

**Regarding Animal Control report and reasons  
why not to license Cats**

**Hi, my name is Hermine Hicks, I live at 216 View Street, and have been a Taxpayer since I moved here in 1979.**

**I have made some Presentations to Council and some to Committees a number of Years ago, some of the changes that have been made have been good, some not so good.**

**This one about licensing, spaying and neutering Cats may seem trivial to some, but not so to some of us who have been privileged to be chosen to give a Home to these most wonderful Creatures.**

**As I have not attended Counsel Meetings for some time, and was shocked to read about licensing, spaying and neutering Cats (or in essence trying to herd Cats) by the SPCA.**

**I have been a supporting for the SPCA for some Years and had the mistaken belief that they knew the difference between Cats and Dogs.**

**There is a saying that Dogs think they're Family and Cats think you're Staff.**

**Dogs have been licensed for many Years because they have a clear Owner, not so with Cats.**

**Cats may live in different Homes at the same time, or stay in one home but visit others, as it suits them. I have a Cat door and any Cat who is hungry is welcome. Some are short term Visitors, some stay until they die, but they are always able to come and go as they please, but who will determine who the so called Legal Owner is?**

**Think of it this way: How often do you see a Cat on a Leash? If we try to confine them, then let them out for a bit of fresh Air, it would be gone like a shot. Even Prisoners are allowed into fresh air on a regular basis.**

**However, the biggest problem is the spaying and neutering part, when all the Cats have been spayed and neutered how is the SPCA going to be able to spay and neuter all the Mice and Rats that will over-run the City.**

**Please vote No to this unnecessary By-law.**

**Thank you, do you have any questions?**



