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## Cat Owners Association of Western Australia Inc.

Claremont Show grounds

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We the Cat owners Association of Western Australia Inc are a premium registering Body of Pedigree and Companion cats in this State.

Each member has to abide by the rules and regulations of our Association and also the rules of the Cat Act 2011 Our members/Breeders sell pedigree kittens with registration papers, vet checked, vaccinated, desexed, free of parasite's and Micro chipped. This is all completed when they go to their new homes. The new owners are diligent and keep their new kitten in doors, knowing the hazards of letting them outside.

Registered Breeders keep there cats in outside enclosures and Cat houses giving them dry beds and plenty of Sunshine. Their cats are fully vaccinated and tested for Feline disease's and kept from harm, not roaming causing a nuisance to neighbouring areas.

The Cat Act of 2011 was designed to stop the problem of unwanted Cats, Kittens. Strays and abandoned Cats. People who breed Domestic Cats are not on any lists and are still doing this.

So the Act did not deal with this issue.

Our Registered Breeders of Pedigree cats who in our opinion were targeted by some Councils who have used them as a source of Revenue.

As for combining the Act for Dogs and Cats is totally ludicrous, and not appropriate.

Dogs and Cats are a different Species and cannot be seen as the same, as both have many different needs.

It would be more affective to control the breeding of Domestic Cats/Kittens and to consider a low cost subsidised desexing program for owners of domestic Kittens. This is the only way to stop the cruel abandonment of unwanted Cats who cannot fend for themselves. At least if sterilised they cannot keep breeding.

Yours Faithfully

