

# C.A.T.S.

**Cats Assistance To Sterilise Inc**



**Cat Management through Co-operation,  
Education and Assistance with Desexing**

Ring C.A.T.S. on 8331 0476 if you need help with cat desexing

## Preface

This Booklet is designed to assist politicians, teachers, councillors, animal supporters and educators in spreading information about successful management of cats through humane, efficient, and cost-effective methods, to reduce cat numbers, cat related problems and impact on wildlife.

Without the support of residents who care for the cats, both owned and unowned, nothing constructive can be accomplished. This public support for mass desexing has been forthcoming since C.A.T.S. Cats Assistance To Sterilise was incorporated on 1 November 1989 when cat numbers destroyed at the main shelter in Adelaide dropped to virtually half by 1994, through C.A.T.S. low-priced Desex and Return to Home scheme.

This decline would have continued, had the Government not permitted mandatory council cat bylaws including containment, registration and limits on cat household numbers. Mandatory desexing and microchipping, imposed in 2018, have already halved the numbers of cats desexed since that time, and skyrocketing undesexed cat numbers have caused the shelters to overflow. This proves the truthfulness of our mantra- “Incentivise and Sterilise don’t Legalise”.

This Booklet presents an overarching cover of how to manage cats, based on 35 years of research and experience through the Desex and Return to Home Program for all cats, owned and unowned, which was pioneered by C.A.T.S. in the late 1980s, and is the only method which has shown tangible evidence of success in solving the concerns caused by overbreeding of felines. It has been formulated to comply with the Natural Resources Act and has been the recipient of local government praise and an award for excellence.

Removal, destruction and confinement of cats results in new undesexed cats restocking the vacated spaces and breeding to restore, even increase, the original numbers of cats, due to the phenomenon of nature known as the “Vacuum Effect”.

Desexing of cats solves 95% of cat-related problems regarding tomcat spraying, caterwauling over mates, travelling long distances in search of mates, and of course unwanted kittens: Providing cat toilets at home solves almost all the complaints by neighbours of cats doing their business in their’ gardens and vegetable patches: And correct feeding of natural, fresh and satisfying food reduces impact on wildlife.

By following the easy to provide recommendations in this booklet, readers can quickly resolve almost all of the cat-related complaints which cause neighbour disputes sometimes resulting in phone calls to council.

**Incentivise and Sterilise  
don’t Legalise**





I'm Leonie and if you need help, I'm here to support you with this **low-priced desexing** and providing for the needs of the cats through cooperation, education and assistance.

Yes, I know I am gorgeous but ...

there are just too many of me and thousands of gorgeous little furries like me are being destroyed every year because there are just not enough good homes for us. So we need to be **desexed** to save all this suffering and death.



I'm Cinnamon and **desexing** stops female cats like me from coming into season and attracting many undesexed male cats.



**Desexing** prevents me from getting pregnant and having more babies and becoming weakened by continually having kittens. Desexing also prevents the terrible misery when my babies are taken away from me. I cry for the kittens and how they suffer when they are separated from each other. I am being **desexed** and this is my last litter, so my baby stays with me this time.

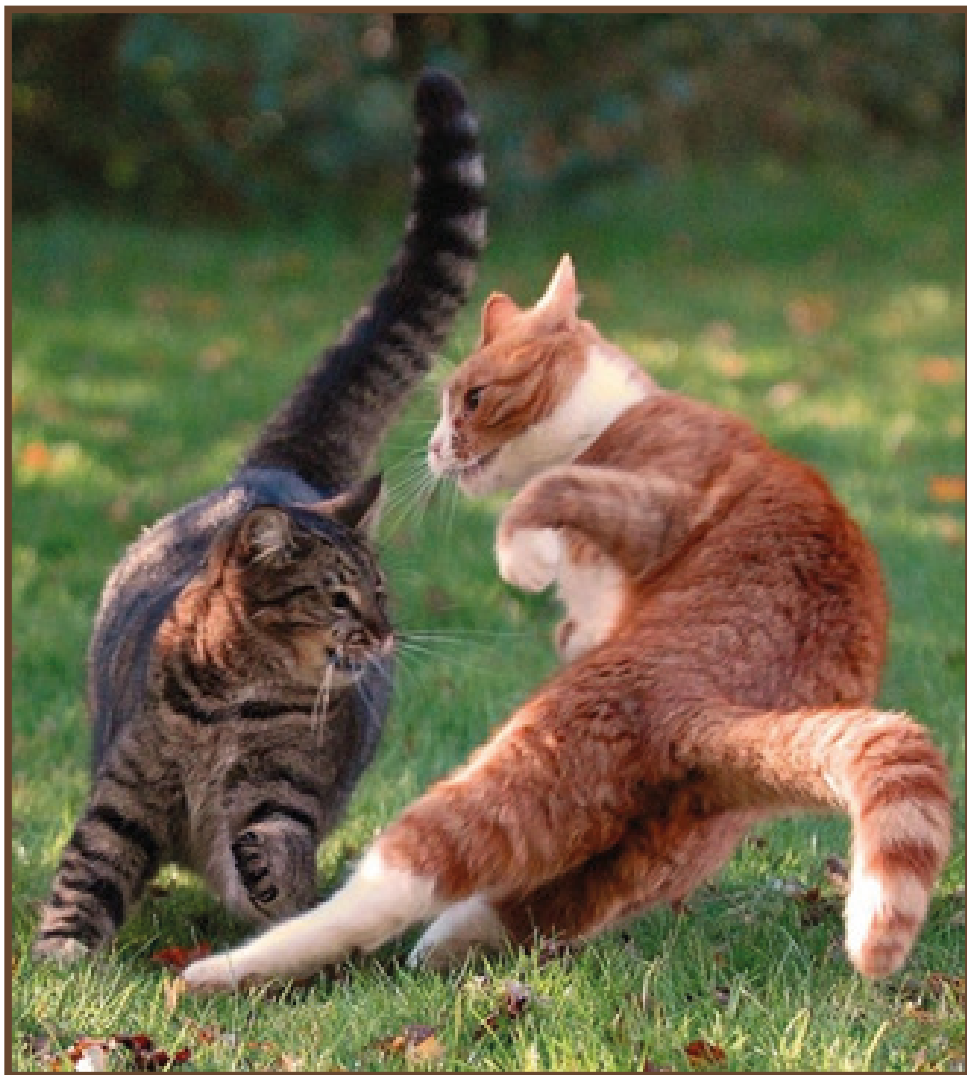
I'm Playboy and **desexing** stops male cats like me crossing dangerous roads and travelling away from home looking for mates.



It stops us spraying pungent tomcat urine and caterwauling over mates at night time, annoying nearby humans.



I'm Top Cat and he's Tabby. Before I was desexed, I kept getting hurt in nasty brawls.



**Desexing** reduces the injuries caused by fighting over mates and also helps to keep us healthier and less likely to get sick.



I'm Maverick, one of the many **desexed free living cats**, that can't be confined. We are essential for successful cat management through Desex and Return to Home programs. We stop new undesexed cats from continually stealing our territory, breeding and filling it up with kittens.



I'm Pumpkin and I'm marking my home to keep out intruder cats. I am **desexed** so my spray is mild- not strong and pungent like an undesexed tomcat. If I don't mark my territory with my spray, a tomcat will and make it much smellier.





Yes, I am a professional rodent catcher, and I can't be confined as I would not be able to do my job of controlling the rats and mice. I am **desexed**, well cared for, fed and managed and I am an asset to the community because without cats like me there would be more plagues of rodents. I also deter the snakes that are attracted by the rats and mice and help to stop people from using deadly rat poison.

I'm Samantha and I am terrified because without enough rodent catchers, the rat and mouse population is increasing, and residents are using heaps of rat baits.



All the animals are at risk of being poisoned as we eat the baited rodents, and the poison is seeping into our water supply which we drink.

I'm Leopold, and I am also a **free-living, desexed cat**. I am fed at three homes every day, by elderly and disabled people who cannot manage to own a cat.



These lonely people look forward to my visit every day and adore me. The love I get from this goes both ways as I am very fond of these lovely people.



I'm Sweetie-Pie and I was abandoned when I was no longer a cuddly kitten. I was cold and hungry and crying for food. A kind person fed me and got me **desexed** through C.A.T.S. Cats Assistance To Sterilise Inc.



Now I live in the garden and sleep in the shed, as I am very timid and too frightened to be shut inside. My new carer loves me. I wish all cats could have a forever home like me, through C.A.T.S. Desex and Return to Home.



I'm Ruski, a big, strong, healthy cat because I eat fresh, raw meat with tinned food added and there is always clean water provided where I live.



I do not need to hunt because I have this satisfying, natural diet but I must admit I can't help myself when I see a rat or mouse. It is just a natural instinct for cats to eat rodents.



I'm Ginger, and I do my business at home because I am provided with freshly dug earth and clean leaves. I do not need to go to the neighbours' vegetable patch and flower beds where I am not wanted.



My mate does not have this at his home, so he has an outside litter tray under the veranda. Some humans don't think we need outside toilets which is wrong, as this causes a lot of problems for us when we have to use the neighbours' gardens.



I'm Cookie and I love rolling in the grass and also need grass to eat for my health. If the grass all dries up, I eat the grass my carer grows for me in a pot plant.



It helps to clear fur balls which we all get even if we are not so fluffy, and it is always better if I can choose to pick the grass myself from the garden.



I'm Licorice and I am permanently confined. I feel lonely, sick, and miserable and am longing to get out into the garden and play in the leaves and grass, and enjoy the warm sunshine and lovely fresh air.



I have nothing to do every day as I am shut in a house. I have never known the love and companionship of being with another cat. If I could go outside, I may be able to make friends with the cats I see through the window that visit the garden. I can always go inside at night to be safe, but I am so sad with being permanently imprisoned.



I'm Happy, and this is my friend Merry, and we are inseparable companions, and this makes us contented to stay at home and not go looking for other friends.



We cats are very sociable animals and love the company of our own kind. We like to groom each other and cuddle up together. We get very lonely when we are kept on our own.



I'm Tiger and I'm here to let you know that it has been proved that cats which have been **desexed** and have their basic needs satisfied are more content, less likely to hunt wildlife and are happier to stay in their territory, marking their boundaries and defending against infiltrator cats at their home.



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