



Tasman District Council

Cat Management Bylaw 2024

Action	Made	Reference	In Force
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1 Introduction

- (1) Tasman District Council makes this bylaw in accordance with section 145 and 146 of the Local Government Act 2002.

2 Title

- (1) The title of this bylaw is the Tasman District Council Cat Management Bylaw 2024.

3 Commencement

- (1) This bylaw comes into force on 1 January 2025.

4 Purpose and Application

- (1) The purpose of this bylaw is to regulate the keeping of cats within the Tasman District.
- (2) This bylaw shall apply to all cats within Tasman District.

5 Definitions and Interpretation

- (1) In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

Cat means a domestic animal of the species *Felis catus*, including both male and female cats, regardless of breed, kept as a pet, companion, or for other purposes.

De-sexed means the surgical sterilization of an animal, which involves the removal of reproductive organs to prevent breeding. In male cats, this is known as neutering, and in female cats, it is known as spaying.

Microchipped mean a registered vet has implanted a small electronic device (microchip) under the skin of an animal, typically between the shoulder blades, that contains a unique identification number which can be read by a scanner. This number is linked to a registry containing information about the animal and its owner.

Nationally Recognised Cat Breeders Body means an organisation that is officially acknowledged at the national level for its role in promoting, regulating, and supporting the breeding of cats according to established standards. This body maintains records of registered breeders and ensures adherence to ethical breeding practices.

6 Cat Management Provisions

Any cat over six months of age must be:

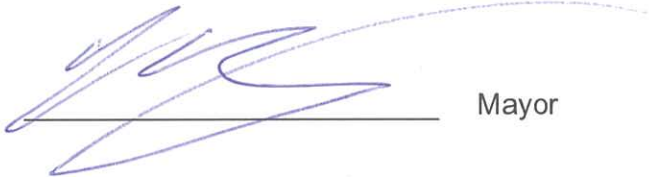
- a. Microchipped and the cat's microchip registered with New Zealand Companion Animal Register; and
- b. De-sexed, unless:
 - i. the cat is kept for breeding purposes; and registered with a nationally recognised cat breeders body, or
 - ii. the owner provides a certificate from a registered veterinarian stating that the de-sexing of the cat will adversely affect its health and/or welfare.

Existing cat owners shall be granted a transition period from the commencement of this bylaw, during which they are required to desex, microchip and register any cats they already own. This transition period shall extend until June 1, 2026.

7 Council Resolution

This bylaw was made by Tasman District Council at a meeting of the Council on 28 November 2024.

The common seal of the Tasman District Council is attached in the presence of:



Mayor



Chief Executive



