

**INQUIRY INTO MANAGEMENT OF CAT POPULATIONS
IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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The cat problem is a massive issue in NSW, and something needs to change. There is stray cats everywhere, causing multiple Colonies.

They are attacking and killing native wildlife. It is not only bad for the wildlife but for the wellbeing of the cats too, as they can also get preyed upon, and they can also cause problems with inbreeding.

I have been rescuing cats and kittens off the streets that have nowhere to go for the last few months. I've rescued 29 cats & kittens from one cat colony alone all of which have been rehomed or taken in by a rescue organisation, but there's still many cats & kittens remaining.

One of the kittens I caught from one litter had to be unfortunately euthanised as it couldn't breathe due to issues from inbreeding. Another one of the cats I caught from there recently, only 6 months old, was pregnant and since had 3 babies all of which passed away with fading kitten syndrome.

There's a male cat who is one of the original cats, and he has so many injuries from cat fights, including a broken ear.

I've also rescued 2 kittens in a town 30 minutes away from here, and someone else rescued the mum and some of the other kittens. One kitten was unable to be saved in time.

2 kittens came to me yesterday, only ten days old, after being found next to the main road in town. Their Mum was unable to be saved in time.

Two 9 month old cats came to me after being dumped out of town on someone's property, one was pregnant who since had 3 kittens.

Another mum cat & her 6 Kittens came to me about a week ago, also found dumped out of town on someone's property. The mum cat has terrible teeth, and is needing multiple teeth removed.

Nearly every rescue and pound is overflowing with Mum cats & kittens.

At the beginning of the year I was volunteering for a rescue and found two pregnant cats. Spent day and night trying to catch them. Eventually caught them, and they had their kittens about a week later. The rescue was able to take them on and rehomed them.

There is so many others I've heard about, and this is just in the one area.

The laws need to be changed, to at least add cats to be kept indoors only, so it's easier to spot dumped cats before they become cat Colonies.

Mandatory Desexing would also be helpful, because there is way too many kittens and not enough homes for all of them.

Alot of people can not afford the \$300+ desexing, so more access to cheaper desexing/Desexing vouchers would also be a massive help.