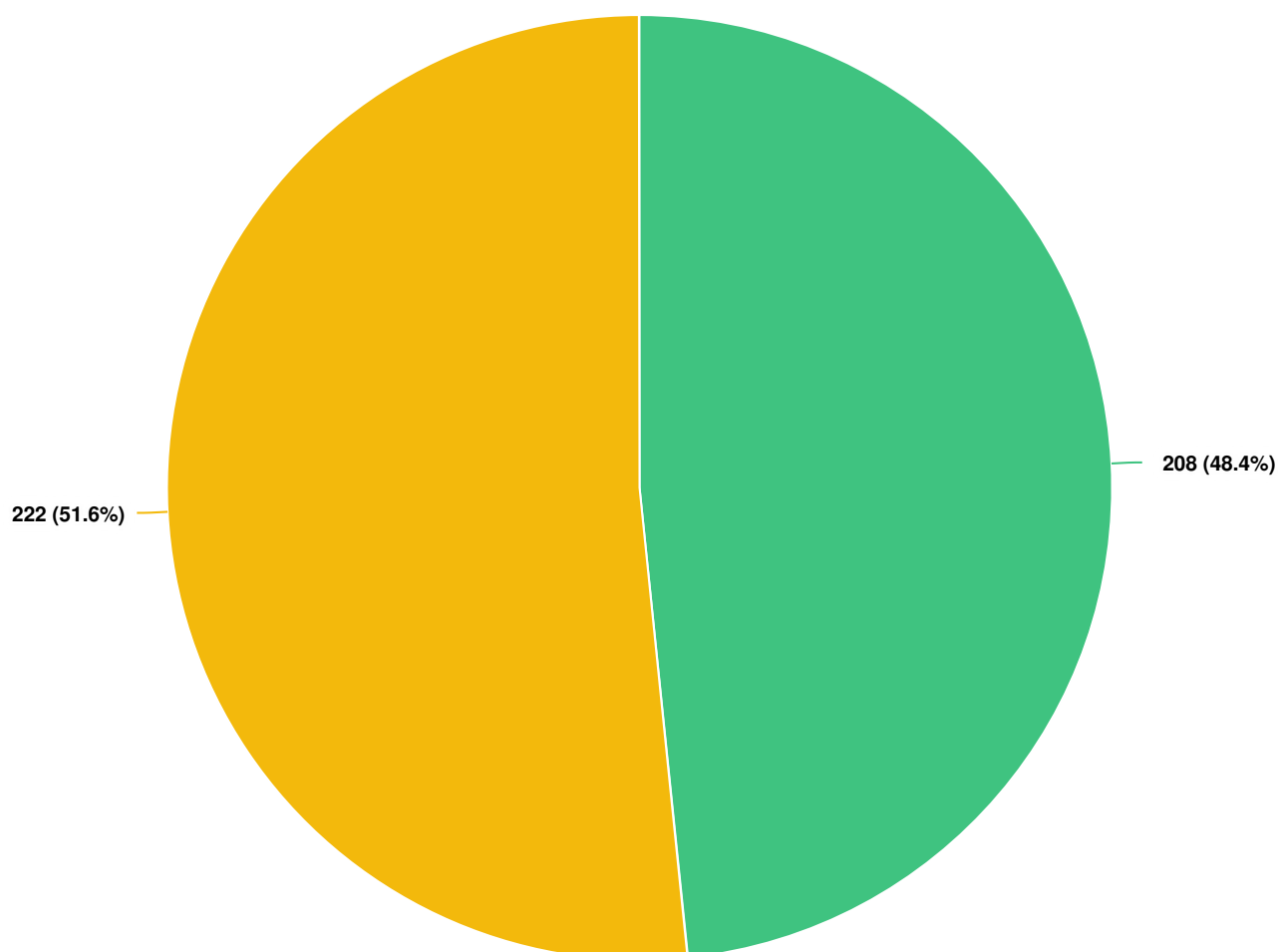
Question options

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

Mandatory Question (430 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q2 Do you own a domestic cat?

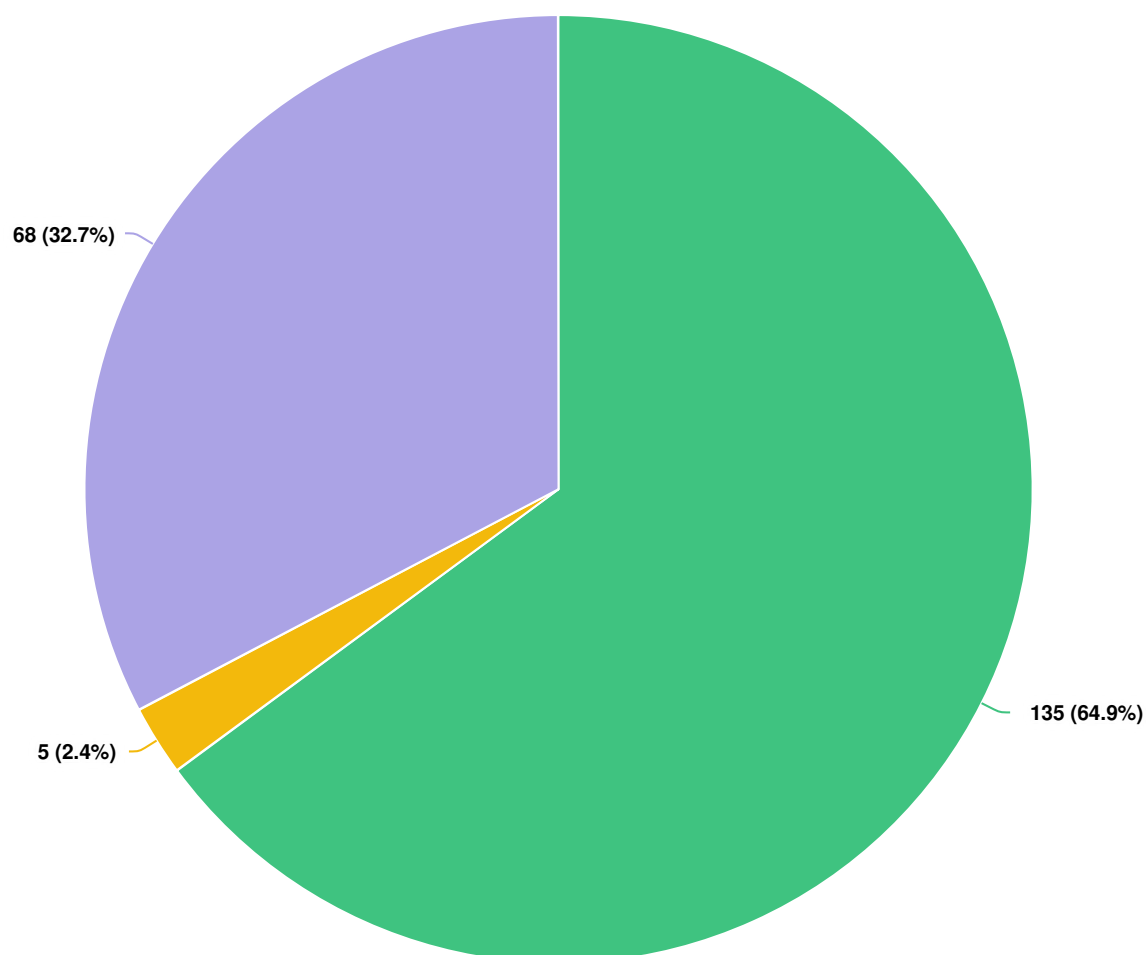


Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Q3 Is your domestic cat indoor, outdoor, or both?



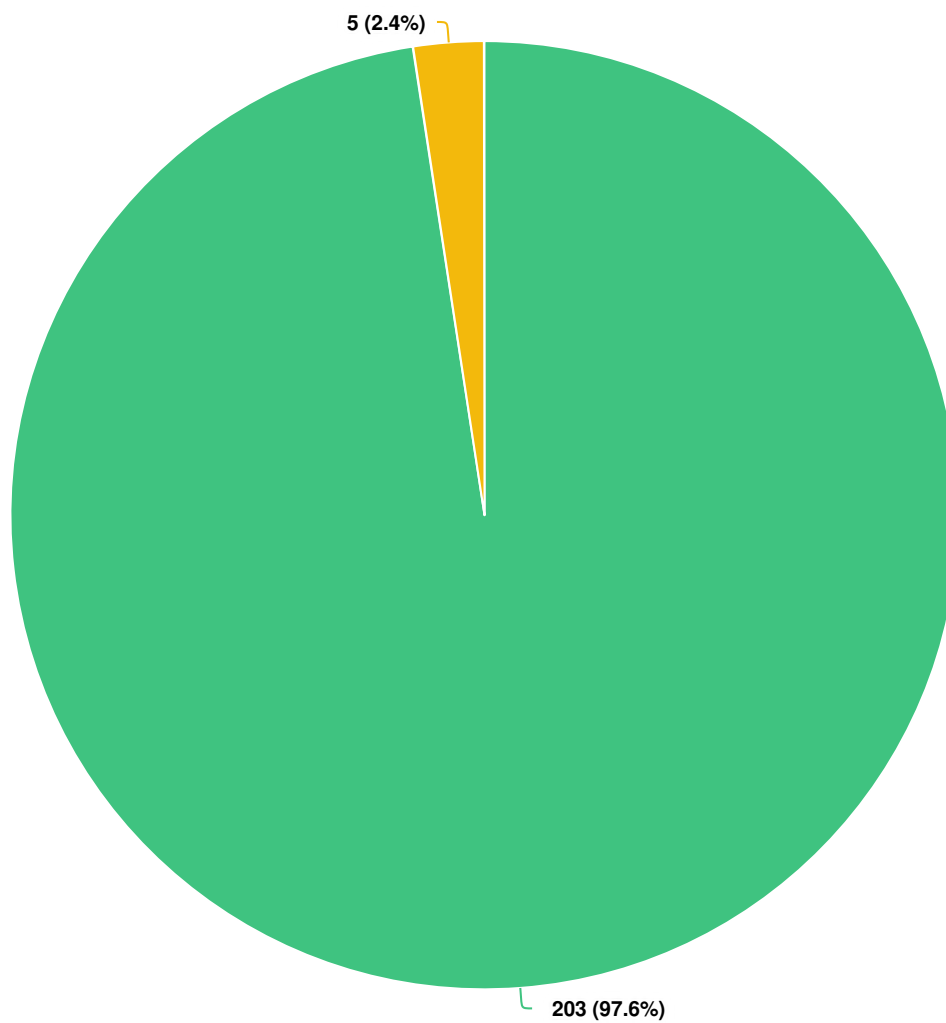
Question options

☒ Indoor ☐ Outdoor ☐ Both (indoor & outdoor)

Mandatory Question (208 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q4 Is your domestic cat spayed or neutered?

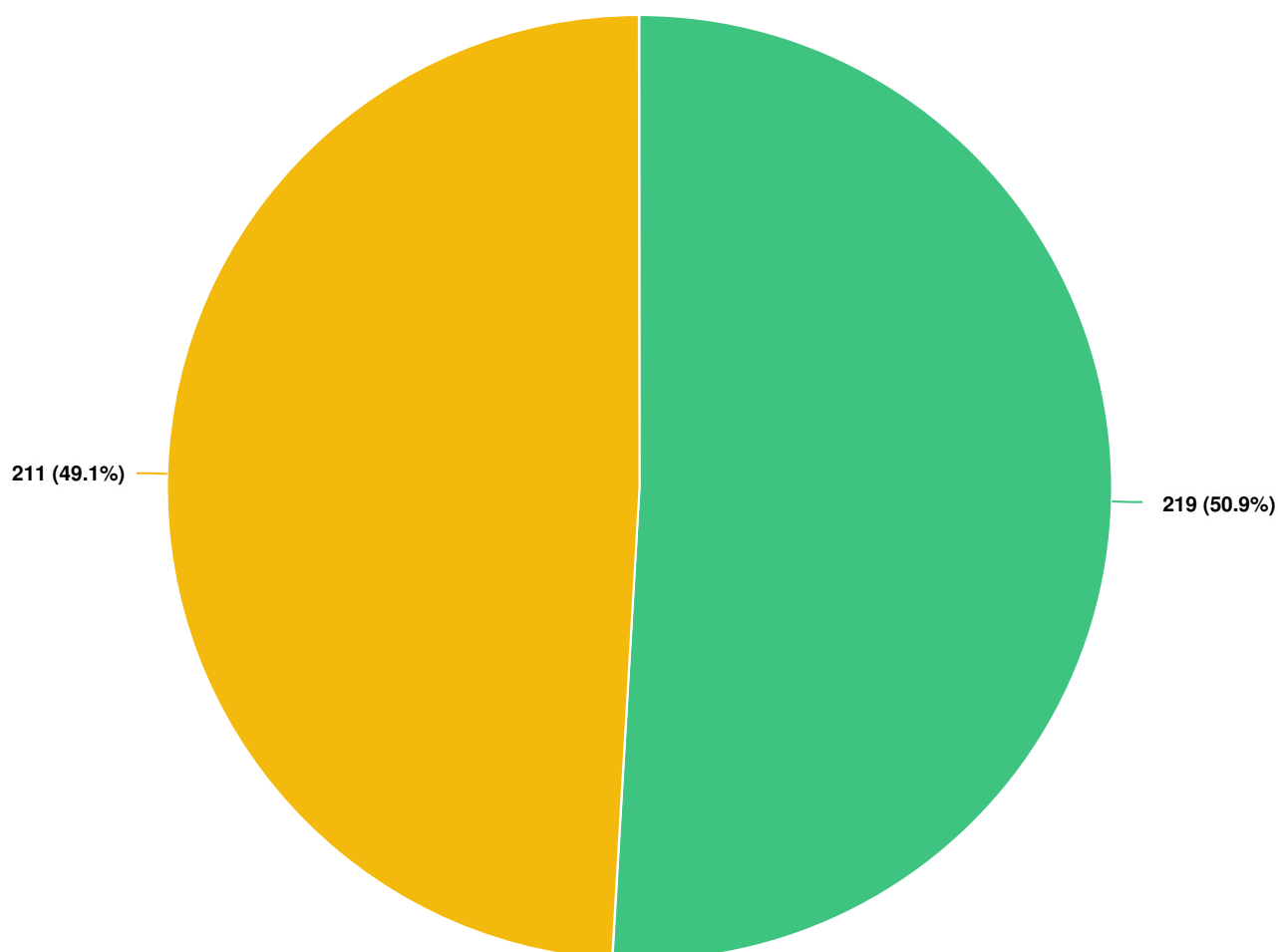


Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q5 Do you believe that domestic cats should be registered and licensed?

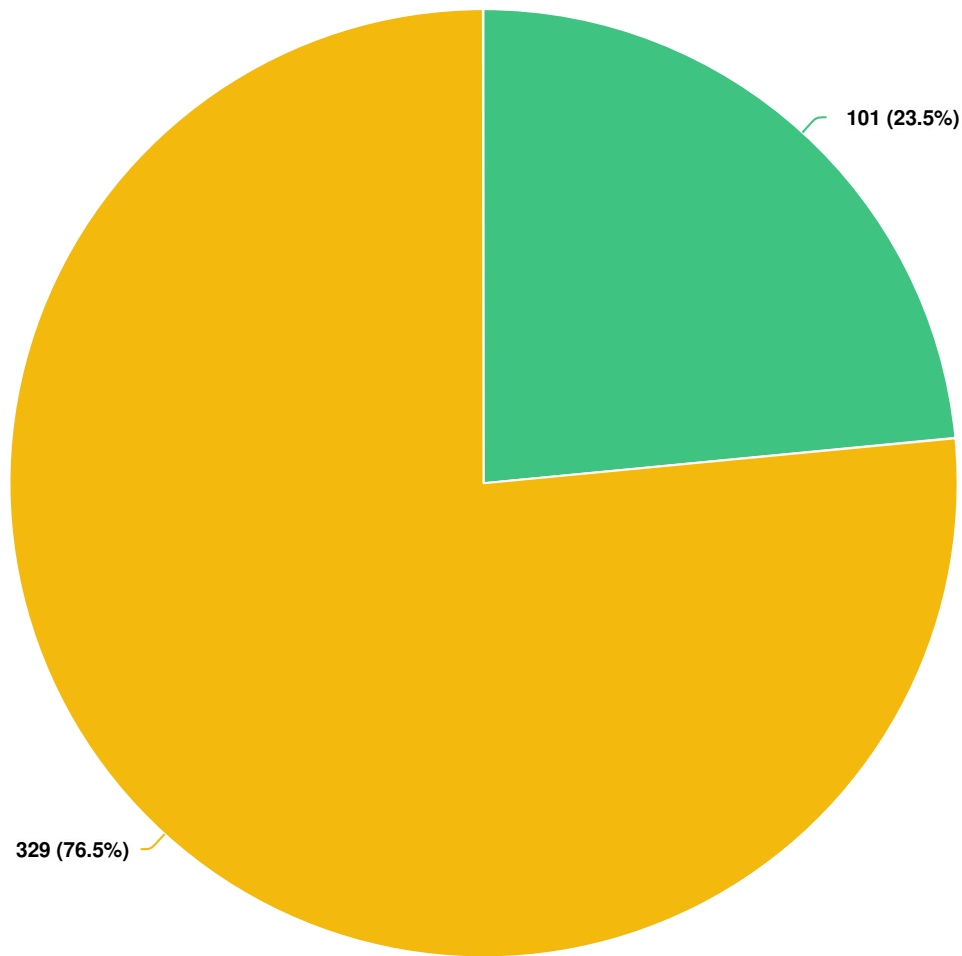


Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q6 Do you think that domestic cats should be permitted to roam free and leave their owner's property?

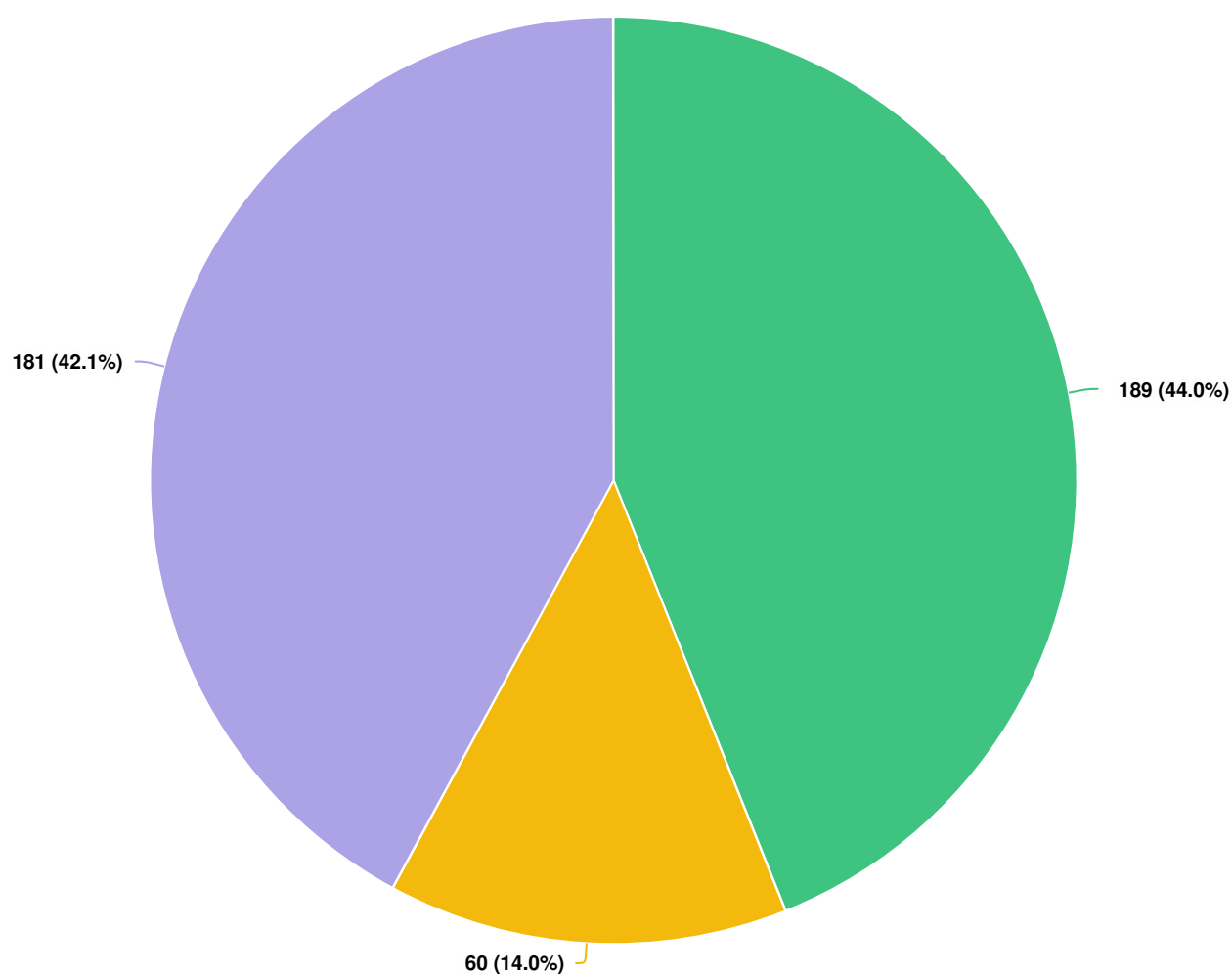


Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No

Mandatory Question (430 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q7 If domestic cats are no longer allowed to roam free, would you abide by this regulation?



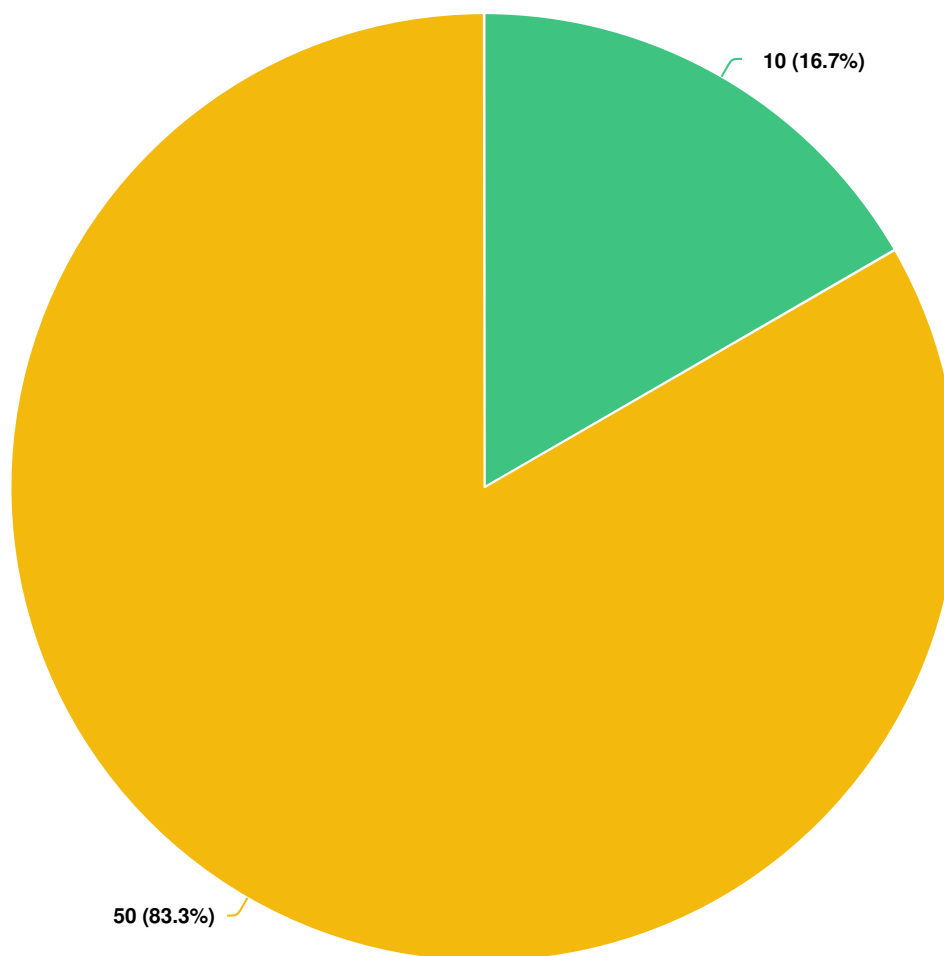
Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA - I do not own a cat

Mandatory Question (430 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q8 If no, would you abide by the regulation if violations resulted in fines that are similar to fines you would get if your domestic dog was caught at large off of your property?



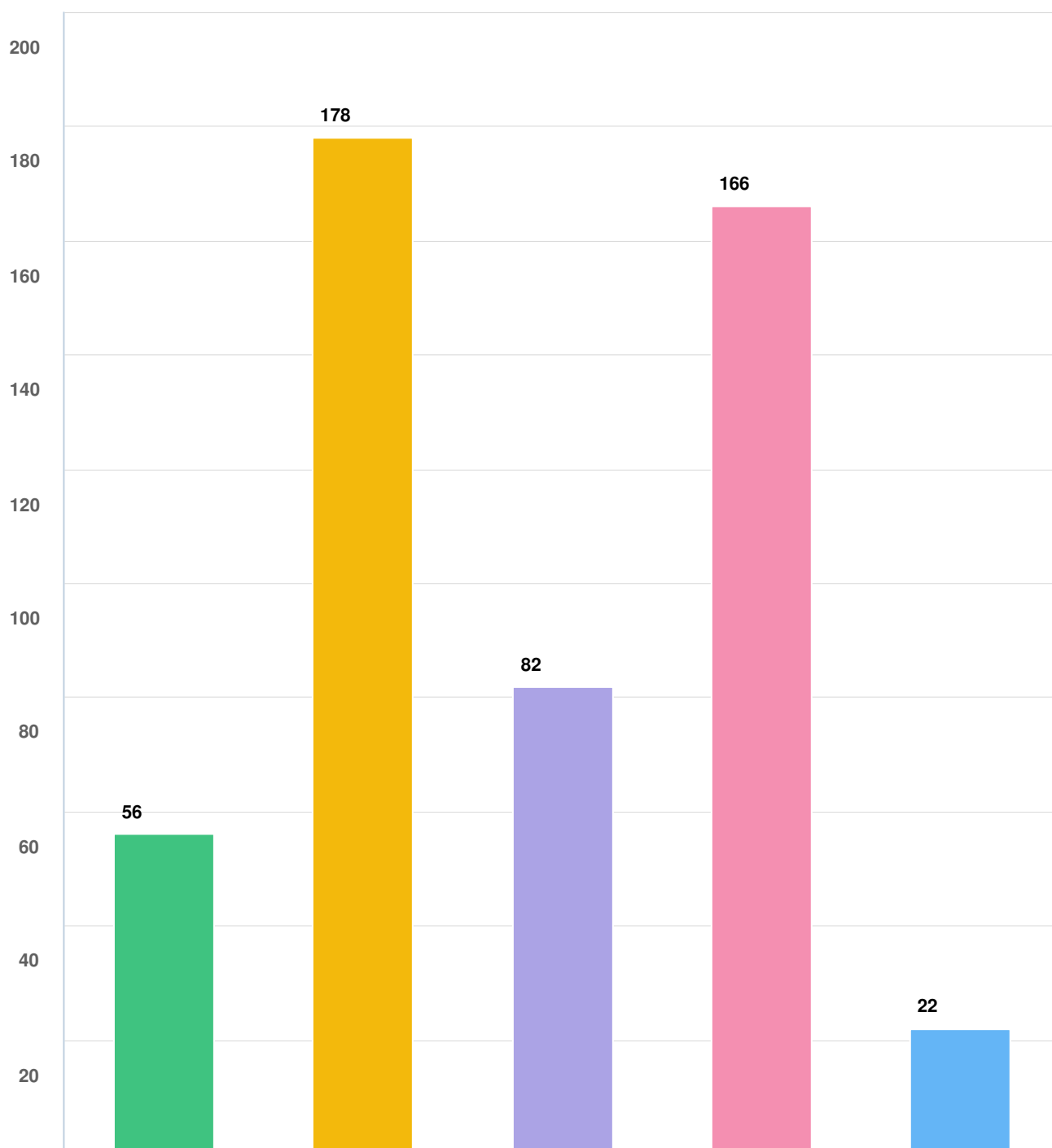
Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No

Mandatory Question (60 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q9 Which of the following methods would you prefer to register your domestic cat? (Check all that apply)



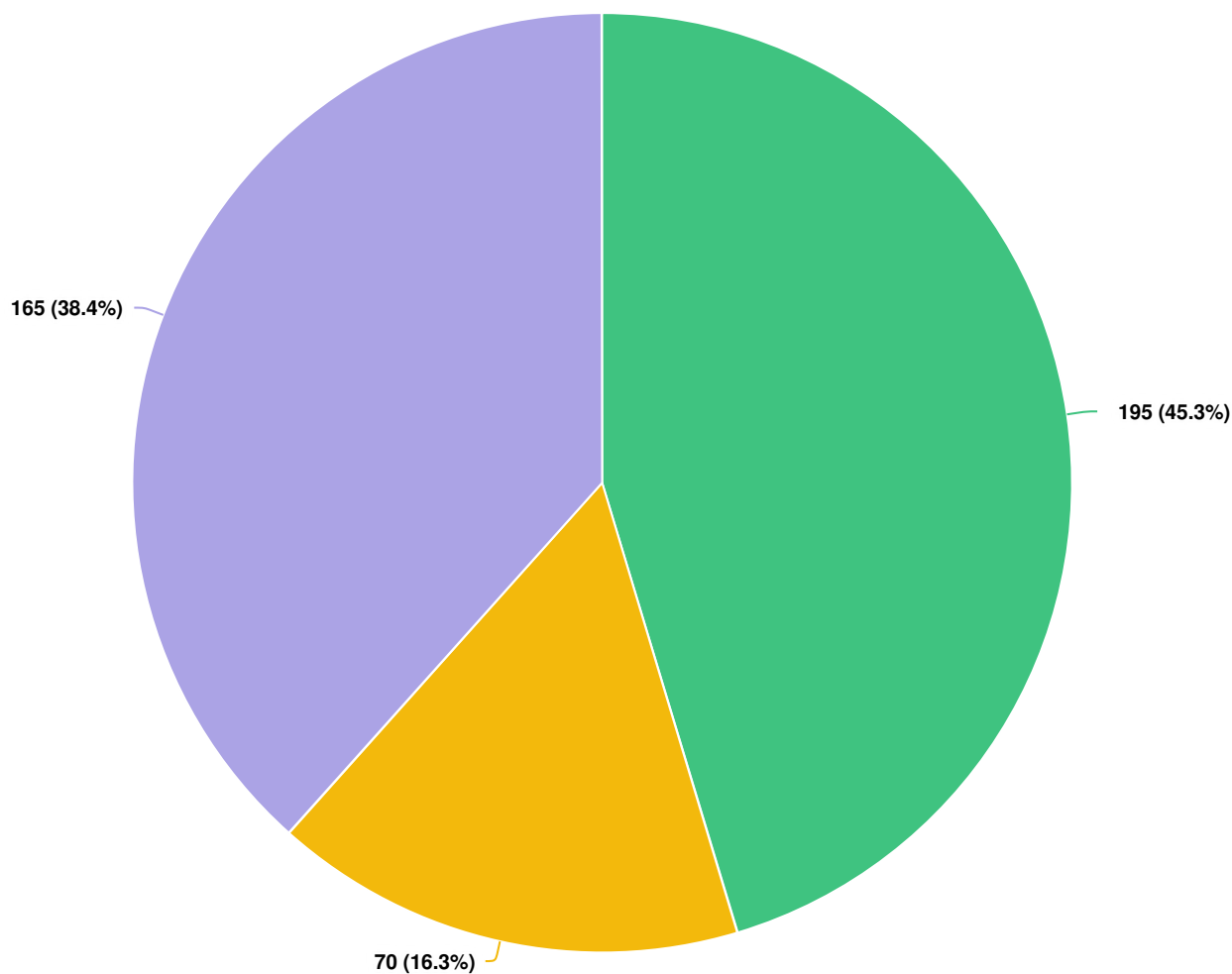
Question options

- ☐ Affix a registration license tag to your domestic cat's collar ☐ Micro-chipping ☐ I would not register my domestic cat
☐ NA - I do not own a cat ☐ Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (430 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q10 Would you register your domestic cat if it meant we could contact you should your cat be trapped or impounded?



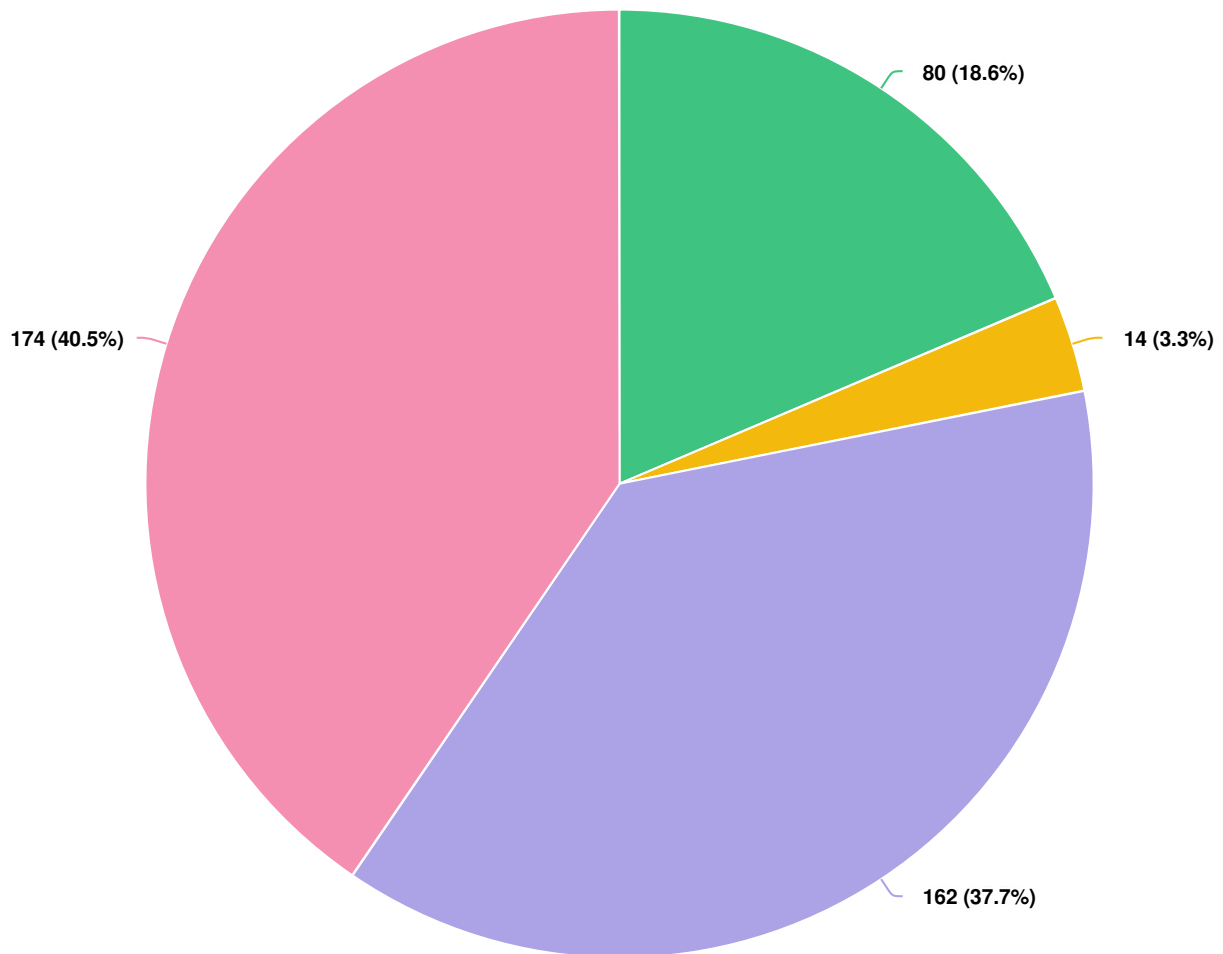
Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ NA - I do not own a cat

Mandatory Question (430 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q11 When it comes to the cost of registering/licensing your domestic cat, which of the following options would interest you most?



Question options

- \$20.00 yearly for spayed/neutered domestic cats
- \$30.00 yearly for intact domestic cats
- \$60.00 one-time lifetime fee for any domestic cat
- NA - I don't own a domestic cat

Mandatory Question (430 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q12 Please provide any additional comments about domestic cats in Kawartha Lakes here

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11/03/2022 04:26 PM

assuming previously chipped cats will be a seamless registration process and not require a second chip

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Several cats roaming around Kings Bay. No collars. They kill birds. I was told by a cat owner that is nature.

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Although i do not own a cat I believe owners should be responsible for their pets.

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Anything must be done. Tired of cats in my property.

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11/03/2022 04:39 PM

I oppose this initiative; lots of folks adopt a kitten then just let it go when it reaches maturity. Your initiative will hurt the animals and people will not be any more likely to register their cats. Only responsible people with indoor cats will do that

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11/03/2022 04:45 PM

There's other things to worry about then a cat

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I will pay for a chip and 1 time payment for my cat.

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Our cats are spayed and neutered and are never allowed outside so they do not come in contact with fleas and ticks.

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I HATE domestic cats pooping in my gardens!

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11/03/2022 05:00 PM

You should no more register cats than you should register pet rabbits, mice, chickens, ducks, ...

Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2022 05:00 PM	Unless the bylaw is enforced, it simply becomes a joke much like the dog bylaw where owners are encouraged to licence them but it is not randomly enforced.
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2022 05:02 PM	A neighbours cat keeps tearing my basement window screens. This is why cats should not be allowed to roam free
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2022 05:10 PM	I would not pay anything for licensing as my cat is microchipped and indoor only.
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2022 05:11 PM	People should be encouraged to spay/neuter their cats so there should be a financial incentive to do so.
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2022 05:15 PM	\$60 seems a little high, especially if you then have to microchip as well. As a whole, it seems an ambitious project as cats do not stick to property lines and can propograte like rabbits. I don't see domestic cats as the problem, but feral cats instead.
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2022 05:52 PM	Regarding item #10 (cost of registration), there should be more categories such as a higher fee (than \$60) for a lifetime registration of an intact cat. Intact cats cost the city and taxpayers more money.
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2022 07:07 PM	Cokl is overrun with cats it is a huge problem
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2022 07:43 PM	This entire concept is garbage in the light of the current context of our world. I'm never voting for anyone who supports this ever again.
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2022 08:12 PM	If dogs are registered, then cats should also be registered. I live next door to a house with 4 cats and they are nuisances, messing up our gardens and killing birds.
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2022 09:04 PM	If you think registering a damn cat is priority then give your fucking head a shake. Build fucking attainable housing and get out of here with this bullshit
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2022 09:11 PM	Registration fees for intact cats should be significantly more than fees for fixed cats.

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11/03/2022 09:22 PM

I think 2 cats per household. Also if registering, it should be enforced.
There are many dogs in CKL and only 5%. No enforcement.

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I have 2, a male & female. They are my family and as such they stay inside with me and have a happy healthy and threat free life. They have everything they need here inc 2 cat trees. Do not get letting your cat outside unfixed & targets for coyote & fox

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11/03/2022 10:20 PM

I am very disturbed by the number of birds that are killed annually by cats. I look forward to some regulations that may effectively reduce the threat of cats to birds.

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11/04/2022 05:17 AM

Cats should not roam free. They are killing birds and using the gardens and yards of non cat owners as toilets.

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My cats have been in door out door cats for nearly 10 years, to take that away from them now is cruelty. We live in the country surrounded by farmers fields and they trouble no one. This is absolutely nonsense, they are cats!!

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They should be tied up and not free to roam like our dogs have to be

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I have a probably with the neighbour apartments spraying in my yard and using my garden for litter.

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They should be thought of with the same concerns and liabilities as dog owners have to abide by,

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domestic urban cat issues should be handled on a case by case basis. Most 'pets' are not problematic. All should be sterilized to curtail roaming, spraying, fighting and the unwanted litters.

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11/04/2022 08:39 AM

My cat is microchipped and is an indoor only cat. You should organize a low cost microchip clinic for both cats and dogs

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11/04/2022 08:44 AM

As a farmer our cats play a large roll in keeping the rodent population down and if they were confined to a property they could not do their

job. If the city ran a spay/neuter clinic at a reasonable price more families could afford to have their pets fix

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The number of cats per household is also a concern

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fine owners who don't abide. Repeat offenders are fined and forfeit the animal

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11/04/2022 09:35 AM

My 2 cats are chipped. They do not leave my house. I don't like other cats roaming around and going to the washroom in my gardens. I believe if your cat s chipped you should not have to pay for registration as your cat is already put on a registry.

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11/04/2022 10:52 AM

I think there should be a limit on how many cats a household should have, like there is for dogs. I have a neighbour who has at least 20 cats all intact. Having litters all time. No one of authority in Kawartha will do anything about it.

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I have two domestic indoor cats, however my neighbor has 3 indoor/outdoor domestic cats and I really appreciate that this is being looked into as it really seems that in town residents don't care where their outdoor cats go.

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treat cats the same as dogs

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11/04/2022 02:00 PM

Outdoor cats endanger the survival of our native songbird population.

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I Prefer Microchipping over tags but at least tags if microchipping isn't affordable by the individual owner. I have several bird feeders and our neighbourhood has a feral cat that is homed/domesticated and allowed to wander everywhere.It needs control

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All cats should be chipped and lifetime registration can be transferred to any new owners.

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They should not be allowed to roam. There are many dangers that kill roaming domestic cats everyday. To quote a study, cats are "wildlife

terrorists" and can decimate bird and small mammal populations. Cat cages can be made cheaply to prevent roaming cats

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11/04/2022 03:41 PM

This is yet another expansion of government. Stop wasting time and money on this

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11/04/2022 03:42 PM

Tired of cats spraying my house and pooping in my flower gardens. Cats are the same as dogs, they need to be contained to their owners properties.

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I honestly don't think there should be a fee to register or very little. \$20 per year is ridiculous to have to keep renewing. And even though it's for a cat's "lifetime", \$60 is a lot for people to justify and not likely to comply.

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Spay and neuter clinics should be made available for low cost at the same time as licensing.

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My cat is already chipped

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With regards to registering and licensing. I would support the \$20 yearly fee for cats that are tagged along with a \$60 one-time fee for cats that are tattooed or micro-chipped. I believe this option should be encouraged!

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Wish there was a program to reduce the cost of spay/neutering so there would be fewer starving feral cats dropped off in rural areas.

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We have a number of cats in our area that roam, including feral/barn cats. One time microchip would identify cat if picked up or taken to Humane Society.

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11/04/2022 04:19 PM

I garden and try to build healthy habitat on my yard. For 7 years I have had insect eating house wrens nest in my birdhouse and every year neighbourhood cats would come and kill them. They also crap in my gardens. This is an invasion!

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My cats are indoor cats only. They do not roam free. They do not go

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outside.

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Roaming domestic cats are a big problem & many do not spay or neuter their cats. They contribute in a big way to feral cats and over population. Reg. fees help cover the cost of animal services, which all cat owners should contribute to - No free rides.

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Especially in rural areas I find that nature keeps the population of domestic cats who are outside in check.

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Cats should not be allowed to roam. Freely

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The more expensive you make it, the less likely people are to bother. Then the whole exercise is a waste of time. My current cat doesn't wear a collar so microchipping was a better option.

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11/04/2022 04:51 PM

I think that cats should require to be registered just like dog owners have to get their dogs registered and licensed

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Maybe the city could look into affordable vaccination and desexing clinics to help decrease the cat population. My cats are barn cats and I would prefer to have them all fixed but the vet costs make that prohibitive.

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Licensing fees might assist with offsetting the costs of Humane Society / Shelter expenses.

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My cat never leaves home

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11/04/2022 05:08 PM

We have cats constantly in our yard, we are not cat owners, and have bird feeders,. Several times the cats have caught and ki

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If cats are kept indoors there should be no costs

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I have paid for spaying and microchip. Enough money spent

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Absolutely should not be allowed to roam at large. Must be leash at all times when out doors.

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I live in an area where Fleming students leave their cats behind in spring.

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We have a Lady in P9ntypool

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Stop the taxes.

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Cats are not the same as dogs - you can't take them out on a lead therefore they HAVE to be allowed to roam free. Shutting them indoors is cruelty, especially if they have hitherto been able to go outside.

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11/04/2022 07:02 PM

Our neighbour has a domestic cat that roams fre. It has killed chipmunks & birds on our property.

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Question 11 does not provide a choice! My 1st choice is no registration and (2nd choice) if there has to be registration, no fee. This is a silly issue, don't city staff have better things to do? How are you going to enforce this bylaw anyway?

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11/04/2022 07:49 PM

Unlike dogs, cats are relatively quiet and do not bite or attack the neighbours. We have them because they kill mice, rats and other vermin, which carry disease. The expression "like herding cats" describes a process that is impossible to manage.

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Its your cat look after it

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I owned a cat for 20 years (not presently) and support the licensing of cats. Domestic cats can also spread disease through fecal matter. Include incentive for a lower licensing fee if the cat is spayed/neutered.

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11/04/2022 08:40 PM

Domestic cat that is cared for returns back to its home- if they are spayed or neutered. They do control rodents and should be allowed to hunt outside.

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I think it should be a one time charge register the microchip. None of the inconvenience of having to remember to do it every year

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I selected \$60 lifetime fee for licensing. But only because I had to select an option to complete the survey. I do not agree with any of the fee options and I do not think anyone would register their cat (or very few people would) if they had to pay a fee

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11/04/2022 08:50 PM

I have a dog...my dog is not to roam free..neither should be a cat. Kind regards.

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11/04/2022 09:47 PM

Domestic cats need to be kept indoors for their own safety. Benefits are listed online. Cats need to be spayed and neutered. It is unfair that rescue groups most caring and unpaid are having to bear the brunt of irresponsible owners.

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11/04/2022 09:55 PM

Cats should be kept inside. They are a significant threat to local bird populations.

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Our cats are indoor cats but I wonder at the cruelty of imprisoning cats that have been free to roam their whole lives. The stress on both owners and animals could be intolerable. Does the City have a plan for if a lot of people abandon their cats?

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11/04/2022 10:21 PM

Domestic cats should not be allowed to roam at large even if it is on the owners property. They are a significant threat to wild bird populations regardless of where they roam.

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11/04/2022 10:24 PM

Cats shouldn't be allowed outside, only in a catio. Farmers should have to fix all cats, and actually take care of them when they are sick. (Not staying all farmers are like that) people need to learn not to dump animals.

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11/05/2022 07:51 AM

Rather than a license, charge a one time fee and chip domestic cats, that way you can track strays and owners see value. It also acts a

registration. Owners would see the benefit as opposed to a an annual fee that provides no benefit.

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11/05/2022 08:10 AM

I take extremely well care of my cats. They do not go outside. They have regular vet visits and medical care. People that get cats from agencies, leave them in their barns and DONT feed or take care of them. They roam around and neighbours start feeding

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11/05/2022 08:11 AM

Although I don't own a cat many in the subdivision do and let them run all over the place. Only the most responsible owners never let their cats outdoors

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this is a money grab - I would not buy anything as my cat would never leave the house and my vet will

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11/05/2022 10:30 AM

I find your survey incredibly bias. I live is a rural area, where cats are essential control mice getting into grain for our animals. we have 4 cats that are currebt on vaccination and spayed. This is more importnat that paying a registration fee.

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Registration fees need it the city - not the cat owner. Keep cats in, microchip your cat and the risks go down significantly. A lost and found process is mandatory (posted online and paper) and 3 days is not enough for the animal.

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If we currently own a domestic cat and it is allowed to rome freely

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You ma be aware that there are people who DO have domestic and feral cats but will not participate in this survey because they do not have or use a computer. I do know of one such person.

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11/05/2022 11:06 AM

I don't feel domestic cats should have to be registered, however they should be restricted to their owners' property and owners should be paying fines for cats left free to roam.

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Question 11 doesn't give an option for zero dollars. You already have a set amount, which leads to the conclusion that decsions have already been made regarding mandatory registration for domestic felines. Enjoy your rat population explosion COKL.

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11/05/2022 02:15 PM

Re question #10, I strongly disagree with the first three options, so chose option four. Cats should be allowed some supervised in back yards either in an enclosure or on leashes. They should not be permitted to kill wild birds.freedom

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Same bylaw requirements should be applied to both dogs and cats

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I keep my dog in my yard or on a leash, so why are cats allowed to run free? Needs to be regulated and controlled.

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I can't keep my cat from leaving my property. The new requirement doesn't make sense because cats are not the same as dogs. I already provided feedback to the City and my councillor about this when it was being debated by council.

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We had a cat for about five years, even though it was well fed at home it hunted every day and brought home mice and song birds.

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I think it is unfair for domestic cats to be wandering loose and defecating/urinating in other peoples' property, killing birds and wildlife and posing risk to traffic and themselves

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Have you ever tried keeping a cat on your property? One cannot simply build a fence. There will always be wild cats out there, and they will continue to breed, just as other wild animals do.

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11/06/2022 01:35 AM

Cats should require leashes outdoors in urban areas. Their waste carries disease same as dogs, they are an invasive species that decimates wild life, and they cause millions in property damages every year.

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11/06/2022 06:33 AM

Cats should not be allowed to roam free. It is unsafe for the cat and an annoyance to neighbours who have to deal with dead birds and feces in their gardens.

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Control of cats is important for environment. The lifetime fee at \$60 is reasonable, but may be expensive for some people to pay as lump

sum. Perhaps spread over the first 3 years of cats lifetime would encourage participation.

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11/06/2022 07:59 AM

Domestic cats are normally kept in doors thus there is no need to register them, however microchipping is the way to go in case they slip outside and owners can then be notified since the chip has all the info

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Registering/micro-chipping is what I agree with. I don't believe indoor cats should be licensed. That's a money grab

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I believe this whole effort is a waste of time. Our city has far more pressing issues to deal with, such as short term rentals, & a more responsive planning department

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11/06/2022 08:56 AM

Very tired of other people's cats roaming all over my property. Cleaning their urine off my deck. They constantly sit under my bird feeder waiting to attack. I would understand if they ate the bird but because they are domestic, they just kill it.

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11/06/2022 10:04 AM

It is difficult to keep a domestic cat from roaming outdoors, the best one can do is to have them spayed or neutered which our cat is.

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You can not train a cat to adhere to specific boundaries. NOT allowing cats to be outdoors is silly and unrealistic.

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It is past due time to ensure domestic cats are registered and licensed and not allowed to roam free

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municipalities take the lead - lobby government to make the cost of spay and neutering tax deductible to encourage spay/neuter. It is a cruel world for feral cats and humans are responsible for it. Call on Humane Soc., rescues, barn cat co-op to all lobby

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While I would agree to "attempt" to keep my cat on my property, cats are expert escape artists. Also keeping cats in enclosed areas may increase the mouse and rat population of our city.

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11/06/2022 12:03 PM

There are eight domestic cats that frequent my yard, fouling wherever they can, even in snow. Each time I try to plant something our local felines dig them out. Please do something.

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11/06/2022 12:36 PM

domestic cats allowed to run loose should be governed as dogs are. they are a danger to birds and other life (eg. frogs and general nature). outdoor cats cannot be domesticatedcats

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11/06/2022 03:38 PM

We have had cats and may again. All pets should be neutered, vaccinated for rabies and cats outside should be supervised or leashed so they cannot kill birds

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My cats are microchipped which I believe should be mandatory. Anyone who loves their animal would want to receive a call. Most people don't know that cats are actually an invasive species introduced by Europeans. They do impact our domestic wildlife.

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11/06/2022 03:58 PM

If my cat is strictly an indoor cat, not allowed outside at all, is fixed, then why should I be required to pay you to license my cat when you don't give me a break on getting them fixed???

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11/06/2022 09:08 PM

I would support a by-law that required all outdoor cats to be on a leash, to prevent free roaming. This not only protects the cat and prevents unwanted kittens, but also helps protect bird populations from predation.

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11/07/2022 08:40 AM

I do not own a cat now but have owned numerous cats over the years. Most recently, my cats did not go outside in an effort to reduce the number of birds and chipmunks that are killed. A cat outside is on the hunt.

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11/07/2022 09:21 AM

Should only require a license if you let your cats out.

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You cannot keep a domestic outdoor cat confined without leashing. If cats are permitted in CKL then they should be vaccinated and licensed, and those in the municipality should be aware of the bylaw allowing licensed animals to roam.

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Question 6 lacks nuance. While I understand it is generally best for

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domestic cats to be indoors, it is unlikely to be true in all cases (e.g. neutered cat used to going outdoors, TNRM etc.) and does not require a one-size-fits-all solution via a by-law.

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11/07/2022 10:51 AM

Although I don't own a cat anymore, I used to. I did not allow my cats to roam free as it is not safe or healthy for the cat, and any domestic or feral cats cause harm to the natural environments they are allowed to roam in.

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11/07/2022 11:56 AM

According to a report from Environment Canada 2013, feral and domestic cats combined are the leading causes of death of birds. I have bird feeders in my yard and cats wander in hunting birds attracted to the feeders.

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11/07/2022 04:40 PM

Why is Kawartha Lakes proposing such a program such as spay/feeding WILD CATS to kill our fragile, vulnerable bird population. Cats hunt and kill regardless they are neutered or not. <https://www.birds.cornell.edu/home/bring-birds-back/>

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11/07/2022 05:17 PM

While I do not currently own a domestic cat I have in the past and will most likely in the near future. I see no difference in letting a cat run free and letting a dog. Both should be leashed and kept in a fenced area.

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11/08/2022 02:31 PM

At this time I do not own a domestic cat but I have in the past. I see several neighbours let their cats roam free and we have a ravine behind us. this is very dangerous to the cat as many wild animals would have no problem injuring or killing cats.

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11/08/2022 03:40 PM

The registering of the cat should be done at the same facility where the cat receives the microchip. This should be a very simple step. I believe this could really assist people in finding their lost animals.

Screen Name Redacted

11/09/2022 08:24 AM

cats are an invasive species and should not be allowed .. however if allowed should be strictly controlled and not allowed to roam

Screen Name Redacted

11/09/2022 12:03 PM

How will this be enforced to ensure cats are registered?

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Cats cannot be confined to a "yard" they climb trees and jump very

11/09/2022 12:10 PM

high.....it would be impossible. Force owners to have all cats microchipped if they are domestic

Screen Name Redacted

11/09/2022 12:14 PM

Have a cat but not interested in having to registering it. A cat is a cat. Not the same as a family dog.

Screen Name Redacted

11/09/2022 01:14 PM

leave the cats alone - trap ferals and neuter them

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2022 10:32 AM

I have a 16 year old cat that spends his days outside. I can not see changing his habits at this late stage in his life.

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2022 01:23 PM

I do not believe domestic cats should roam freely. They do extensive damage to flower beds, kill wildlife, spray on personal property and leave their waste on well groomed lawns.

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2022 05:20 PM

I don't see the need to charge owners who never let their cat roam. If you live in a Rural Area, you are risking your cat

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2022 06:21 PM

I understand the need to have some sort of regulation on cats but to try to confine an outdoor cat to the property boundary is nearly impossible. Could some cats be grandfathered since it would be impossible to retrain the cat without psychological damage

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2022 10:43 PM

Our next door neighbours (9years) reside in the house less than 6 mos each year. Our cats patrol and control the rodents vermin which can nest and do damage.

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11/11/2022 09:41 AM

These cats have no rules right now, they are through everyone's property, they defaecate and urinate in gardens, objects and vehicles and cause an awful pungent odour that's difficult to conquer. If my dog needs to be on a leash, so should a cat.

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2022 10:37 AM

I live in the country. My cats don't stray from home and always are called in at night because I don't want to lose them to foxes or coyotes. Have never had a prob.

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2022 11:19 AM

Registering your indoor/outdoor cats is a good way to find how many cats are "house cat" and Barn cats or not own pets....as a life long

cat owner....

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11/11/2022 11:30 AM

Question should have choice of no licence fee

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11/11/2022 12:49 PM

I feel that some kind of commitment to keeping a cat would be helpful
Hence a one time lifetime fee for each cat owned

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11/11/2022 12:53 PM

We retired here after living in Toronto where our cat(s) were always
spayed/neutered and licensed; but the fee was modest; if you make it
too high people will just ignore it.

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11/11/2022 01:41 PM

We need to stop cats roaming the streets that are not
spayed/neutered. Lindsay has a huge population of stray cat's
reproducing. This needs to end. There also should be a TNR clinic
available to farmer for their barn cats and cats that are dumped

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11/11/2022 03:54 PM

You should not have to pay for licensing/registering a cat. Q10, My
cat is already microchipper so this question does not apply

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11/11/2022 03:57 PM

I don't think cats should require registration.

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2022 04:00 PM

Cats should not be allowed to roam. A neighbours cat digs in my
flower beds and it is tearing up some of my flowers. ID try to keep my
yard looking perfect but it is not possible with a coat roaming.

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11/11/2022 04:02 PM

This is yet another imposition of regulations, which would need to be
managed by a public servant at the cost of the rate payer. It would be
a complete waste of money.

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11/11/2022 04:06 PM

Even though I don't own a cat, I have left my comments. I used to
have a cat and my comments are what I would have responded if I
still had her.

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11/11/2022 04:18 PM

We have always had a cat or two since living here in the Kawartha
Lakes for over 20 years. All but one have been rescue cats from the
local shelter and were spayed all spayed/neutered

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11/11/2022 05:08 PM

Since cats can't be trained to stay within limits I don't see how you can stop them from roaming.

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11/11/2022 05:21 PM

Why is this an issue? Domestic cats have very small territories and if they do leave their yards are not a threat. I have 2 cats, one is scared of everyone and doesn't venture past the backyard. The other is very friendly and the neighbours love

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11/11/2022 05:47 PM

Euthanize cats where owners are not found or registered.

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11/11/2022 06:26 PM

I also own a dog which I have to license and leash. The same rules should apply to cats

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11/11/2022 06:32 PM

Just another way for the town to get revenue. Give the citizens a break

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11/11/2022 06:47 PM

Is this the most pressing issues to spend our tax dollars on?

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11/11/2022 07:44 PM

Cats are killing birds at my feeder

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11/11/2022 08:01 PM

They should be required to register and microchip their animals so when they are dumped in the rural areas they can be returned to their owners. Making them understand that these are pet not disposable toys. Left for someone to look after

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2022 08:08 PM

\$10 a year would be a reasonable price for a permit. Its just another unnecessary tax.

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11/11/2022 08:31 PM

No more than two cats neutered per household.

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11/11/2022 10:09 PM

Neighbourhood cats use my gardens as their litter box, resulting in not only foul odours, but making weeding an unpleasant situation and making us worried about eating the vegetables from our garden. Totally unacceptable!

Screen Name Redacted 11/12/2022 07:01 AM	we are on a 100 acre fenced farm. All of our cats stay on property and are fixed and have their vaccinations , but this is not the case on many farms and I think this is humane and important
Screen Name Redacted 11/12/2022 03:44 PM	I have 4 cats that were feral cats 12 years ago and are now domesticated. It would cost too much to pay to register my cats. I have 2 cats that have been microchipped and 2 that were not. I am not answering question 10 unless the \$60 is for all my cats
Screen Name Redacted 11/12/2022 04:59 PM	Domestic cats should be neutered and confined to the owner's property and prevented from attacking birds,
Screen Name Redacted 11/12/2022 05:32 PM	Domestic or feral, municipalities need to work with vets to offer more reduced cost spay neuter clinics
Screen Name Redacted 11/12/2022 07:39 PM	I have owned domestic cats in CKL. We have feral cats in our area, mostly barn cats that roam all over and reproduce freely. Not fair to the cats. We also have had domestic cats dumped in our neighborhood and have taken them to the Humane Society.
Screen Name Redacted 11/12/2022 08:03 PM	I wish more people would keep their cats indoors because outdoor cats face too many dangers, especially coyotes and traffic.
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2022 10:15 AM	how will this be monitored? what will the penalties be for non/compliance?
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2022 11:20 AM	Both our childrens families have a Cat , fixed and indoors
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2022 11:35 AM	Domestic cats should fall under the same bylaws as domestic dogs, on leash, on owners own property and not roaming freely on other residents property. As a resident we have a issue with other peoples domestic cats spraying our property front porch, etc.
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2022 02:16 PM	I would not pay to register/'license' my cat
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2022 07:23 PM	Licensing likely won't work as it is both difficult and costly to monitor. Peterborough has cat licences but most cat owners there seem to

ignore the rules.

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11/13/2022 07:42 PM

My 2 cats (indoor only) have been spayed/neutered and are micro-chipped, therefore should be reduced or exempt from licence or registration fee

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11/13/2022 08:14 PM

Keeping the cost free or minimal will allow more pet owners the financial ease to provide health care and food and not have to abandon them due to lack of finances

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11/13/2022 08:20 PM

If you have a domestic cat and it never goes outside you should not have to register it

Screen Name Redacted

11/14/2022 10:18 AM

We would enjoy the birds more if the cats were not allowed to roam freely.

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11/14/2022 02:57 PM

What a waste of money it would be to have paid staff running around catching domestic cats who have a loving home.. *eye roll

Screen Name Redacted

11/15/2022 09:19 AM

Since I do not own a cat, I have had problems with neighbors cats roaming my property killing birds, pooping underneath my deck, and cat hair all over my outdoor furniture. My husband is severely allergic to cats. This is disgusting and a health threat.

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11/15/2022 11:52 AM

There is definitely a need for feral catch, neuter and release program. These programs seem to work quite well in other cities. My cat has a chip and is registered, in case she gets lost. More cats need to be chipped so when a cat get lost they get home.

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11/15/2022 02:31 PM

owners of domestic cats should be totally responsible for them, just like dog owners

Screen Name Redacted

11/15/2022 05:14 PM

Cats need to be properly controlled when outdoors. A leash is best. Ownership, by a tag or micro-ship, works best.

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11/16/2022 08:00 PM

Anyone with real cat experience knows that many domestic cats CANNOT be kept exclusively indoors for many reasons. They howl incessantly or wait for opportune moments to escape. So who gets

penalized, for trying to rescue a stray cat?

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11/16/2022 10:41 PM

I live in Lindsay. My cat never goes outside here because the roads are too busy. At my cottage which is also in the CKL, my cat does go outside. Cottages are mostly 100 ft. lots, all with lakefront, a dead-end road and fields behind. I

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11/17/2022 09:11 AM

There should be a penalty for cats who damage other people's property.

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11/17/2022 10:48 AM

Domestic cats are responsible for killing millions of baby and adults birds, rodents and other baby mammals by the millions, and some that are endangered species. This should not be allowed. Cats belong indoors only, or on leashes or in pens.

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11/17/2022 02:46 PM

I believe that all cats should be on a leash .

Screen Name Redacted

11/17/2022 04:48 PM

I have a license for my dog and feel cats should be licensed in the same way as my dog.

Screen Name Redacted

11/18/2022 10:53 AM

The costs of monitoring cats should be at the owners expense. They should not be let out of the home to use others gardens as their litter box or kill birds.

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11/18/2022 04:58 PM

I don't own a cat. But whatevs, let em do their thing.

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11/18/2022 04:58 PM

We own a dog...she used to roam free..however, with ever changing cultures and dynamics, some people are just not comfortable with leash free animals...so now we keep our dog tied...as we feel everyone else should with respect for the community.

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11/18/2022 05:03 PM

You can't control a cat to stay on your own property. Anyone that thinks they can hasn't owned a cat.

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11/18/2022 05:16 PM

We live in farm land, we have stray barn cats roaming around often

Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2022 05:22 PM	I feel the City needs to have a spay neuter clinic . Too many domesticated cats get dropped off in farmland at farms without farmer permission and they are a nuisance since they don't know how to survive outside the household
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2022 05:35 PM	Dogs have to be licensed so should cats
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2022 05:38 PM	I believe cats should be treated the same as dogs if domesticated
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2022 05:48 PM	Domestic cats should absolutely be registered, not allowed to leave their property and enforced. I do not wish to have any domestic cats frequent my property.
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2022 05:55 PM	I really don't know how you can keep a outdoor cat from staying on the property cats have been roaming the earth for years and it is in their nature to do so and when a cat has been allowed to be outside all of his life, he can't now not possible
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2022 06:41 PM	It's a cat, you cannot confine the cat to your property.
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2022 06:44 PM	If domestic cats roam free they should be spayed/neutered minimum.
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2022 07:24 PM	Domestic cats should not be allowed to run free. Licensing them will only help if people are held to account if their cat gets out. If deemed necessary, the town should microchip on their collar but hold owners responsible if the cat is not contained.
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2022 07:38 PM	Cat owners should be held accountable as do dog owners In the
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2022 07:38 PM	Cat owners should be held accountable as do dog owners In the
Screen Name Redacted 11/18/2022 08:05 PM	If the cats are strictly indoor cats, I don't think any of this should apply... if it never goes out, it should be good!

Screen Name Redacted
11/18/2022 08:11 PM

Collars, even ones that are not break-away, do not stay on cats well. And, any collar that is not a break-away collar is unsafe on a cat and can lead to death or injury.

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11/18/2022 08:40 PM

As if there isnt enough government overreach already.

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11/18/2022 08:57 PM

We have domestic cats on our street that roam in the summer. They stalk the birds that come to our feeder, and they dig up and defecate in my flower bed.

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11/18/2022 09:04 PM

Domestic cats are not a natural species in our tea and should not be allowed to roam free outside of a dwelling. They are a non native nuisance species. One of the highlights of our community is the tremendous native flora and fauna that must be preserved

Screen Name Redacted
11/18/2022 10:04 PM

Any spayed/neutered domestic cat which is roaming it's usual 'home' territory outdoors will not be a nuisance/danger to the community. It cannot breed, it fastidiously buries its excrement and it will always return home. Charge the owners of fertile cats

Screen Name Redacted
11/18/2022 10:53 PM

The lifetime fee should apply to all neutered cats.

Screen Name Redacted
11/18/2022 11:11 PM

I love cats, have owned several though I don't right now.

Screen Name Redacted
11/19/2022 06:21 AM

I think it is the nature of a cat to roam. I think leashing, yard housing, or house cats are being turned against their nature. This is a challenging issue. How do cats jump on a leash - cats are not like dogs in many ways. Limit ferrel

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11/19/2022 06:35 AM

We have no issues with cats in our area. This is not required in our mainly rural area.

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11/19/2022 08:13 AM

Have a program to neuter male cats for free, and a billboard campaign to take the "cuteness" out of "free kittens." Grandfather "roam free" for older cats.

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I don't own any cats but neighbours' cats are often on my property

11/19/2022 09:09 AM

crapping in my flower beds and urinating on my front door and mat, the verandah and the chairs and ot

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11/19/2022 10:03 AM

Cats allowed to roam free are rarely as destructive and noisy as dogs. I think cats allowed outdoors should be made to come indoors at night. Our cats (4 over 40 years) have never spent a night outside - well maybe once in the summer.

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11/19/2022 11:05 AM

My cats do not really leave my property but stay close to home. Cats are very different than dogs, they love to just sit in the yard and enjoy the sunshine. I also have two feral cats living outside in a provided shelter. They never leave my property.

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11/19/2022 11:36 AM

Neighbours with domestic cats that are allowed to roam with no poop and scoop follow up. The cat owners know they are not required to pick up after their pet and so they don't.

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11/19/2022 07:28 PM

My neighbour keeps his cat in now at my request as it was devastating our neighbourhood song bird and rabbit populations.

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11/19/2022 08:21 PM

A cat owner for 21 years, she either was indoors or in the yard on supervised leash. In my opinion it is no different than a dog and not only in respect of my neighbours, the control of a feral population but also the best for love and health of the cat.

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11/19/2022 10:23 PM

There should be a lower one time fee for spayed or neutered domestic cats

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11/19/2022 10:31 PM

This only works if the cost of micro-chipping is not prohibitive like spaying a female cat is, low cost spaying and micro-chipping would encourage responsible cat ownership in low income families.

Screen Name Redacted

11/19/2022 11:58 PM

Sick of them being able to roam and dedicate in my yard when I am a dog owner and keep mine contained to my own property

Screen Name Redacted

11/20/2022 09:26 AM

I think there needs to be a bylaw that all cats are kept indoors. This bylaw would serve to help alleviate the problem, rather than contribute to it. Thanks for this opportunity.

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11/20/2022 09:40 AM

I live in Cowans Bay and we have several neighbors that allow their cats to roam outside killing birds and rabbits. They also let them out to use other neighbors gardens as a washroom.

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11/20/2022 11:45 AM

Microchipping is already done as a matter of course by most vets now when a cat is spayed or neutered. Registering that same cat is really just money for the city because I don't see that money going to the animal shelters.

Screen Name Redacted

11/20/2022 12:01 PM

I do not currently own a cat but I have in the past. I do not currently own a cat because I have developed an allergy to cats. I really enjoyed owning cats in the past and I think that people should be able to responsibly own cats in CKL.

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11/20/2022 11:01 PM

Foolhardy waste of resources and money trying to regulate cats! Cats are free spirits that she allowed to roam. Please find a real problem to solve and quit wasting money on stupidity!!

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11/21/2022 08:30 AM

My cat is neutered and does not roam free as well as microchipped, so I am unclear as to how I would benefit from licensing him.

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11/21/2022 08:59 AM

I don't think that domestic cats should be registered - just too much bureaucracy for no good reason. It's not the domestic cats that cause most of the problems - it is the feral cats that need to be dealt with.

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2022 09:15 AM

I do not currently own a cat, but have in the past and may in the future. I personally am not someone who would register my cat, but if i only had to do it one time (\$60/lifetime), then i would consider it.

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11/21/2022 09:26 AM

I agree they should not be allowed to leave the owners properties

Screen Name Redacted

11/21/2022 10:54 AM

I strongly believe that all domestic cats should be indoor only. I volunteer at a rescue and have seen too many sad cases come through our doors.

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11/21/2022 11:42 AM

Cat using flower beds as a litter box and sleeping on my outdoor furniture leavkng a hajry mess.

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11/21/2022 01:11 PM

My next door neighbor own a cat that roams on my property all the time and attacks birds, chipmunks etc. and I have asked them not to let it run on my property because of the wild life it kills and they just ignore my requests. they should be made to comp

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11/21/2022 01:23 PM

The costs of owning pets is expensive enough--where I live, our "domestic cat" is on the premises to keep the mouse sitation down. I'm not registering her when she's got a job to do!

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11/22/2022 09:33 AM

To my knowledge most cats that are strays have been abandoned by their owners due to costs as in spaying/neutering and veterinarian. Why are we considering adding to this cost be putting a registration/licensing fee on cat ownership.

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11/22/2022 09:37 AM

A grandfathered in policy would need to be initiated over a 10-15 yr period if one intends on restricting owned cats from leaving an outdoor property. If cats are habituated based on current rules, it is unfair and not possible to expect compliance.

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2022 02:06 PM

My cat was born and raised on a farm. I'd prefer he be indoors, but there's no keeping him in. I've had cats who were solely indoors. But it's not just up to the owner ;-)

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11/22/2022 03:37 PM

The cats should not be allowed to roam free. We have a neighbour who frequently enters out backyard looking for his cat and once left the gate to the backyard open.

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11/22/2022 04:31 PM

I see roaming cats and worry that they will either get lost or get harmed and wish owners would keep them inside

Screen Name Redacted

11/22/2022 08:36 PM

I will be sending a separate email as your form is far too simplistic to deal with the issue of stray domestic or feral cats in Kawartha Lakes <http://www.highlandscinemas.com/cats.php>

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11/23/2022 07:07 AM

Licensing cats is long overdue and I welcome this initiative.

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11/23/2022 05:35 PM

I believe they should only be registered if they go outdoors

Screen Name Redacted

11/23/2022 06:26 PM

I used to have a cat who stayed on our acre property. Several cats have been dumped close to my house which is a problem. Rural cats would have more chances to wander without issues whereas city cats would be noticed if they strayed off their property.

Screen Name Redacted

11/24/2022 11:52 PM

Any cat/dog should be scanned by any shelter, rescue, vet or bylaw when found regardless if licensed. Il support inside only but insisting on cats indoor only does not work for all, espec when used to being outside. Mandatory spay/neuter & chip ideal

Optional question (246 response(s), 184 skipped)

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