

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

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The government must speak to the Rescues and all of those people feeding colonies and paying for cats to be desexed out of their own pockets to actually understand what's going on in the real world.

All abandoned cats, street cats, community cats, colonies, semi owned and the unowned, should be able to be desexed for free by the Rescues that are trying so hard to prevent the epidemic of cats that no one is caring for.

We had a street cat give birth to 4 kittens in our garage some time ago, and as we already have 2 indoor cats and a dog, we were unable to keep them. We were desperate for assistance, and eventually found Safe Animal Rehoming who were able to take the kittens in when their mother was unfortunately hit by a car some days later.

Safe were amazing and even let our daughter name the kittens when we surrendered them into their care, and we followed their progress on their website as they were desexed and eventually all found loving homes thanks to Safe.

Safe asked for nothing from us when they agreed to take the kittens, but we were happy to make a donation to their service as we were so very grateful for their help.

We tried multiple Vets and Rescues before we found Safe Animal Rehoming, and every one was full, and couldn't accept any more cats, and without Safe I don't know what we would have done except surrender them to the pound to be euthanized. As a pet loving family, this option was totally abhorrent, but with no one else available to help us, it would have been our only option.

Please speak to the Rescues directly and hear their stories, as once a cat is desexed the cycle is broken with no more unchecked breeding which is imperative especially if the cat is an abandoned cat, street cat, community cat, part of a colony, semi owned or unowned. Thank you