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Domestic Animal Management Plan – Stage 2 consultation

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Responses received as part of the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan stage two consultation.

1. I have read (most) the draft plan, excellent. I would want both cats and dogs to be kept on their owner's property 24/7 and dogs on leads always when off their own property.
2. I don't own a pet but agree with the night time curfew for cats in built up areas- and not the on-farm cats. Good idea for providing poo bags and bins.
3. I have personally seen our precious wildlife disappear over the past twenty-five years and the suffering both domestic and feral cats have caused to our wildlife. I have also seen the suffering of many cats who have been killed by cars, snakes and gone missing, more than I can now count.
4. I ask that you think very carefully about a 24-hour CAT CURFEW across South Gippsland that includes farms also. I appreciate farmers like their cats for rodent control but in the year 2022 there are other forms of rodent control. Cats DO NOT just kill rodents but will also kill birds, reptiles and marsupials and this is the problem. Our farmland is located in some very precious areas, some adjacent to reserves. Cats can wander many kilometers in a night. To my knowledge no other Council has accommodated farmer's by excluded them from a Cat Curfew.

A Cat Curfew is for the protection of wildlife and the protection of cats! Bringing in fines will deter cat owner's from breaking a Cat Curfew. I keep my finger's crossed as I wait for the outcome.

5. Please do not make cats on farms exempt from controls under the Domestic Animal Management Plan. With so much land in South Gippsland under farming, it is imperative for the health of our natural environment and wildlife that ALL cats are contained, registered, and kept away from where they can predate on wildlife.

This applies to farms just as much as anywhere else. In addition, cats that are breeding on farms need to be managed just as anywhere else.

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6. I am a registered local Wildlife Shelter and have been for 17years. I handle up to 400 to 600 wildlife animals a year. For the last 5 years now, I have had more cat attacked animals coming in due to cats been able to roam, specifically at night.

In built-up areas and a lot in the farm areas as well. It is most important we contain our domestic cats inside at night. Or 24hrs 7. I am experiencing, reptiles, possums, birds and specially our owls on the farms. We even had a barking owl come in from a cat attack, which are on the endangered list, was unable to save, which was concerning, as at the time they had young.

It is most important we contain our cats in the built-up areas, as well as in the farming areas as well. I think the farming areas are so important, as we have native reserves next to the farms, which the cats roam through.

I would like you to please consider my input, as is it is most important to our Environment all round.

*Please note submissions maybe altered slightly to remove any details that may identify the submitter.*