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RE: Adopt Cat Bylaws in YOUR CITY/ TOWN/ MUNICIPALITY

Dear Honorable NAME OF MAYOR:

As a resident of YOUR CITY/ TOWN/ MUNICIPALITY, I am writing to ask you to take action on the stray and feral cat problem in our community by adopting bylaws that prevent cats from roaming at large.

[Add your complaint or description of an encounter with roaming cats.]

When cats are allowed to roam outdoors unsupervised, they put themselves and local wildlife in danger. Scientific research has shown that outdoor cats are the leading cause of bird mortality in Canada, killing nearly 350 million birds every year (Blancher, 2013). Cats also prey on other native wildlife, such as reptiles, bats, and other small mammals, threatening species at risk and competing with local predators for food. Additionally, cats face a number of dangers when roaming, including predators, toxins, vehicles, pregnancy, and diseases that can be transmitted to other animals and humans. Local welfare organizations are overwhelmed by the cat overpopulation crisis and need the support of the government to reduce the number of roaming cats on the street and rescue abandoned cats.

I support no-roam cat bylaws that protect the health and safety of local wildlife, domestic and feral cats, and our community. To ensure that these bylaws are effective, I strongly advocate for the following government actions:

1. Prevent cats from roaming beyond their owner’s property
2. Mandate spaying and neutering of cats to address cat overpopulation
3. Subsidize cat spaying and neutering services for low-income households
4. Mandate permanent ID and licensing to return lost cats to their owners
5. Limit the number of cats per household to address feral cat overpopulation
6. Support cat control services to remove feral cat colonies from the community
7. Train bylaw officers on how to address cat-related complaints and nuisance cats
8. Educate the public on responsible cat ownership practices

**No-roam cat policies will benefit everyone, including cat owners and their pets, non-cat owners, and people who experience the negative consequences of stray and feral cats.**

Thank you for your attention to this issue and your efforts to make our community safe for all - humans, wildlife, and furry friends alike. I look forward to seeing the adoption of roaming cat policies and bylaws.

Sincerely,

First and Last Name

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