



POLICY NO. CP 5.3.16

POLICY STATEMENT

APPLICATIONS TO KEEP MORE THAN THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF CATS

PURPOSE

To establish the criteria against which applications to keep more than the permitted number of cats will be considered.

BACKGROUND

Council's Cat Local Law limits the number of cats a person may keep to two. However, under the *Cat Act 2011* and the *Cat (Uniform Provisions) Regulations 2013*, a person may apply to keep and register more than the prescribed number of cats.

The *Cat Regulations 2012*, prescribe that the requirement to register a cat does not apply to cats that have been placed in to foster care by:

- Cat Haven;
- The RSPCA; or
- SAFE (Saving Animals from Euthanasia Incorporated).

As such, the limit on the number a cats a person may keep does not apply to cats cared for on behalf of the organisations listed above.

This policy is intended to guide decisions on applications to keep more than two cats.

POLICY

1. Applications to keep more than two cats will be determined by the Chief Executive Officer.
2. When determining applications to keep more than two cats, the City will consider any history of complaints in relation to cats kept by the applicant, including those made to other local governments or the RSPCA.
3. Any approval issued by the Chief Executive Officer will be subject to the following conditions:
 - 3.1 The property on which the cats are ordinarily kept must include an enclosure, besides the dwelling or other building, which can contain the cats.
 - 3.2 The cats being confined to the property on which they are ordinarily kept unless they are kept under effective control by a person when they are in a public place.



GOVERNANCE REFERENCES

Statutory Compliance	Sections 8 and 9 of the Cat Act 2011. Clause 2BA(1) of the City of Gosnells Cat Local Law 2014
Industry Compliance	N/A
Organisational Compliance	N/A
Process Links	N/A

POLICY ADMINISTRATION

Directorate		Officer Title		Contact:	
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Risk Rating	Medium	Review Cycle	Triennial	Next Due:	2027

Version	Decision Reference	Synopsis
1.	OCM 118/14/05/2024	New Council Policy adopted to guide decisions on applications to keep more than two cats.
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