Are you a cat person?

Redland residents love their cats. As a cat owner in the Redlands you do have responsibilities to help make sure cats, wildlife and residents can live happily side by side.

Register, microchip and desex your cat

- ✓ All cats over three months old must be registered with Council, then have their registration renewed every 12 months
- ✓ Cats born after 1 July 2009 must be microchipped before three months old
- ✓ Cats born before 1 July 2009 need to be microchipped if they are being sold or given away
- ✓ De-sexing is encouraged, but not compulsory

Confine your cat to your property

Straying cats can be hit by cars, injured by other animals, or exposed to feline diseases. Inside cats have an average lifespan of 12 years, but it is just three years for roaming cats!

Roaming cats can also endanger wildlife, be a general nuisance and produce unwanted litters. Make sure your cat is:

- ✓ Confined to your property at all times
- ✓ Kept inside at night (consider the house, garage or a cat enclosure)

Cat enclosures

There are lots of ways to create a cat enclosure:

- ✓ Adapt an aviary
- ✓ Enclose a section of your veranda with chicken wire
- ✓ Build a cat proof fence by attaching small gauge chicken wire to the top of an existing fence and angled into your property (neighbours consent should be sought before modifying the top of an adjoining fence).

Don't forget, enclosed cats always need food, water, a litter tray and a warm sleeping area.

For longer periods in a cat enclosure, try giving your cat:

- ✓ Climbing and scratching poles with perches
- ✓ Window perches to sunbathe
- ✓ Shelter from the sun, wind, rain, cold and hot weather
- ✓ Cat toys to encourage exercise!

Impounded cats

If your cat is found wandering and impounded at Council's Animal Shelter, they can be reclaimed by paying the release fee.

Council displays all impounded animals online at www.redland.qld.gov.au. Please contact the shelter if you have lost or found an animal.

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For more information call Council's Animal Management team on 3829 8999.

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