

Dodges Ferry Cat Management Community Consultation Survey



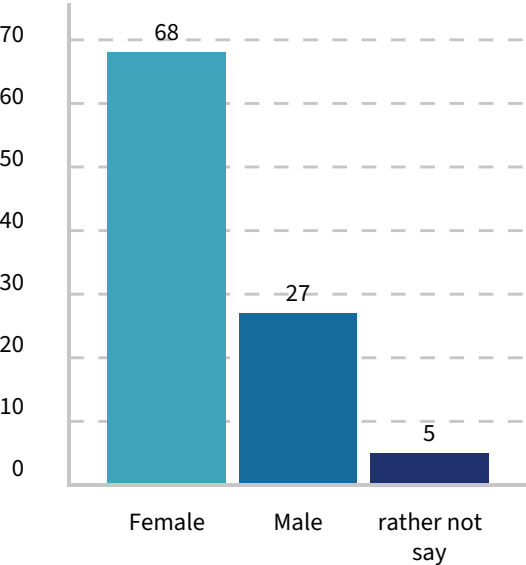
The Dodges Ferry Cat Management Community project, a collaboration between Sorell Council, Ten Lives, Landcare Tasmania and Southern Beaches Landcare Coast Care Group, invited the local community to get involved by completing the Dodges Ferry Community Consultation Survey.

Who participated?

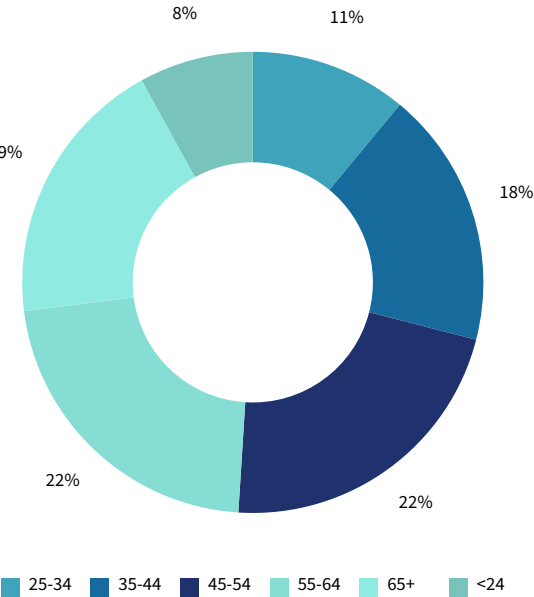
Flyers and leaflets were distributed throughout Dodges Ferry with links and QR codes to the survey. Sorell Council, Ten Lives, Landcare Tasmania and Southern Beaches Landcare Coastcare group also promoted the survey via social media and websites. In total 271 submissions were received.

The respondents consisted of:

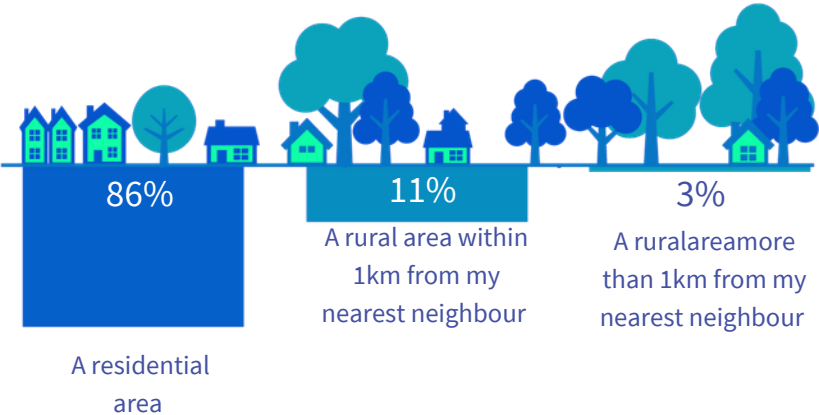
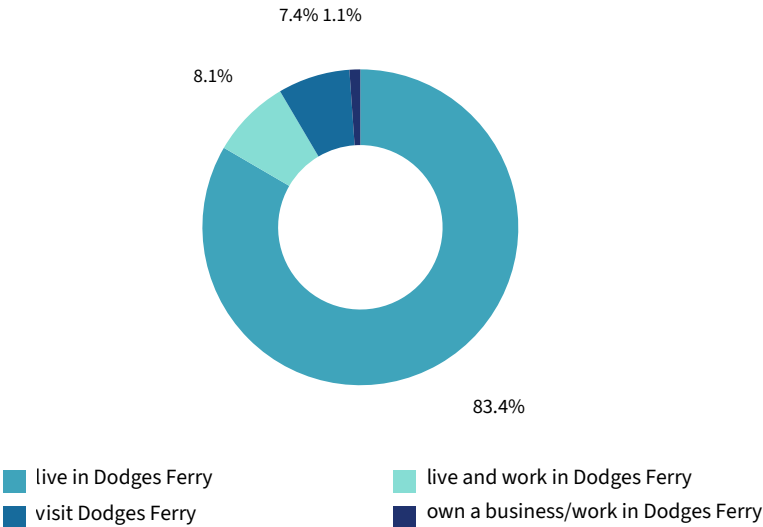
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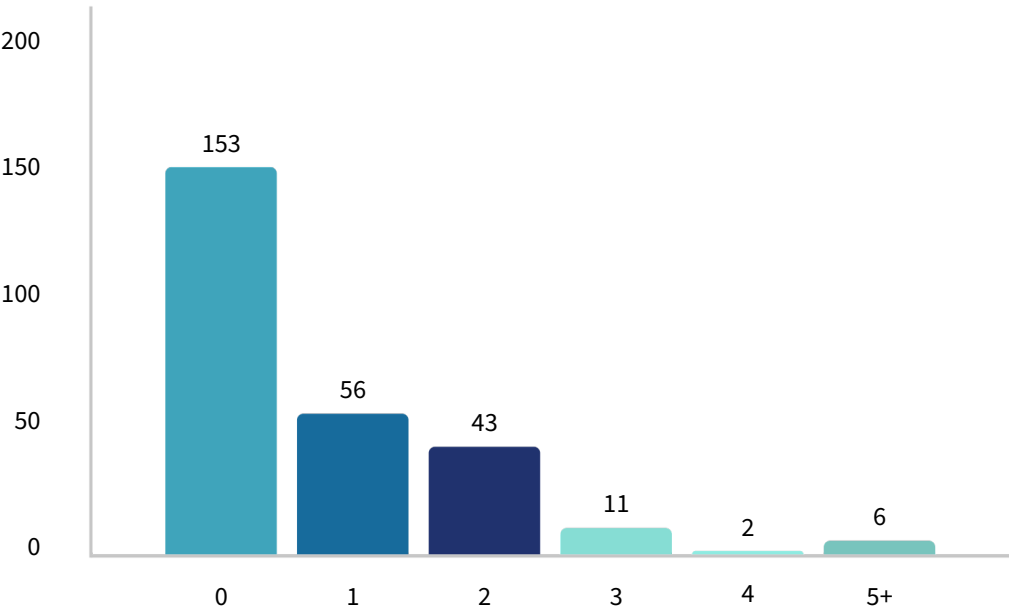
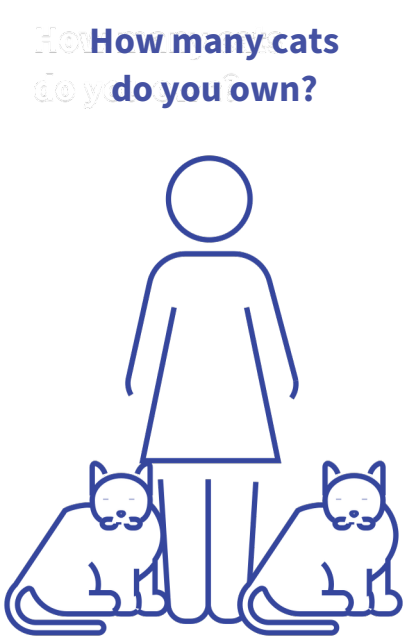


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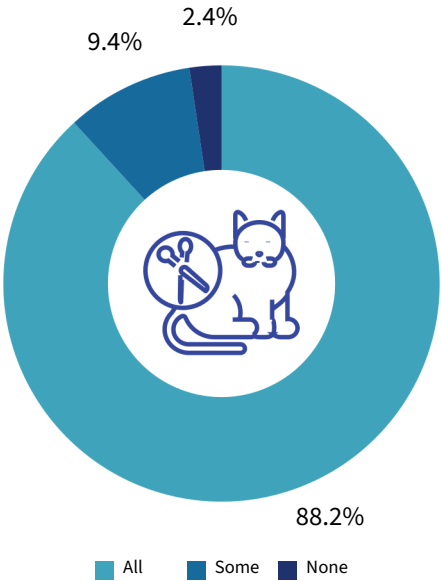


Cat Ownership in Dodge's Ferry

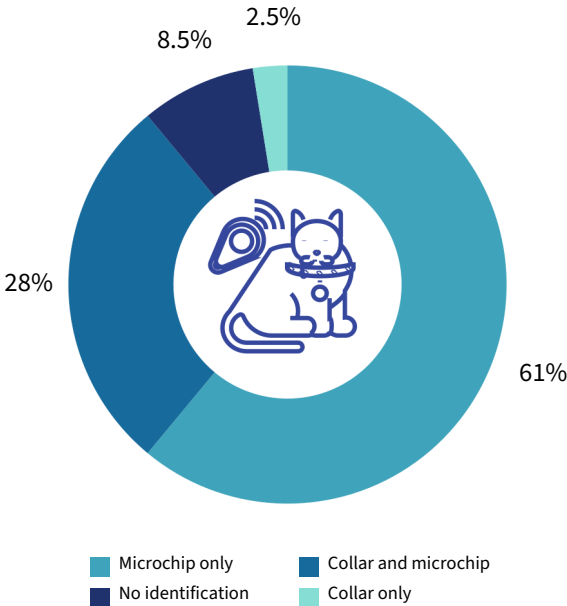
The data shows that a large proportion of cats are either microchipped or desexed, highlighting the proactive measures owners are taking to support their pets safety and responsible population management. This not only improve the chances of recovering lost animals but also plays a crucial role in reducing the growth of the stray cat population, which can escalate quickly if left unmanaged.



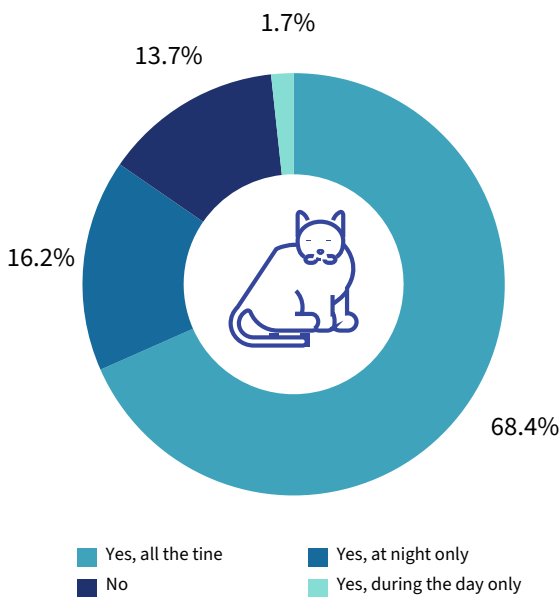
How many of the cats that you own are desexed?



Is your cat identified?



Do you contain your cat on your property?



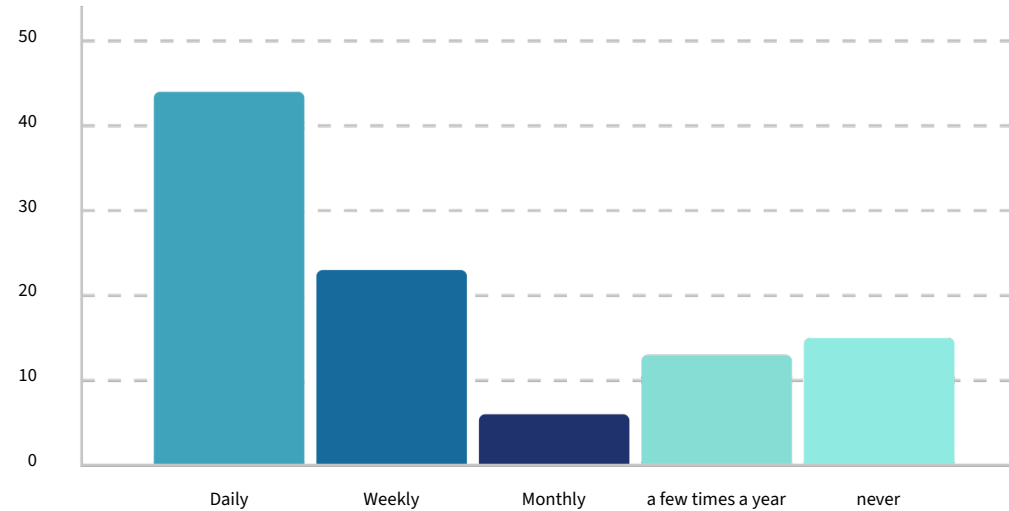
Roaming cats in Dodges Ferry

The survey's findings on cat roaming behaviour highlighted:

- 63% of sightings occurred in natural areas such as bushes, beaches, and roadsides, an alarming figure given that the region is home to vulnerable shorebirds and native wildlife.
- 37% of sightings in urban areas also raise issues, including increased risk of road accidents and potential conflicts with people.
- 77% of respondents expressed multiple concerns, from wildlife protection to disease transmission.

The results highlight the need for a detailed and well-coordinated cat management plan for the area.

How often do cats that you do not own come on to your property?

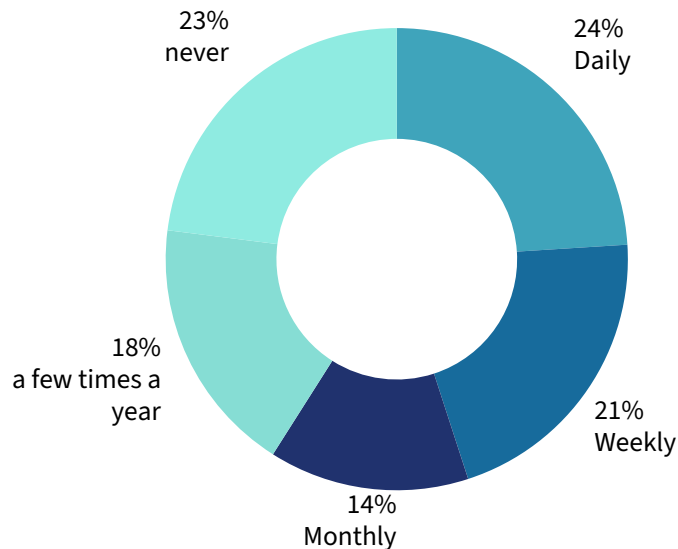


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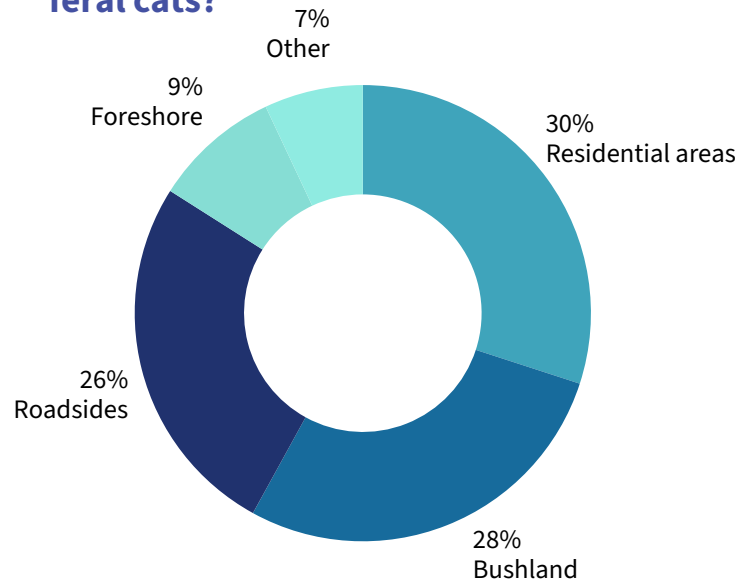
Top concerns:

- Impacts on wildlife
- Frustrations with lack of containment
- Property nuisance
- Stray/feral population growth
- Disease transmission

How often do you see stray or feral cats in Dodges Ferry?



Where do you commonly see stray or feral cats?



The presence of stray or feral cats in Dodges Ferry is a concern for 77% of respondents

Top concerns:

- Killing wildlife
- Spread diseases
- Property damage and nuisance
- Uncontrolled breeding