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PUBLIC QUESTION RESPONSE

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Question Overview:

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City of Palmerston Response:

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City of Palmerston inclusion of cat management is to promote and ensure responsible animal management and welfare and was informed by the community's desire for the inclusion of cat management following initial community consultation 2021.

An example of an advantage of cat registration is that should your cat go missing or be found roaming it is easier to reunite them with their owners.

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City of Palmerston acknowledges that there are diverse views regarding cat management.

Cat management is being introduced in Palmerston as result of community consultation in 2021 which indicated a desire by our community to include cat management in future bylaws. City of Palmerston's position is not based on other communities or Councils perspectives, rather the desire and expectations for our community.

City of Palmerston 2021 community consultation outcomes can be found on our website.

Furthermore, we are now encouraging feedback from any organisation or community member through a formal submission as part of current consultation process.