

Introduction of Cat Local Law



Biggest changes within the community

Four big changes will take place with this introduction:

Interpretation of nuisance:

Shire Officers will be looking at every individual complaint. Two of the major nuisance definitions are:

- an unreasonable interference with the use and enjoyment of a person of his or her ownership or occupation of land; or
- an activity or condition which is harmful or annoying and which gives rise to legal liability in the violation of public or private nuisance at law.

Control of cats:

- Cats will no longer be able to freely roam other properties, unless the owner of the cat has obtained consent from the property owner and it is not causing a nuisance.

Cat Prohibited Areas:

Shire Officers have introduced 33 cat prohibited areas within the Shire of Manjimup, this means no cats will be permitted at any time. This has been put in place for the protection of wildlife and to stop the possibility of cats creating a nuisance.

Maps are available to be viewed on the Shire of Manjimup website.

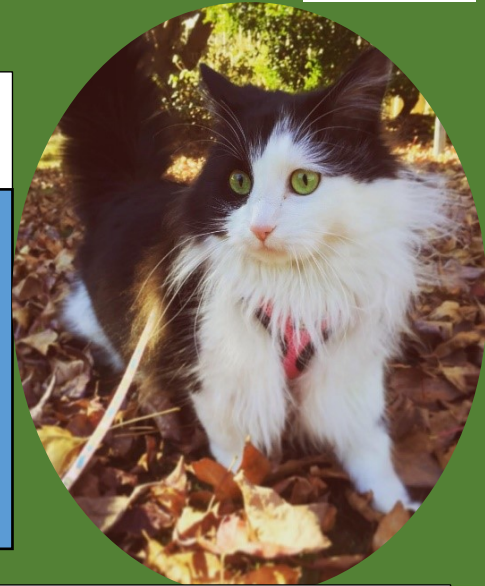
Modified Penalties:

Contraventions of this Local Law may incur a modified penalty of \$200. This may include but is not limited to:

- cat creating a nuisance in a public or private place;
- cat in prohibited area; and
- keeping of more than two cats without a permit.

What does this mean for cat owners?

The aim of the new *Shire of Manjimup Cat Local Law 2021* is to address some of the issues that the Shire comes across when dealing with cat complaints, this will promote and encourage responsible ownership of cats.



What will Shire Officers be doing?

Shire Officers will be:

- Responding to any complaints received and investigating them accordingly.
- The Shire will continue loaning traps out to the community free of charge to address any nuisance cats.
- Ongoing trapping and surveillance in cat prohibited areas to maintain compliance within those areas.

Confinement of cats

The Shire of Manjimup is recommending that cat owners confine their cat to the property it normally resides at. This will aim to avoid any nuisance it may create and stop wandering into cat prohibited areas.

This may be achieved by keeping your cat inside at all times, building a cat run or "catio" or placing a spinning paddle system on the fence line.

The full Cat Local Law 2021 can be viewed on our website

www.manjimup.wa.gov.au/localaws

