

OUR MISSION

The Lonely Miaow Association is dedicated to the rescue and care of stray and abandoned cats and kittens in the greater Auckland area. We serve the community by rescuing all stray/ unowned cats and kittens, caring for them to the best of our ability and finding new homes for them whenever possible. We need your support to continue and enhance our life-saving work.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
DESEXING OR FOR GENERAL ENQUIRIES
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LONELY MIAOW
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DESEXING

PREVENT OVERPOPULATION AND NEEDLESS
SUFFERING BY DESSEXING YOUR CAT

*"If man could be crossed
with the cat, it would
improve man, but it would
deteriorate the cat."*

Mark Twain



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Thousands of stray cats and kittens are struggling for survival against inclement weather, disease and abuse every day.



Scruff, a four-year-old male tabby, is happy to be inside safe from the streets with a warm and comfortable bed.



Tangerine, a one-year-old female, enjoys the luxury of her own bowl full of nourishing and tasty food.

DESEXING YOUR CAT OR KITTEN

Cats can breed at an alarming rate resulting in thousands of unwanted kittens being born every year, so when you take a new cat or kitten into your home, you must accept the responsibility to ensure they are spayed or neutered. Not only will you prevent overpopulation and needless suffering, but you may also enjoy behavioural benefits and incur fewer costs.

Isn't it wrong to desex a cat?

Many people think it is unfair to take away the cat's natural right to reproduce. Others think cats should be able to experience giving birth at least once before they are desexed.

The problem is that there are simply not enough homes available to care for all the kittens born each year.

Desexing actually prevents cruelty and suffering by reducing the huge overpopulation of kittens. Every year thousands fall victim to an early death from disease or starvation and thousands more are drowned, poisoned or simply euthanased.

Why desex your cat?

The reproductive potential of a single female cat and the female offspring she produces is estimated at 3,200 kittens. The potential for a male is far beyond that. It is the essence of responsible ownership that your cats are desexed before puberty.

Benefits of desexing

In addition to preventing overpopulation there are other benefits to desexing your cat such as:

- They are likely to be more settled, healthier and happier
- They are less likely to fight, reducing the risk of infections such as Feline Aids
- There is less chance of spraying and territory marking
- It can prevent roaming, which carries the increased risk of injury by cars or dogs
- It can significantly reduce the risk of cancer of the reproductive organs
- You will save money in the long-term through having fewer visits to the vet
- You are contributing to the stabilisation of the cat population, bringing a little closer the day when every kitten born will be adopted into a loving and caring home.

Doesn't it cost a lot?

Many people use the excuse that they can't afford to get their cat desexed. The fact is, you can't afford not to.

The costs of feeding and caring for numerous kittens and the costs of constant visits to the vet far outweigh the one-off cost of having them desexed.

In an effort to encourage desexing, some veterinary clinics offer very good prices and discounts. Shop around and you will be surprised how little it really costs.

How do I get my cat desexed?

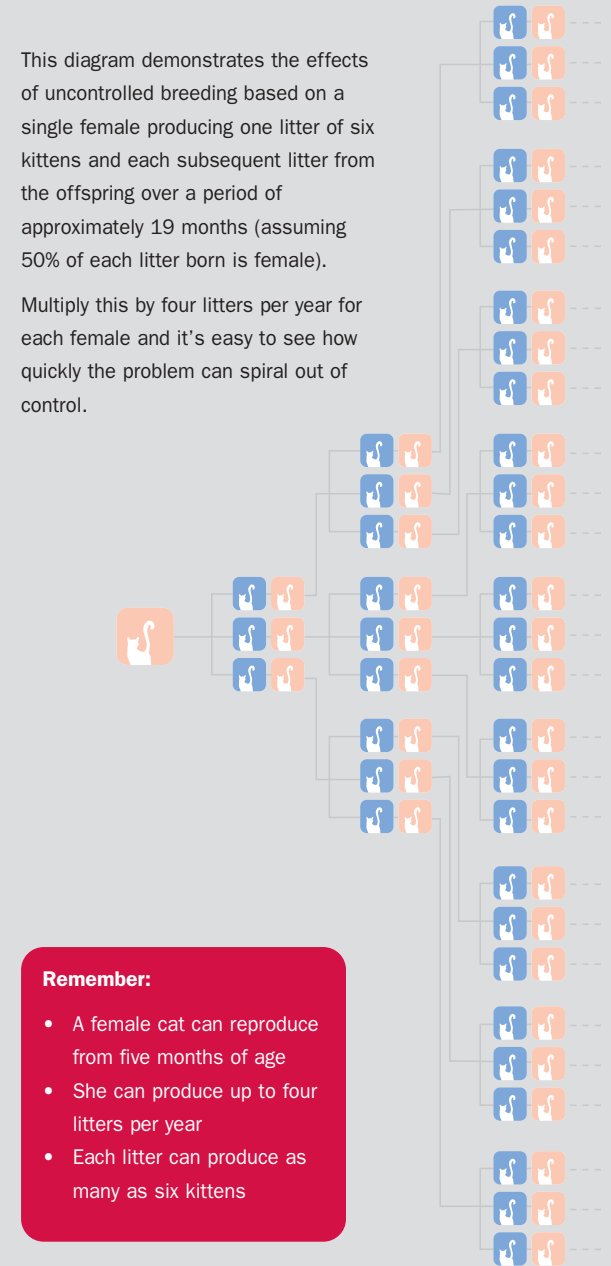
The operation is a simple procedure which must be performed by a qualified vet, so take your cat to the vet now.

Desexing can be done once your kitten is nine weeks old and must be done before it reaches the age of five months. Make sure that you transport your kitten or cat to the vet in a secure metal or plastic carry cage.

Don't delay!

Many litters are born because the owner thinks their cat is too young to reproduce. Female cats can start reproducing at the age of five months and may produce four litters a year. As many as six kittens can be born in each litter. Don't get caught out and left with a litter of kittens to feed, care for and re-home.

please
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cat now!



Remember:

- A female cat can reproduce from five months of age
- She can produce up to four litters per year
- Each litter can produce as many as six kittens