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Dear AIAM Member

Identifying Best Practice Domestic Cat Management - a new report from RSPCA Australia

In May 2017, RSPCA Australia release a draft Discussion Paper on best practice domestic cat management for public consultation. After further development and consideration of feedback from various interest groups across Australia, we have now released the final report - *Identifying Best Practice Domestic Cat Management*. The Report contains 21 recommendations which focus on aspects including mandatory desexing, inconsistency in legislation, benefits from collaboration between councils and rescue groups, and the urgent need for universal adoption of consistent definitions for feral and domestic cats.

The full report and accompanying documents are now available via the RSPCA Australia Knowledgebase:

- [The full report – Identifying Best Practice Domestic Cat Management in Australia](#)
- [Response to public consultation on the Discussion Paper](#)
- [Summary of findings and recommendations](#)

You can also access these three documents through the RSPCA Australia Knowledgebase article - [How can we best manage domestic cats in Australia?](#)

Domestic cat management is a very complex and challenging area but this Report provides you with evidence-based information to assist in developing new strategies to achieve humane and effective management. Included in the Report is reference to the [Australian Cat Action Plan](#), which has been developed as part of the Getting to Zero initiative and provides valuable information for on-the-ground action for cost effective, humane and sustainable domestic cat management for all stakeholders.

We hope you find the report to be a valuable resource for ongoing discussions regarding domestic cat management.

Yours sincerely



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