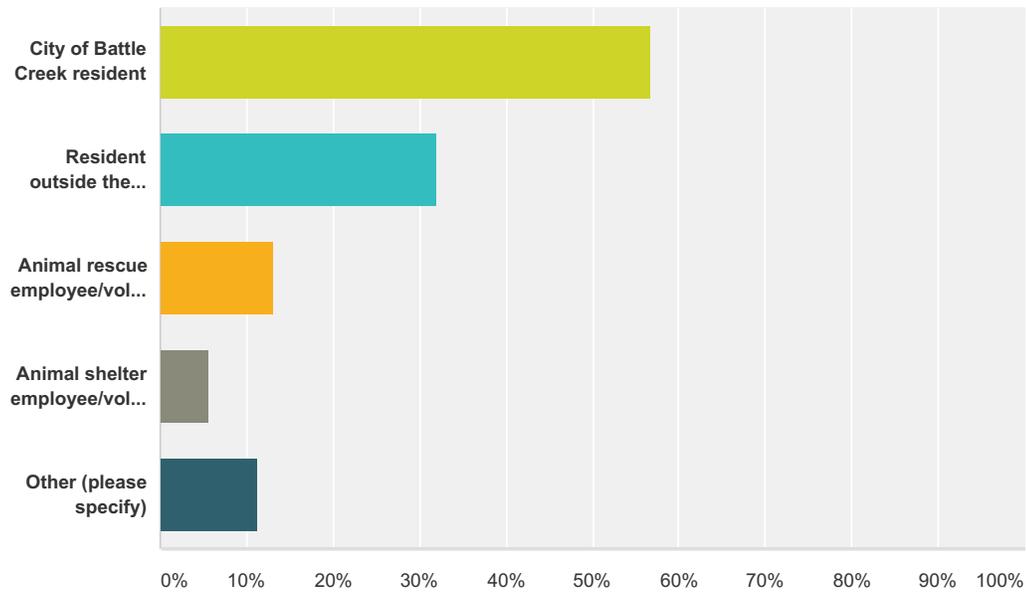


Community Cats

Q1 Please tell us about yourself. Are you a

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Answered: 366 Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	Responses
City of Battle Creek resident	56.83% 208
Resident outside the City of Battle Creek	31.97% 117
Animal rescue employee/volunteer	13.11% 48
Animal shelter employee/volunteer	5.74% 21
Other (please specify)	11.20% 41
Total Respondents: 366	

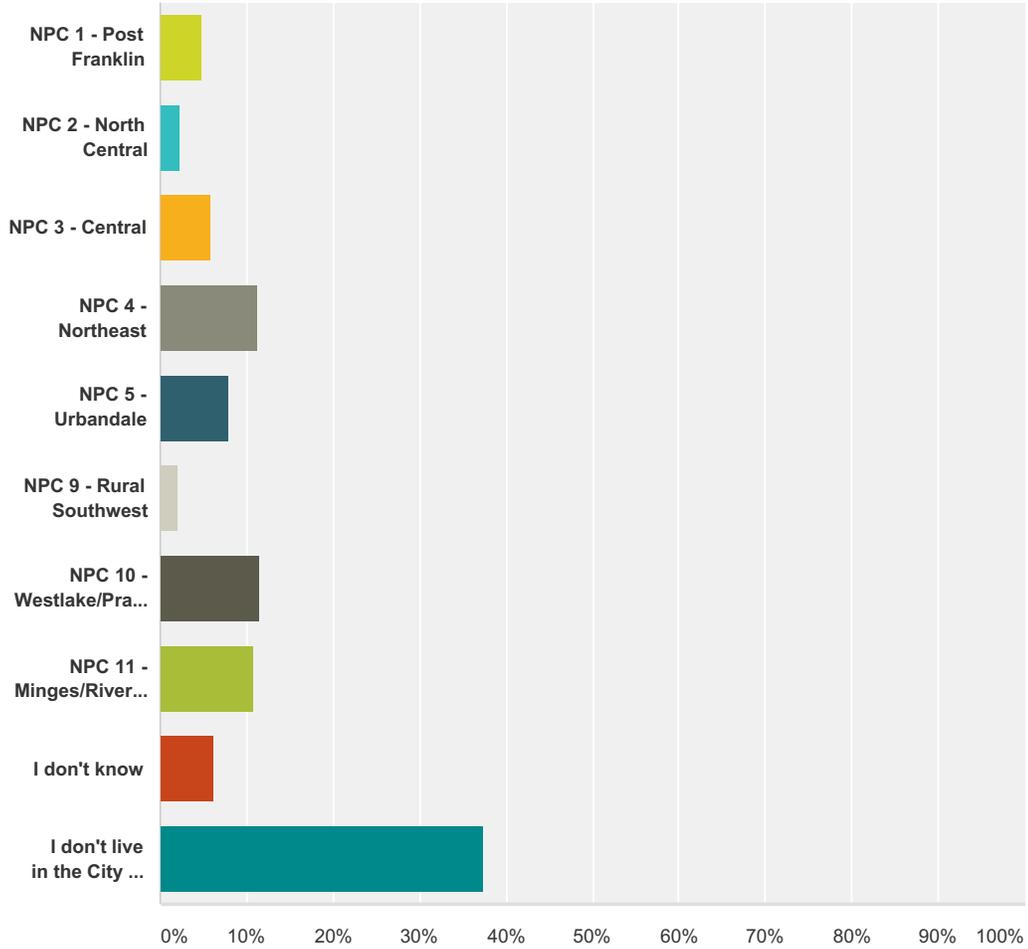
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Pennfield Township	1/31/2017 7:03 PM
2	Vet tech student	1/31/2017 12:37 PM
3	I have rescued and still rescue cats :)	1/30/2017 11:40 PM
4	Pennfield Township	1/30/2017 9:16 PM
5	Animal lover, independent rescuer!	1/28/2017 7:23 PM
6	I feed shelter and spay/neuter homeless cats and have been doing so for the last eight years or so. I feel we in Battle Creek need some kind of centralized organization to address homeless cats. I spend time with my community of homeless cats that I care for and have adopted out around two dozen over the years. Most of my cats are very affectionate and act like pets however there are some that won't let me pet them yet but with continued work I feel confident they could be turned. My ultimate goal has been to find these cats loving homes. If there were a centralized organization that individuals acting on their own could go to for assistance it would make it so much easier especially when it comes to taking the cats in to have them fixed. I am a 56 year old male on disability and do not even have my own car.	1/26/2017 4:53 PM
7	Bedford	1/25/2017 9:26 PM
8	Worker in the City of Battle Creek/resident outside of Calhoun County	1/24/2017 4:22 PM

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9	Emmett township	1/24/2017 3:59 PM
10	President of Community Cats United, Inc (Trap-Neuter-Return Community)	1/23/2017 6:59 AM
11	outside of your city, volunteer for 17 years at Seattle's Feral Cat Spay/Neuter Project	1/22/2017 11:56 PM
12	Austin Animal Shelter Community Cats Volunteer Trapper	1/22/2017 11:38 PM
13	Audubon Society member	1/22/2017 7:18 PM
14	Cat Owner	1/22/2017 5:29 PM
15	Cat lover now living in St. Joseph County, formerly Kalamazoo	1/22/2017 3:36 PM
16	Caregiver to homeless cats	1/21/2017 9:20 PM
17	Own a local Veterinary Clinic	1/21/2017 6:50 PM
18	I	1/21/2017 1:43 PM
19	Just began a TNR PROGRAM in st joe county, three rivers, Mi. In the beginning stages but already transporting stray, community and feral for spay neuter. Would love to consider being affiliates. Jean Williams Sterile Feral Project, 269 273 1131	1/21/2017 10:42 AM
20	Fisheries Biologist, Food Safety Consultant	1/21/2017 2:56 AM
21	professor of wildlife ecology and management, associate wildlife biologist	1/20/2017 8:42 PM
22	A supporter of native wild animals	1/20/2017 8:28 PM
23	Concerned citizen	1/20/2017 6:44 PM
24	invasive species biologist	1/20/2017 6:37 PM
25	Resident of Kalamazoo County	1/20/2017 6:36 PM
26	Certified Senior Ecologist	1/20/2017 6:25 PM
27	Bedford	1/20/2017 6:25 PM
28	Former Resident	1/20/2017 4:25 PM
29	Just a guy who wants animals treated humanely	1/20/2017 3:25 PM
30	Emmett Township	1/20/2017 12:42 PM
31	Springfield	1/20/2017 11:15 AM
32	Maybe we could include dogs. You know like pit bulls. Do you not understand that animals carry disease.	1/20/2017 11:08 AM
33	Live in FL	1/20/2017 10:07 AM
34	I pay Battle Creek City taxes	1/20/2017 10:05 AM
35	Concern for animals and limited abuse and neglect of animal cruelty	1/20/2017 9:48 AM
36	I live in Kalamazoo County.	1/20/2017 9:29 AM
37	President of Alley Cat Angels	1/20/2017 7:34 AM
38	City of Springfield	1/20/2017 6:03 AM
39	Springfield	1/20/2017 5:26 AM
40	Bedford township	1/19/2017 10:52 PM
41	Was a voluteer at the humane society for many years.	1/19/2017 4:02 PM

Q2 If you live in the City of Battle Creek, in which Neighborhood Planning Council do you live? See map below for assistance.

Answered: 340 Skipped: 30



Answer Choices	Responses
NPC 1 - Post Franklin	4.71% 16
NPC 2 - North Central	2.35% 8
NPC 3 - Central	5.88% 20
NPC 4 - Northeast	11.18% 38
NPC 5 - Urbandale	7.94% 27
NPC 9 - Rural Southwest	2.06% 7
NPC 10 - Westlake/Prairieview	11.47% 39
NPC 11 - Minges/Riverside	10.88% 37
I don't know	6.18% 21
I don't live in the City of Battle Creek	37.35% 127

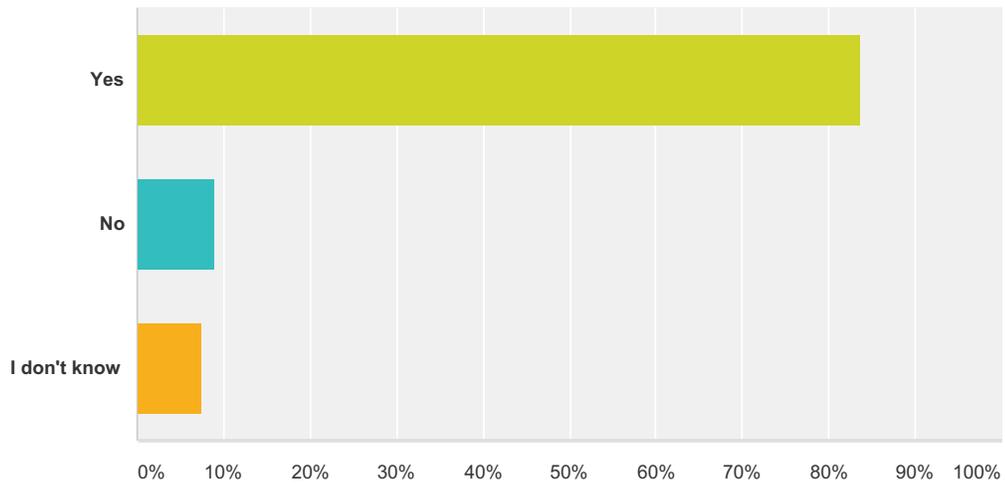
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Total

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Q3 Are there stray cats living in/wandering through your neighborhood?

Answered: 348 Skipped: 22

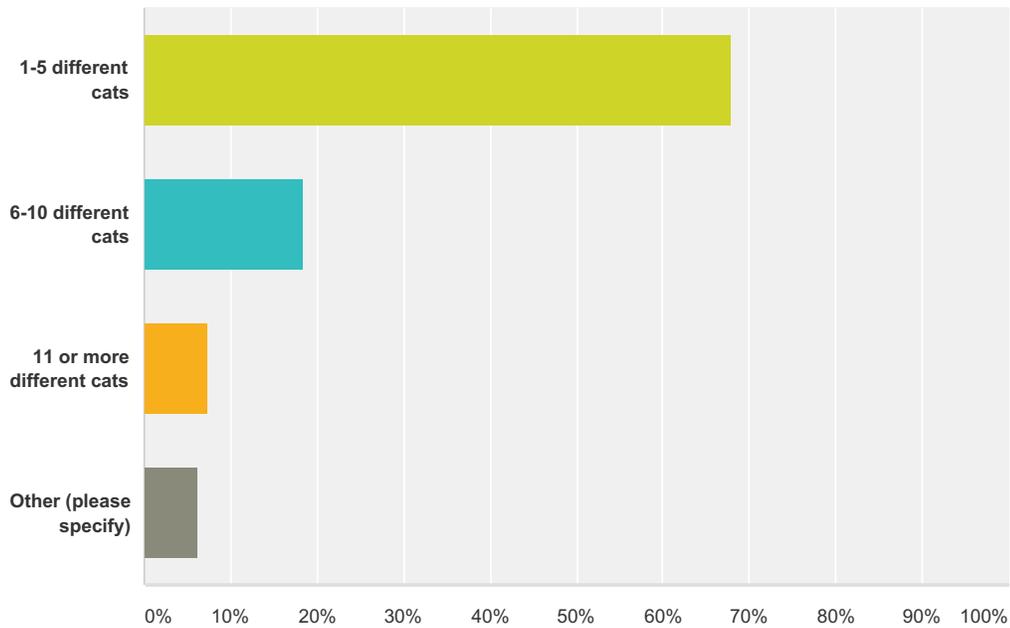


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	83.62% 291
No	8.91% 31
I don't know	7.47% 26
Total	348

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Q4 If yes, how many different cats do you see each week?

Answered: 299 Skipped: 71



Answer Choices	Responses
1-5 different cats	67.89% 203
6-10 different cats	18.39% 55
11 or more different cats	7.36% 22
Other (please specify)	6.35% 19
Total	299

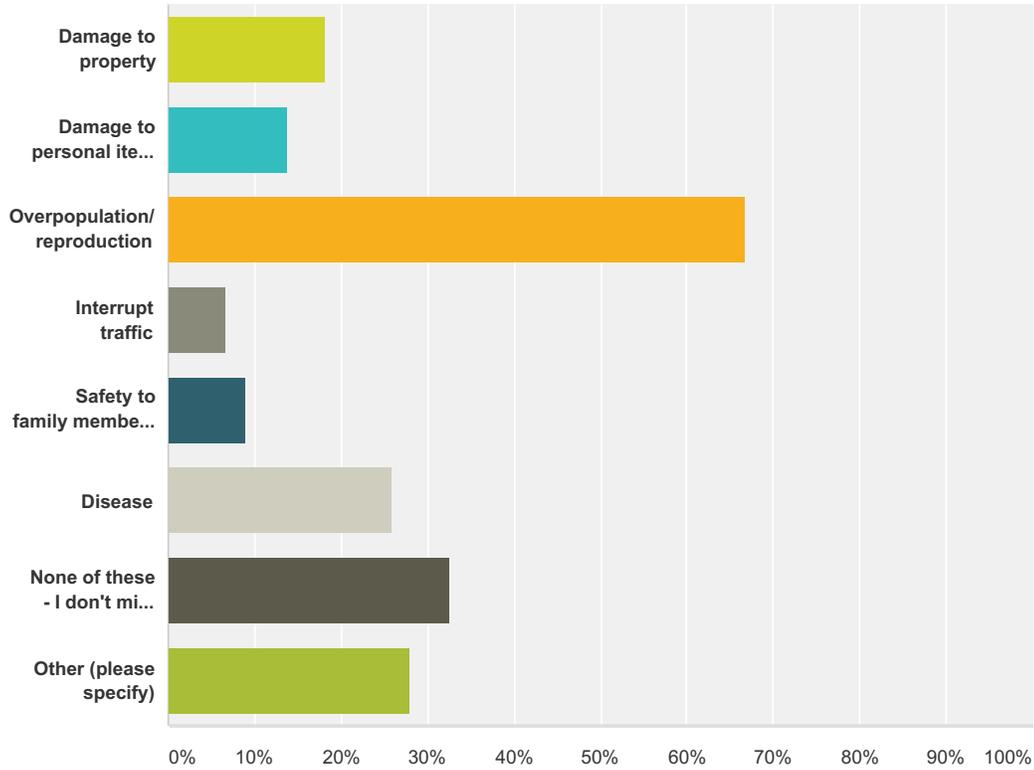
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Not sure, therea so many cats running around	1/31/2017 12:24 PM
2	occasionally see them come up on my porch	1/30/2017 11:43 PM
3	Not Sure.....most are further down Capital Ave.	1/30/2017 11:04 PM
4	Do not live in the neighborhood	1/28/2017 7:39 PM
5	Infrequent but I'm not home much	1/26/2017 2:26 PM
6	Used to be 6-10. Neighbors changed	1/26/2017 4:01 AM
7	A few I feed 3 and two are fixed the other won't let me get that close sometime but he comes to eat and get warm with my house I got for them out side I think this has been a wonderful thing we can only do what we can and helping them get fixs is a great thing should be the same for dogs no kill they deserve it thank u	1/25/2017 11:53 PM
8	im in another state, i have TNRd about a thousand cats over the years. My clinic has s/n over 100,000 cats in less than 20 years in the Pacific NW	1/23/2017 12:01 AM
9	Cc	1/22/2017 10:10 PM
10	I rarely see them.	1/21/2017 2:17 PM

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11	Hundreds. Am a fledgling TNR, three rivers mi	1/21/2017 10:44 AM
12	around 25	1/20/2017 10:39 PM
13	Varies according to weather and time of year	1/20/2017 6:49 PM
14	The few cats I see are all owned I believe.	1/20/2017 1:34 PM
15	It depends upon the season; there are more in the Spring, Summer and Fall (6-10 easily)	1/20/2017 12:44 PM
16	0	1/19/2017 9:41 PM
17	None that I'm aware of	1/19/2017 7:26 PM
18	Not sure	1/19/2017 6:55 PM
19	I don't live in the City.	1/19/2017 3:07 PM

Q5 Which of the following issues concern you about the stray cats in your neighborhood?

Answered: 343 Skipped: 27



Answer Choices	Responses
Damage to property	18.08% 62
Damage to personal items, such as a car	13.70% 47
Overpopulation/reproduction	66.76% 229
Interrupt traffic	6.71% 23
Safety to family members and/or visitors	9.04% 31
Disease	25.95% 89
None of these - I don't mind the cats	32.65% 112
Other (please specify)	27.99% 96
Total Respondents: 343	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	increased wildlife mortality from cat predation	1/31/2017 8:04 PM
2	Overpopulation but only because of how it affects the well-being of the cats.	1/31/2017 7:39 PM
3	living on my property	1/31/2017 10:17 AM

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4	I also worry about their welfare as strays-starvation, lack of shelter, and the potential for them to be hurt by other animals or people.	1/31/2017 5:57 AM
5	I don't mind the cats, but we live on a busy road in Pennfield.	1/30/2017 11:43 PM
6	I have seen many homeless cats/kittens behind Raymond James Jewelers just beyond the Social Security office on Capital Ave. S.W. I saw the little one with the infected eye just today. He won't let me come close and he squeezes through the fence to get away. His eye is terribly infected. He is growing and won't be able to get through the fence much longer. He doesn't know to go to the end of the fence and go to his shelter. There is a very nice man who lives at 147 Mason (first house on the left) who has a box and some blankets/towels for the cats/kittens. "They just keep having kittens" he said. He spends lots of money to feed them. He said they all drop the cats off in this neighborhood. I went into Advia Credit Union nearby and told him there were two kittens at the back of the building and one has an infection in the eye. He just smiled and said "There are a TON of cats around here! The gentleman who is trying to help lives at 147 Mason Road. I have seen the same scenario more than once when I was driving on Avenue A in Springfield last summer. It was garbage day and a lot of cats were trying to get up on the garbage cans to find something to eat. Battle Creek has a H*U*G*E problem with stray cats/kittens. They need your help.	1/30/2017 11:04 PM
7	Animal welfare and drop off of more cats. Abandoned pets	1/30/2017 9:30 PM
8	Allergic to cats, funding cat feces in kids sand box, cat spraying on my house	1/30/2017 9:18 PM
9	Danger to wildlife	1/30/2017 9:05 PM
10	injuries and fighting because the males are not neutered	1/30/2017 2:13 PM
11	Some of the cats have eyes missing, hair missing open wounds. As a home owner, the use my yard for a litter box, urinate on my doors and are, marking their territory. Why should I have to put pressure with the horrible clean up, and smell in my house after they urinate on my house. It's disgusting, would like that in your house.	1/29/2017 12:01 PM
12	Proper shelter for cats in the winter	1/28/2017 7:25 PM
13	concern for cat safety	1/27/2017 4:35 PM
14	Cats fighting at night	1/27/2017 3:25 PM
15	While I don't mind the cats, I am in favor of a Community Cats program to aid in reducing new litters being born.	1/27/2017 1:12 AM
16	Constantly Defecate on my property and my dogs would eat it. If family member left garage open, cats would urinate and strong odor would permeate contents	1/26/2017 4:01 AM
17	Using my yard for their bathroom, then my children go play in the same yard.	1/26/2017 1:27 AM
18	Long as they are fixes	1/25/2017 11:53 PM
19	Maybe because we have a dog, we don't have an issue with cats. I hear a lot of others do.	1/25/2017 9:41 AM
20	They hunt my birds that I enjoy so much	1/25/2017 9:29 AM
21	They live in the cold weather, afraid they may freeze to death and lack of food	1/25/2017 9:25 AM
22	I LOVE CATS ,but would like them to have homes	1/24/2017 8:29 PM
23	Killing birds	1/24/2017 7:56 PM
24	quality of life for the cats	1/24/2017 1:18 PM
25	Danger of strays fighting with pets. Danger of people misidentifying a pet as a stray	1/24/2017 12:03 AM
26	Smell	1/23/2017 4:56 AM
27	fight with families cats..	1/23/2017 12:29 AM
28	That people can be cruel to them or do not understand the issue of Community Cats	1/23/2017 12:01 AM
29	In all of the years we've lived here there has only been one problem cat. A wild cat hybrid.	1/22/2017 9:45 PM
30	killing birds	1/22/2017 7:22 PM
31	they can get run over	1/22/2017 3:58 PM
32	do not want the cats to be injured or killed	1/22/2017 3:38 PM
33	Cats are a tremendous menace to our bird and wildlife population and I don't like them being present in my yard.	1/21/2017 10:55 PM
34	I am scared that they will be attacked by predators.	1/21/2017 2:17 PM
35	They crap in yard and under bedroom window	1/21/2017 2:05 PM

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36	My neighbors shoot them with a 22. I think this is animal abuse.	1/21/2017 11:44 AM
37	Death rate of kittens, massive reproduction	1/21/2017 10:44 AM
38	Danger to both public health and biodiversity	1/21/2017 2:58 AM
39	The well being of the cats.	1/20/2017 11:23 PM
40	safety of small animals, birds, etc	1/20/2017 9:48 PM
41	wildlife mortality, danger to livestock (chickens)	1/20/2017 8:43 PM
42	Killing of small animals for food- birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians	1/20/2017 8:29 PM
43	Harm to wildlife, inhumane outdoor deaths of cats.	1/20/2017 8:14 PM
44	All the cats have been Trap-Neutered-Returned back to the area they originated. The reduction in my Michigan neighborhood has been dramatic since taking advantage of low cost spay/neuter programs!!	1/20/2017 8:08 PM
45	The safety and well being of the cats. Wanting to help without putting them down or adding to the population.	1/20/2017 7:31 PM
46	According to a Smithsonian study, free ranging cats kill more than a billion birds a year. With a THIRD of our native birds at risk of extinction, no community should pass a law protecting feral cats.	1/20/2017 7:05 PM
47	Environmental impact through predation and disease transmission to wild animals.	1/20/2017 6:49 PM
48	Damage to environment, native wildlife	1/20/2017 6:41 PM
49	I worry for the cats safety.	1/20/2017 6:40 PM
50	There are drop offs,barn cats around here and I know some cats have been spayed, neutered	1/20/2017 6:40 PM
51	Cats kill birds and other native wildlife	1/20/2017 6:37 PM
52	Killing birds and wildlife	1/20/2017 6:27 PM
53	Health and quality of life of the feral cats, and concern about reproduction. I am actively doing TNR on my property.	1/20/2017 5:56 PM
54	Attacking my cat	1/20/2017 4:25 PM
55	that these critters don't have warm & dry homes and enough to eat	1/20/2017 3:29 PM
56	Danger to birdlife	1/20/2017 3:20 PM
57	I'm concerned about the safety of the animals.	1/20/2017 2:37 PM
58	Harm to wildlife	1/20/2017 2:15 PM
59	Killing of birds and small mammals (up to rabbits)	1/20/2017 1:43 PM
60	I dont mind cats at all. I do want to see TNR programs more utilized for the cats sake.	1/20/2017 1:34 PM
61	The odor that hangs on near the places they frequent is quite offensive. They shouldn't be allowed to roam any more than dogs.	1/20/2017 1:03 PM
62	Animal cruelty - stray dogs attack and kill them. Worst they starve to death when they can't get enough food or proper shelter in winter.	1/20/2017 12:44 PM
63	the health and safety of the poor stray cats	1/20/2017 12:34 PM
64	Eating the wildlife.	1/20/2017 12:30 PM
65	Animals should not be born into a life of dodging traffic, disease and human cruelty.	1/20/2017 12:28 PM
66	Death of birds and small mammals, from an non-native animal species	1/20/2017 11:56 AM
67	feces problem	1/20/2017 11:01 AM
68	Detrimental to wildlife and birds	1/20/2017 10:28 AM
69	living conditions & care of those not "taken in"	1/20/2017 10:16 AM
70	They are very mean and fight the indoor/outdoor cats that do have homes in the neighborhood. They come onto the property of the people that own these cats and try to claim it as their own. These cats should not be spayed and neutered once they are brought back because they are a danger to the domesticated cats that do have homes.	1/20/2017 9:30 AM
71	My concern has to do with the welfare of the animals - it's not their fault that they are homeless.	1/20/2017 9:30 AM
72	they pee on peoples doorsteps and bushes	1/20/2017 8:30 AM

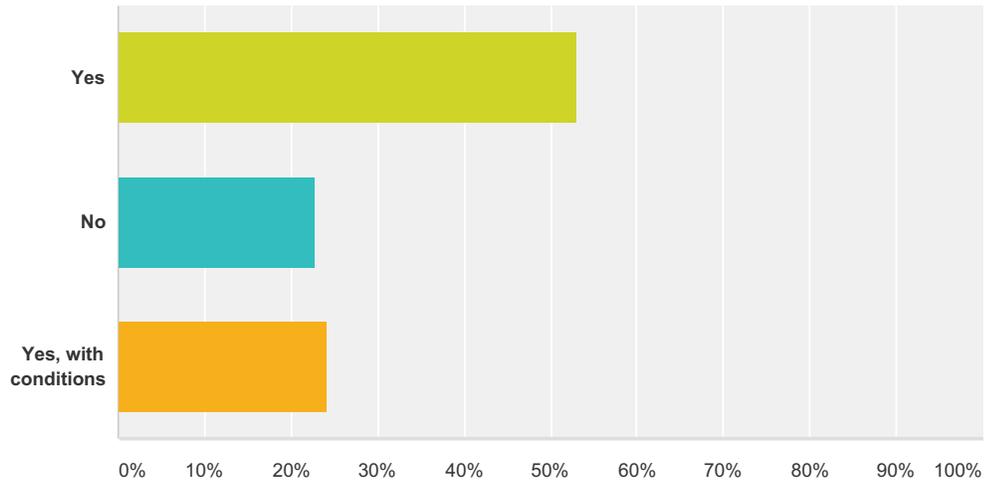
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73	Killing birds	1/20/2017 7:47 AM
74	My only concern would be that they have been spayed/neutered	1/20/2017 7:40 AM
75	Bugs mites and fleas urine feces	1/20/2017 5:36 AM
76	Killing of other wildlife.	1/20/2017 5:03 AM
77	Allergic	1/20/2017 4:05 AM
78	Quality of life for the cats. I love cats.	1/19/2017 11:12 PM
79	Using our yard as a toilet and killing birds at our bird feeders.	1/19/2017 9:50 PM
80	Health and safety of the cat.	1/19/2017 8:51 PM
81	If they are getting food or able to escape the elements	1/19/2017 8:33 PM
82	Concern on ensuring they are cared for & trying to catch them to get them fixed!	1/19/2017 8:18 PM
83	Safety and health of the cats.	1/19/2017 7:09 PM
84	Rough and horrible life for the cats, everyone needs to help anyway they can	1/19/2017 6:55 PM
85	Unspayed or neutered cats. Are they being fed.	1/19/2017 6:43 PM
86	Using yards and flowerbeds as their bathroom	1/19/2017 5:26 PM
87	The feral cats urinate on my front and back door.	1/19/2017 4:49 PM
88	Them getting hit by a car	1/19/2017 4:35 PM
89	Concerned with the animals health and safety	1/19/2017 4:23 PM
90	lack of awareness/education regarding responsible pet ownership, proper animal care	1/19/2017 4:18 PM
91	Impact on native wildlife	1/19/2017 3:48 PM
92	Excessive food plots attract wildlife that then become a nuisance.	1/19/2017 3:42 PM
93	It is hard to see them outdoors in winter plus I have dogs who go nuts when they see them	1/19/2017 3:38 PM
94	Cat poop in my yard that my children play in	1/19/2017 3:20 PM
95	fits with my own animals	1/19/2017 3:10 PM
96	stray cats cause dogs to bark!!!	1/19/2017 3:03 PM

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Q6 The city has received requests to support and allow "community cats." These cats would not necessarily belong to anyone, but would be cared for by the neighborhood. Do you support this idea?

Answered: 347 Skipped: 23

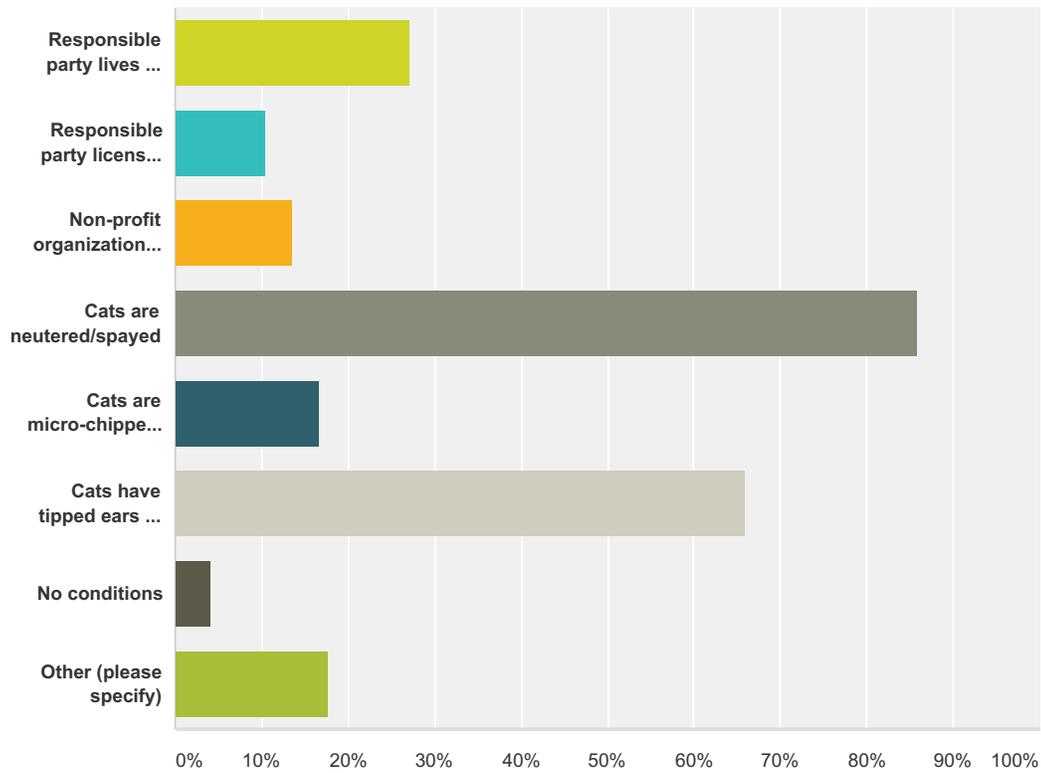


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	53.03%	184
No	22.77%	79
Yes, with conditions	24.21%	84
Total		347

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Q7 If yes, please select the conditions that should be applied.

Answered: 288 Skipped: 82



Answer Choices	Responses
Responsible party lives in the neighborhood	27.08% 78
Responsible party licenses cats with the city, which requires up-to-date shots	10.42% 30
Non-profit organization or animal shelter takes responsibility for all cats	13.54% 39
Cats are neutered/spayed	85.76% 247
Cats are micro-chipped for easy identification	16.67% 48
Cats have tipped ears to signify they've been spayed/neutered and their affiliation with the community cats	65.97% 190
No conditions	4.17% 12
Other (please specify)	17.71% 51
Total Respondents: 288	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	catch and release goals should be to reduce stray cat populations over time and not to foster thriving populations that wreak havoc on local wildlife populations (i.e. birds and small mammal's) and have cascading effects on the local ecosystem..	1/31/2017 8:04 PM
2	The responsible party or parties do not have to live in the neighborhood. I know many people who manage colonies outside their neighborhood and simply go there daily to care for the cats.	1/31/2017 7:39 PM
3	Responsible parties should be able to have a tax deduction for taking care of these strays	1/31/2017 12:24 PM

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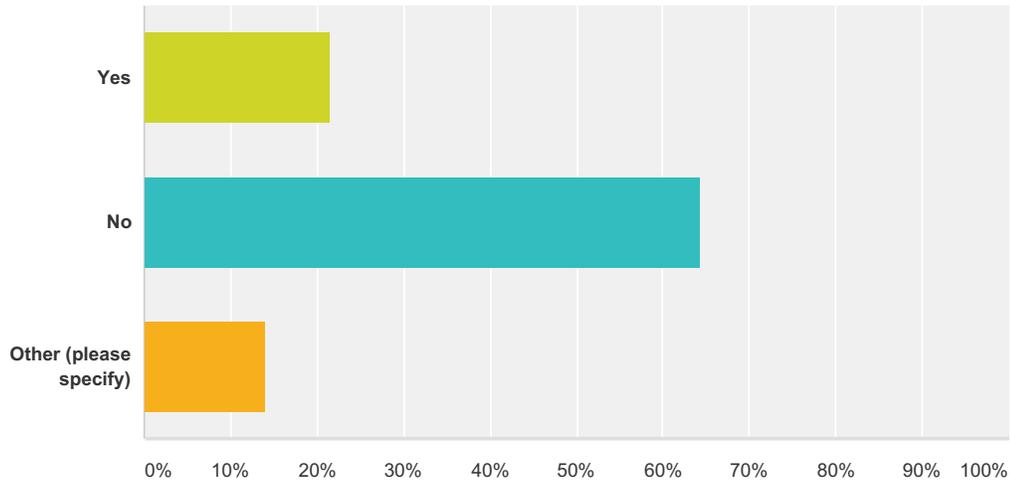
4	People and groups have been doing this for years!!!	1/31/2017 10:17 AM
5	People don't realize they can help with mice and rats. Cats generally stay away from people if they are wild. I have caught several wild cats and have tamed them myself.	1/30/2017 11:43 PM
6	Reduced costs for locals assisting in TNR programs.	1/30/2017 9:30 PM
7	All cats should be chipped from birth on. That way they can be tracked back to the owners in case they have escaped or were abandoned. People need to take responsibility. They need to be treated just like dogs, this is why we have such a problem...they're isn't any enforcement on them in the city.	1/29/2017 12:01 PM
8	Do not support.	1/26/2017 1:27 AM
9	sometimes it is extremely difficult to catch feral cats to have the requirement of shots. plus it is costly for the shots. Trapping to get them neutered or spayed should be enough to control population.	1/25/2017 4:19 PM
10	As long as All Species Kinship is not the partner group the city plans to use, it's fine.	1/25/2017 10:27 AM
11	I'm not sure it matters whether or not you "allow" them - they already are there!!	1/25/2017 9:41 AM
12	Must provide adequate shelter for weather elements. Must report quarterly on effectiveness.	1/24/2017 12:03 AM
13	A responsible person to advise, help care for the cats - addressing issues and help.	1/23/2017 3:25 PM
14	I am not willing to pay for Spay/neuter neighbors cats just to put them back out into the neighborhood to pass around their diseases. Put all stray cats down. Most of them are Ferrell and full of diseases. If the owner is worried about their pet (cat) they will keep them inside and license them. Dogs owners are not allowed to let their dogs roam. And dogs must be licensed, dog ordinances are enforced, cats should be too.	1/23/2017 2:58 PM
15	TNVRM Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return-Manage	1/23/2017 7:01 AM
16	People should always s/n if they are feeding the cats as feeding them makes them more likely to produce more litters, bigger litters, healthier litters. It boosts the reproductive tract its SO important that those people can seek help to get the cats s/n.	1/23/2017 12:01 AM
17	This city already has organizations which do most of the above. It is ridiculous for the city to make an ordinance to cover this. It's just more and more unnecessary work for city staff and will NOT generate any money for the city.	1/22/2017 5:31 PM
18	ear inked with number and not tipped or chipped	1/22/2017 3:58 PM
19	Partner with companion cats	1/21/2017 6:27 PM
20	Check with animal control, He can tell you about the stray cats.	1/21/2017 2:05 PM
21	don't we already had "Companion Cats" organization, spaying/neutering and returning to where they were found? Why not expand/give more money to this organization so they can handle the overpopulation of stray cats.	1/21/2017 11:44 AM
22	Hunt all free-roaming cats to extinction.	1/21/2017 2:58 AM
23	Returning cats to environment will not prevent continued consumption of small animals.	1/20/2017 8:29 PM
24	I think an education program on how to care for specific cats is a wonderful idea!	1/20/2017 8:08 PM
25	Anyone harboring (hoarding) cats outdoors should be considered the legal owner of those cats and held accountable for damage to property, the killing of federally protected species (songbirds), and the spread of diseases to humans and other animals.	1/20/2017 6:49 PM
26	It help to know that the cat they ear tips gone not going have off spring so hope they'll not be shot	1/20/2017 6:40 PM
27	Possibly #3, NPO or animal shelter takes responsibility... Thinking about it.	1/20/2017 5:56 PM
28	I would appreciate a non-profit or shelter provided with the funding to allow them to spay/neuter, shots, and medical emergencies.	1/20/2017 2:37 PM
29	cats should be caught and euthanized	1/20/2017 2:15 PM
30	Baseline care is given for adequate shelter, food, protection. Neighbors need to agree not to harm animals but talk out problems with caretakers.	1/20/2017 1:10 PM
31	That the cats have shelter at night so no one can mess with them. Recently in my area there was a similar situation to the community cats and someone tortured and killed one of the cats. The cats need to have a way to run away and be safe from harm such as a building with a cat door	1/20/2017 10:19 AM
32	cats need to be destroyed that are farrel....put up for adoption for the ones that are domesticated.	1/20/2017 10:09 AM

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33	Volunteer or other animal welfare groups monitor the health and well being of the cats and maintain on-going contact with those who are feeding and are directly providing for the needs of the cats.	1/20/2017 9:30 AM
34	Shelters should be provided if not taken in by rescues or person adopting cat.	1/20/2017 8:54 AM
35	These cats would not be trapped disposed of at CCAC and put down. The shelter should refuse to take any ear tipped cats and help with the feral population. Have a donation location for food/shelters to help offset out of pocket expense for the caretakers.	1/20/2017 7:40 AM
36	Cats and their owners should have the same rules as dog owners. LeashedChipped.....and remained in yards. This is why we have the problem....If your going to have a pet be responsible and take care of it ! Cats should NOT be allowed to roam.	1/20/2017 3:09 AM
37	While being fixed feral cats need to atleast have 1 age appropriate booster n rabies before being let go, not routine every yr just the initial to manage disease control. If found to be extremely sick upon fixing, should be tested for FIV/feluek. If found to be positive and truely feral necessary steps need to be followed to control disease from populating in the community cat population.	1/20/2017 1:15 AM
38	Great idea to help cats....Just need to figure out what if one of these cats get injured who pays for it...	1/19/2017 11:25 PM
39	Cats are provided sufficient food to keep them healthy.	1/19/2017 10:12 PM
40	Some kind of shelter or space where the cats will be able to be safe and warm during cold weather, especially in the winter.	1/19/2017 8:51 PM
41	I would like to see our local Vets step up & offer an affordable spay/neuter program. Companion Cats cannot keep up with the amount of strays that BC has so many of us have to drive to Kalamazoo to get strays fixed.	1/19/2017 8:18 PM
42	I	1/19/2017 7:58 PM
43	Some food assistance from local shelter would help ones who feed "strays" Also, the cost of spay/neuter is too much.	1/19/2017 4:06 PM
44	we have three cats that we take care of they ere all strays but we had them all spayed and neutered. We feed them every day and made insulated houses for them to sleep in, they all get along with each other and are very gentle. We have noticed a few other cats around but haven't been able to catch them but we do feed them. We had a huge mouse, gofer, mole, possum and raccoon problem here in our neighborhood (Apperson, across from Lakeview middle school) and now with the cats there isn't anymore problems with any of them. The neighbors all feed the cats too.	1/19/2017 4:04 PM
45	They are only allowed to feed cats dry cat food - do not throw their food scraps outside. That is nasty.	1/19/2017 3:54 PM
46	When a cat becomes injured, there needs to be a plan for someone to pay for the emergency vet care. The local nonprofit organizations do not pay for injured or sick cat care.	1/19/2017 3:42 PM
47	Find a way to signify the cats have been spayed/neutered without having to alter the cats ears.	1/19/2017 3:40 PM
48	Stray cats should be collected when causing problems and euthanized. If we are going to collect the cat, it is a waste of public funding to spray it, unwanted animals should be euthanized.	1/19/2017 3:35 PM
49	Have monthly adoption events so the cats have a chance at also getting a forever home.	1/19/2017 3:17 PM
50	these wild cats are difficult to catch, this would be the biggest issue to help promote this cause. neighbors could purchase food to set out as they desire, but many do not have traps to safely catch these cats.	1/19/2017 3:10 PM
51	Should be group effort from as many organizations as possible and a committee created. Create ways to donate as well!	1/19/2017 3:07 PM

Q8 Currently, cat owners must purchase a license for each cat over 6 months old, to be renewed every year. Do you believe community cats should be licensed to an owner?

Answered: 334 Skipped: 36



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	21.56% 72
No	64.37% 215
Other (please specify)	14.07% 47
Total	334

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Not if they are stray and neighbors are just being kind and taking care of them	1/31/2017 9:35 PM
2	It hasn't worked so far.....	1/31/2017 10:18 AM
3	If they are community cats, who is their owner??	1/30/2017 11:20 PM
4	And micro chipped, kept on their own property just like a dog.	1/29/2017 12:05 PM
5	Some kind of marking to indicate cat has been TNR'd such as ear tipped.	1/27/2017 9:10 PM
6	They should be counted for	1/25/2017 11:54 PM
7	don't want community cats	1/25/2017 9:30 AM
8	This is where the ear tipping comes in - it identifies community cats	1/24/2017 8:00 PM
9	To facility or non profit for care/medical/er/food if needed	1/24/2017 12:04 AM
10	Community Cats are unowned	1/23/2017 7:02 AM
11	they should be ear tipped and colony caretakers will usually microchip their colony cats but not a good idea to require it due to costs. The trappers must keep costs down for them or they can't continue to do the trapping.	1/23/2017 12:07 AM
12	Yes but to an organization. That way the cats can be kept track of.	1/22/2017 10:18 PM
13	if responsible/willing person can be found & the cost to identify these persons is not excessive	1/22/2017 7:25 PM

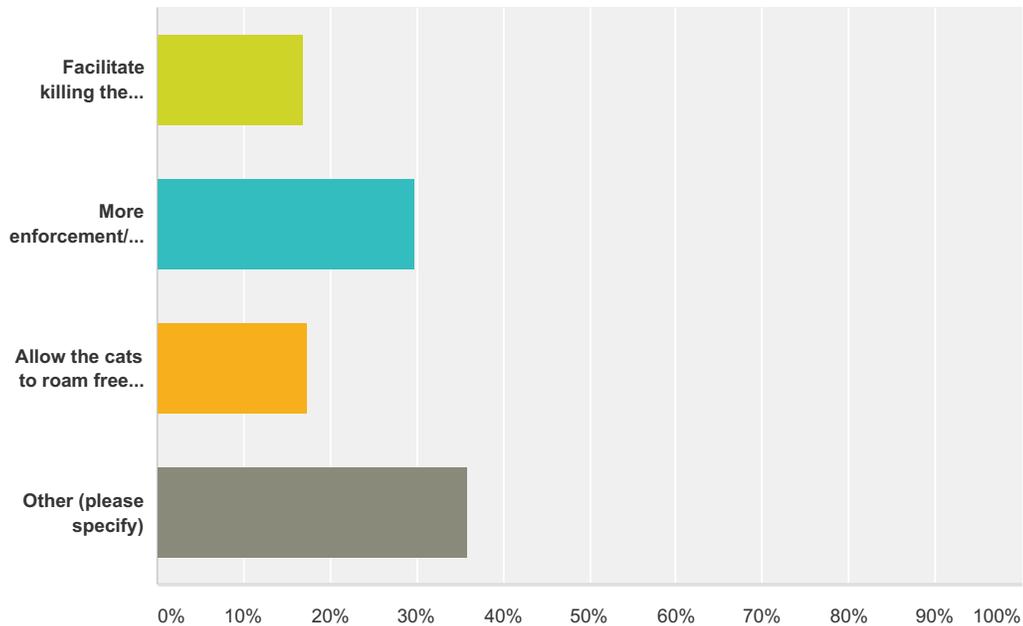
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14	City of BC inked in ear	1/22/2017 4:01 PM
15	I wasn't aware that cats need a license. I have never been told that. none of my cats have ever been licensed.	1/21/2017 2:17 PM
16	it wont work. didn't work last time	1/21/2017 2:09 PM
17	Rarely is ownership / contributing to population claimed	1/21/2017 10:45 AM
18	no community cats	1/20/2017 9:49 PM
19	No, and indoor cats should not be licensed either.	1/20/2017 8:07 PM
20	Perhaps. But there is no such thing as a community cat. This is a contrived term by outdoor cat (TNR) hoarders.	1/20/2017 6:55 PM
21	Be cause it is why there so many cats,kittens left in the streets and it people getting spayed or neutered	1/20/2017 6:44 PM
22	I support cat licensing, I do not support free rosinng/"community" cats	1/20/2017 6:43 PM
23	if the city dies decide to go forward with this (which I strongly disagree with), cats MUST be licensed to an owner to be able to hold someone accountable for any property damage or other concerns	1/20/2017 6:40 PM
24	Feral cats should be removed. Pet cats should be confined to their owner's property.	1/20/2017 6:29 PM
25	why?	1/20/2017 3:34 PM
26	What's the point? These are never enforced.	1/20/2017 2:38 PM
27	If they are a community cat i do not believe a non owner should have to take on the extra financial responsibility of getting a license.	1/20/2017 1:36 PM
28	With ear tip, they are id'd as community cats	1/20/2017 1:03 PM
29	Yes, otherwise how are you going to possible track and monitor the situation. Note if a regular owner must comply with this why wouldn't those proposing the community cat idea have to comply? Oh, wait, are you trying to share that right now cat owners are not complying with this and well if it is not being done why pass it along to others or even keep it on the books?	1/20/2017 12:54 PM
30	Or a rescue group if not an individual owner	1/20/2017 12:42 PM
31	I do not support "community cats"	1/20/2017 10:29 AM
32	only if adopted--then it's no longer a community cat though it may be still in the neighborhood	1/20/2017 10:25 AM
33	unless on a farm	1/20/2017 10:10 AM
34	They could have a designation as Community Cat - that would be via ear tipping	1/20/2017 10:07 AM
35	Volunteers would be caring for these cats as an act of kindness and compassion. Should they then incur financial responsibility other than what they "voluntarily choose" to do? I am not sure.	1/20/2017 9:31 AM
36	I do not believe community cats or house cats should have to be licensed.	1/20/2017 7:41 AM
37	No license but current vaccinations	1/20/2017 6:13 AM
38	Licensed with a lifelong license that does not need to be renewed.	1/19/2017 10:13 PM
39	Because this entire subject is not an issue we need to deal with right now.	1/19/2017 9:51 PM
40	there should be ZERO community cats	1/19/2017 4:36 PM
41	Requires more thought, in my opinion. Priority would be to spay/neuter.	1/19/2017 4:20 PM
42	it would be hard to license them because being able to roam around they shouldnt have collars for the reason of strangulation getting hung up on something.	1/19/2017 4:09 PM
43	If the cat is "owned" and lives outside, sould also be spayed/neutered and collered.	1/19/2017 4:08 PM
44	Or to a non profit rescue.	1/19/2017 3:48 PM
45	What is the percentage of pet owners that obtain an annual license? Pet owners do not know to get licensed. It is not widely know or understood that dogs and cats should be licensed. The City should do a series of editorials in the paper and on social media about required licenses and inspections for many differencet City functions.	1/19/2017 3:37 PM
46	No, but licensed as a community cat under the "Battle Creek Community Cats" program.	1/19/2017 3:12 PM
47	no I dont't think so, nor do I think house cats should either	1/19/2017 3:12 PM

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Q9 If you do not support a community cat program, what role do you believe the city should play in handling these cats?

Answered: 201 Skipped: 169



Answer Choices	Responses
Facilitate killing the cats	16.92% 34
More enforcement/support through Animal Control and the Calhoun County Animal Center	29.85% 60
Allow the cats to roam freely without requirements	17.41% 35
Other (please specify)	35.82% 72
Total	201

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Let them roam unless there gets to be to many then animal control should step in	1/31/2017 9:35 PM
2	catch and release can work over time through community involvement and animal control investment.	1/31/2017 8:06 PM
3	The idea of killing these cats is beyond reason. Spay neuter is the obvious solution.	1/31/2017 7:41 PM
4	Please don't kill them. Most had owners that have just left them behind.	1/31/2017 10:59 AM
5	Animal Control has said for years that they don't do cats, and that has been my experience, cats have no rights, period!	1/31/2017 10:18 AM
6	Killing and abusing animals has been qualified by the FBI as a class A felony. Killing IS NOT AN OPTION. Abusing, abandonment, displacement or poisoning are all punishable by law.	1/31/2017 9:20 AM
7	I have been in areas where they keep multiplying, Killing them is not the answer, but trapping and fixing them should do the trick, even if it's the females. Clipping the ear is helpful to determine at a glance if they are fixed. I don't think it's the person's responsibility to pay for fixing them, and I think you will find people would help if they didn't have to pay the cost. I know of an area off N. Avenue by Meijer Toy World, and on Hazel St. that have numerous cats. Please don't kill them, I would be willing to help trap. I have also entertained turning my back yard into some type of shelter, but I would need a tall fence or enclosure to do so, and I can't afford that right now :(1/30/2017 11:46 PM

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8	You should go talk to the man at 147 Mason Rd. behind Raymond James Jewelers on Capital Ave. S.W. who feeds MANY feral cats and tries to provide shelter. Talk to the people working at Advia C.U. doors down from the jewelers. They will tell you there are a TON OF CATS ROAMING AROUND THERE. One little one has a serious eye infection. They slip through the wooden fence behind before I can get them. LOTS OF DESPERATE ANIMALS IN THIS CITY!	1/30/2017 11:20 PM
9	Animal control should round them up and attempt to adopt them, if a family chooses to adopt one they should be spayed or neutered at the new owners expense. cats not adopted should be humanly euthanized after a pre determined time period.	1/30/2017 10:31 PM
10	Do not kill the cats. Neuter them or just let them be, but do not kill the cats.	1/30/2017 6:30 PM
11	I dint like killing any animal, I love cats....but they are way out of control in my neighborhood. My neighbor feeds them, also causing another problem...skunks and raccoons. Some mornings when I leave or work, I have to be cautious, as I have had up to 6 skunks in my front yard going to the food source next door. The cats should not allowed to roam.	1/29/2017 12:05 PM
12	I support!	1/28/2017 7:40 PM
13	T-N-R and let them be	1/28/2017 11:56 AM
14	The only way to reduce populations is through TNR. It would be nice for animal control / county animal center to support & help those doing TNR, to have a positive relationship.	1/27/2017 9:10 PM
15	T make sure the cats are nurtured and vaccinated and have suitable outdoor housing. And be fed and watered daily	1/27/2017 3:37 PM
16	I support the idea, so facilitating killing the cats is very offensive to me!	1/27/2017 1:14 AM
17	I do support community cat programs but also want to see support and expansion of TNR programs to help curtail over-proliferation.	1/26/2017 2:28 PM
18	Minimize number of cats owners could keep	1/26/2017 4:02 AM
19	Killing the cats is criminal.	1/25/2017 9:28 PM
20	assist with TNR this will control population	1/25/2017 4:21 PM
21	Not spend a bunch of money on this program, it's feral cats.	1/25/2017 10:27 AM
22	I don't understand enough what this would mean. I believe the city should have a strategy and work closely and cooperatively with nonprofit partners and residents to reduce the number of feral cats through humane methods. TNR seems to be the most effective method. If you add too many rules and restrictions you will undermine the whole program because cats won't care, people won't have incentive to participate, and you won't have the resources to enforce.	1/25/2017 9:45 AM
23	Work with the non-profits that want to help with this and find a solution - i think this can work, i believe!	1/24/2017 8:00 PM
24	I feed and help with shelter for homeless/abandoned cats in my neighborhood. These animals didn't ask for the conditions in which they are forced to live. Many former residents moved from their apartments/homes and left the animals behind. We need strictly enforced laws prohibiting people from doing that and by enforced I mean a \$500 fine for first offense and increases thereafter. MAKE IT HURT.	1/24/2017 1:31 PM
25	Every cat needs to go through a TNR program. Some form of monitoring for the safety and well being for the cats and anti-cruelty positions must apply.	1/23/2017 3:28 PM
26	Facilitate killing the cats! See comment on previous page of this survey! The cat population is out of control!!!!	1/23/2017 3:01 PM
27	Trap and Kill has not work but has increased the comm cat population. TNVRM is the only humane solution. We would love to help you create such a plan FREE of charge.	1/23/2017 7:02 AM
28	i do support it. TNR is the only humane solution that is proven to work. One day we will have medication to put in the cats food so they cannot become pregnant to lower the statistics. If you kill the cats, more come to that spot as its obvious there is good living conditions for the cat in that same area. Please reach out to Christine Wilford, DVM on facebook to talk with her, she is an expert on the community cats and the programs. Look at Operation Catnip online, they are very advanced in the community cat movement. Do good research and you will see that financially it is better for your town to implement TNR than to euthanize, it cost your taxpayers more money to hold them, and euthanize than to have volunteers reduce your euthanasia statistics, your monies spent, and in the end everyone wins with less cats, no more kittens produced and a gentler community.	1/23/2017 12:07 AM
29	I support a program with the best interests of the cat as the focus	1/22/2017 10:59 PM
30	No comment	1/22/2017 10:55 PM
31	I do support the community cat program.	1/22/2017 10:18 PM
32	taking care of the few who are truly problem cats. I do not want heavy enforcement or killing.	1/22/2017 9:47 PM

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33	Every community needs a program like this . This the only way to help control the pet population. Way to many animals and not enough homes . Please please let this happen !	1/22/2017 6:46 PM
34	more support for care and adoption of strays	1/22/2017 4:01 PM
35	Last year we removed 10 cats and this year 3 and more are coming back	1/21/2017 2:09 PM
36	Allow more law enforcement with the protection of the stray animals, they don't deserve to be shot just because they don't have a home. We don't shoot homeless people in Battle Creek do we?	1/21/2017 11:45 AM
37	I support the program	1/21/2017 2:27 AM
38	I do support this.	1/20/2017 7:32 PM
39	Either find homes for them or dispatch them. (And I am a cat owner!)	1/20/2017 7:06 PM
40	This is first and foremost a public health issue. Residents need to be able to drop off any unwanted cat (owned, stray or feral). Open admission shelters should accept all cats. Adopt out the ones that are social. Euthanize the rest. The City should not support a TNR program in any capacity. The City should facilitate permanent removal of cats - perhaps hire a company to assist. Just like dogs, cats are companion animals and should NOT be free-roaming. Period.	1/20/2017 6:55 PM
41	If the vet in Michigan would help get cats spayed , neutered and be more responsible for they pets	1/20/2017 6:44 PM
42	Let ten big snakes loose to eat cats	1/20/2017 4:26 PM
43	Make it a crime to let a cat loose or to feed cats that are not housed by the feeder.	1/20/2017 3:23 PM
44	City of Battle Creek should finance of cost of spay & neuter for all stray cats.	1/20/2017 2:36 PM
45	Please do not kill the cats.	1/20/2017 1:36 PM
46	Eliminate them! Do not spend a single tax dollar on this! Fix our roads first! This is insane.	1/20/2017 1:33 PM
47	If this city does indeed have an animal control ordinance and we are paying for individuals via tax dollars to perform the task of Animal Control the answer should be very obvious - do your job. Clearly B is the proactive approach and A would be the last resort based upon the exhaustion of available resources brought on by neglect and over population factor. It is a shame that individuals get animals as pets and don't take the responsibility to take care of them. It is a bigger shame that we have let this issue get this far out of hand and may find ourselves having to initially use option A to bring things back into balance.	1/20/2017 12:54 PM
48	Community education, spay/neuter, prosecution for allowing cat to run stray.	1/20/2017 12:45 PM
49	The county needs to really research on tnr programs, alley cat angels has a really good program and outlines that should really be looked into. Why would anyone want shelters workers to make a living killing more then they already do.	1/20/2017 12:45 PM
50	A community program is in the best interest for all involved. Cats do not know birth control and do not know self control so it is up to humans to help. Punishing the animals by killing them is not only playing God but is using resources from Animal Control that do not need to be used. Without a population control program effective in the community, it is a vicious cycle of birth, disease and death. No one deserves that so please do the right thing and create a community that can actually help.	1/20/2017 12:42 PM
51	All cats should be licensed. Cats should not be allowed to roam outside as they are not native, and by nature, they kill, but don't consume. And it is also cruel to allow cats to roam, as they are subject to bad weather, getting hit by cars and getting injured by larger native wild animals.	1/20/2017 11:59 AM
52	do support it, just need to revise an answer (survey won't let me backtrack): chip but don't notch them. otherwise, if adopted, they will still appear to be community cats.	1/20/2017 10:25 AM
53	Spayed an neutered will reduce overpopulation	1/20/2017 9:50 AM
54	Support it	1/20/2017 9:24 AM
55	Please please don't just go around killing cats. Perhaps a community shelter or placing shelters in neighborhoods to protect them from in climate weather.	1/20/2017 8:56 AM
56	This is a bad idea, our neighbor already does this and the cats are mean and aggressive to other cats	1/20/2017 6:47 AM
57	Community cats are not house hold cats, they are born without humane contact and are feral, untouchable most of the time unless you are there caretaker. Fix them release them and let them live out the rest of there life.	1/20/2017 1:19 AM
58	Check out the successful TNR feral cat program in Benzie County at Community Cats of Benzie County on FB or website	1/19/2017 11:08 PM

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59	Work to humanely care for stray animals. Help educate public on spay and neuter. Ban animal breeding to help control over population	1/19/2017 7:41 PM
60	I would like a spay /neuter program, please.	1/19/2017 7:00 PM
61	Neuter or spay outdoor cats.	1/19/2017 6:44 PM
62	Build or open another much needed shelter so the stray cats can be fixed!!!	1/19/2017 6:05 PM
63	Supply free neutering and assist with capture	1/19/2017 5:51 PM
64	Enforcement of our current laws regarding pets, including cats. They are out of control on Barney Blvd in Urbandale and people keep feeding them!	1/19/2017 5:28 PM
65	Support awareness and education of laws in place, proper animal care, spay and neuter programs etc. I don't think the city should have any role in killing animals.	1/19/2017 4:20 PM
66	if we can come up with a way to keep them safe maybe have them chipped but it would be hard to keep up on them, we are very open minded to any ideas.	1/19/2017 4:09 PM
67	I do support the idea; however, euthanasia is more humane than these animals being left to the elements.	1/19/2017 3:57 PM
68	I support a program	1/19/2017 3:43 PM
69	They should be caught spayed and neutered and adopted out. If they cannot be adopted then ear tip and release. I live in the country and people dump their animals out here all the time. It should be illegal.	1/19/2017 3:39 PM
70	Killing cats! I believe a better answer can be made. If the cats are licensed/micro-chipped then the program can manage the "criminal-offender" list...aka bad cats. Through donations and funds cats can be spayed and neutered to control the population humanely.	1/19/2017 3:12 PM
71	support any program that spay/neuters cats	1/19/2017 3:12 PM
72	Why should cats be treated any different than a dog (in this respect). A domestic animal without a license should be taken back to the Animal Center.	1/19/2017 3:06 PM