

## LGOIMA

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**Request  
from:**

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**For:** Cat control budget

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**Response**

**by:** Mandy Bishop, Manager Consents and Compliance

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 May 2019 9:06 AM  
**To:** Council Enquiries (Enquiry)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** LGOIMA Request - Cat Control

To whom it may concern

I notice that NCC has a budget item of \$5,000 for a grant to the SPCA for "cat control" (code 47044312).

For the year to date, how many cats has the SPCA "controlled" for NCC?

Have any cat control activities been undertaken on the feral cat colony at Tahuna Beach in the last year?

What does "control" involve? Are stray cats being euthanised or are they being desexed and returned to their feral colony?

As usual, I'm happy to pay any reasonable costs associated with answering this request. I'm also happy to receive your response by email.

Yours

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**From:** Mandy Bishop  
**Sent:** Thursday, 23 May 2019 1:20 PM  
**To:** Steve Cross  
**Subject:** RE: LGOIMA Request - Cat Control

Hello Steve

Council has an agreement with the SPCA to provide complimentary dog and cat control activities to the animal welfare services it provides.

For the cat control activities the Council contributes to the SPCA for the following activities:

- Feline de-sexing programmes
- Provision of purpose built traps to catch sick or injured stray and unwanted cats
- Assist the public with nuisance stray cats
- Provide a re-homing facility
- Education and training opportunities

Council does not receive any location specific information from the SPCA. For stray cats the control actions include de-sexing and re-homing or euthanasia for welfare reasons. Council does not hold information on all cat control activities undertaken by the SPCA, but all cats and kittens are de-sexed before adoption. Since 1 July last year the SPCA has assisted the Council with the control of over 20 stray cats.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Kind regards

**Mandy Bishop**  
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