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Online surveys of cat management in Port Adelaide Enfield Council

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Overview



Demographics of respondents/Cat management
Cat nuisance
Attitudes to cat management bylaws
Knowledge of state bylaws



ABC.NET.AU

Second decapitated cat is found in Adelaide in the past two weeks

👍👎👤 226

92 comments 60 shares

👍 Like

💬 Comment

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Most relevant ▾



Write a comment...



██████████ If you're doing this to animals, you are a threat to humans. Watchlist for life. Some serious issues with this peanut.

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Reply · 19h

██████████ While I believe cats should be kept indoors, or in an enclosure for their (and our native animals') safety, the news of cruelty is disturbing.

16

Reply · 19h

"Most relevant" is selected, so some replies may have been filtered out.

██████████ this is a terrible person who is doing this not only to cats to any animal. But when will people be responsible for their pets, don't allow your beautiful cats to roam, keep them safe from these sick people! Make a cat enclosure.

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██████████ More ABC clickbait. Nevertheless, feral cats (that is cats not under control of their owners) do enormous damage to native fauna. Off with their heads!

Reply · 18h

██████████ What type of person does this?! My neighbour's cats annoy me by always hanging around on our decking (under the watchful eye of my permanently indoor cat) - the worst I do to them is clap at them to make them run home.

Reply · 19h

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██████████ i have a local cat that pees on my front door. So, not only is he allowed free rein, he is not desexed. Feral cats are such a problem in Australia and irresponsible cat owners should be ashamed.

Reply · 19h



Background

South Australian state government has introduced new laws for the compulsory desexing and microchipping of cats and dogs

1ST
JULY
2018

All dogs and cats must be microchipped by three months of age.

All dogs and cats born after this date must be desexed (Exemptions apply for owners of working dogs and registered breeders).

Anyone who breeds dogs and/or cats for sale must register with The Dog and Cat Management Board (DCMB) as a breeder.

2010/2011
2010/2011
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2011/2012

2016/2017
2016/2017
(registered)
(registered)

Regulations
populations

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Port Adelaide Enfield Council



Demographics of respondents
Cat ownership +/- cat info
Cat nuisance issues
Attitude to council laws
Knowledge of state law

Available online through council,
Facebook, vet practices etc.





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Demographics of respondents





Demographics of respondents

Overall 190 complete responses

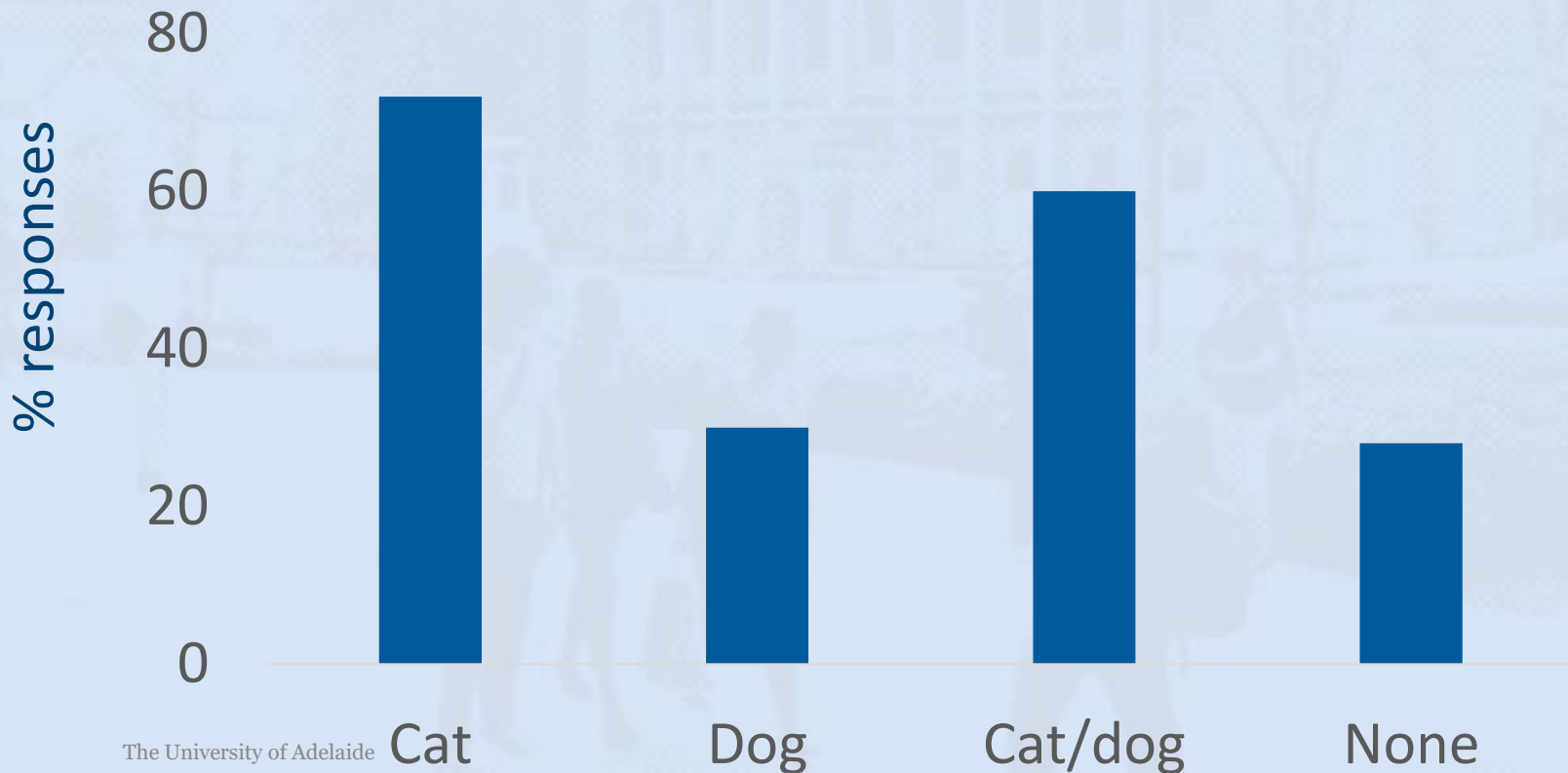
Age (years)	Number (%)	Gender	Number (%)
18-25	18 (9)	Female	155 (82)
26-35	45 (24)	Male	35 (18)
36-45	51 (27)		
46-55	45 (24)		
55 and over	31 (16)		



Demographics of respondents

Do you own cat or dog?

Pet ownership (n=190)

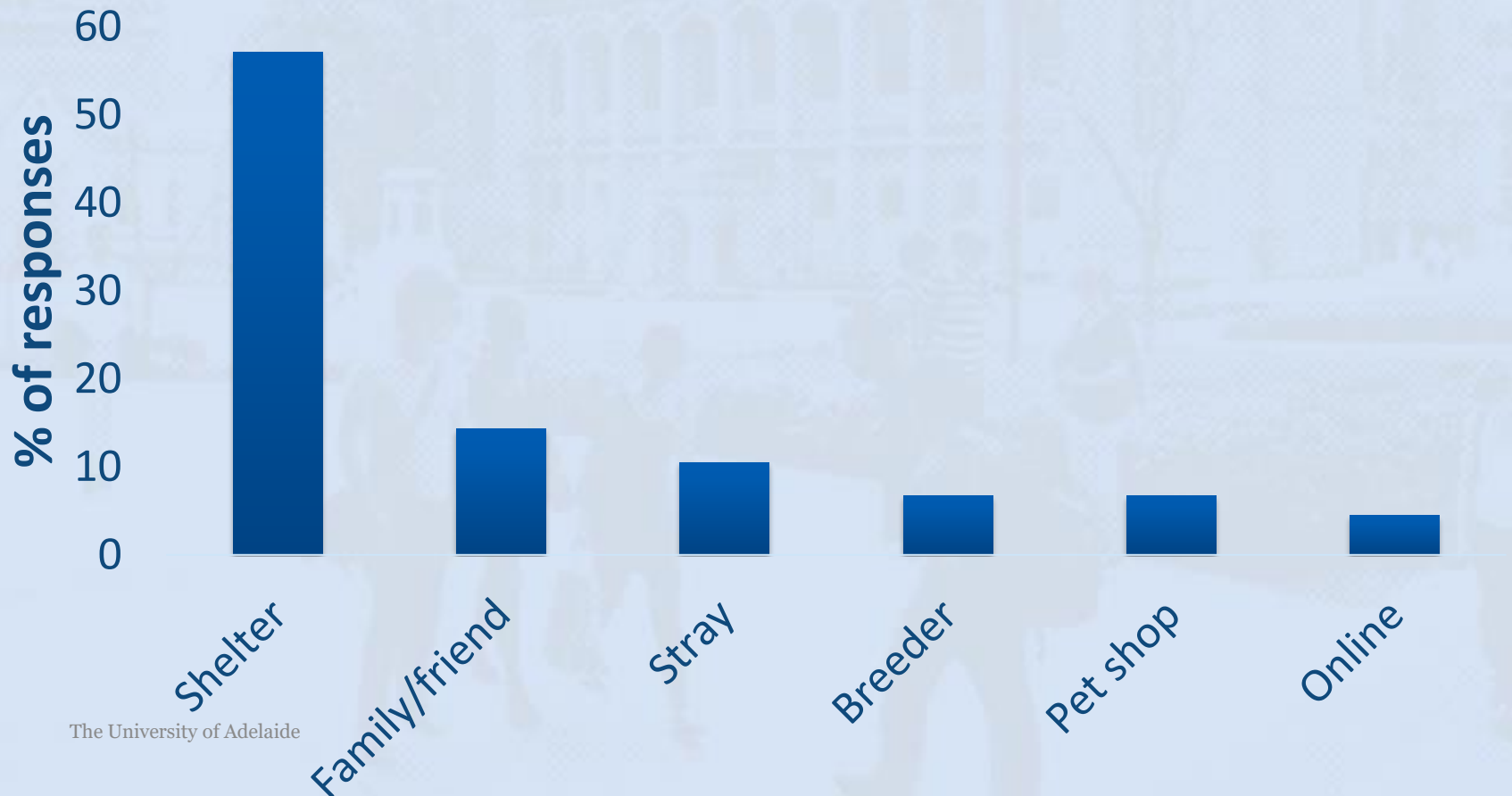




Demographics of respondents

Where did you get your cat from?

Origin of cat (n=133)

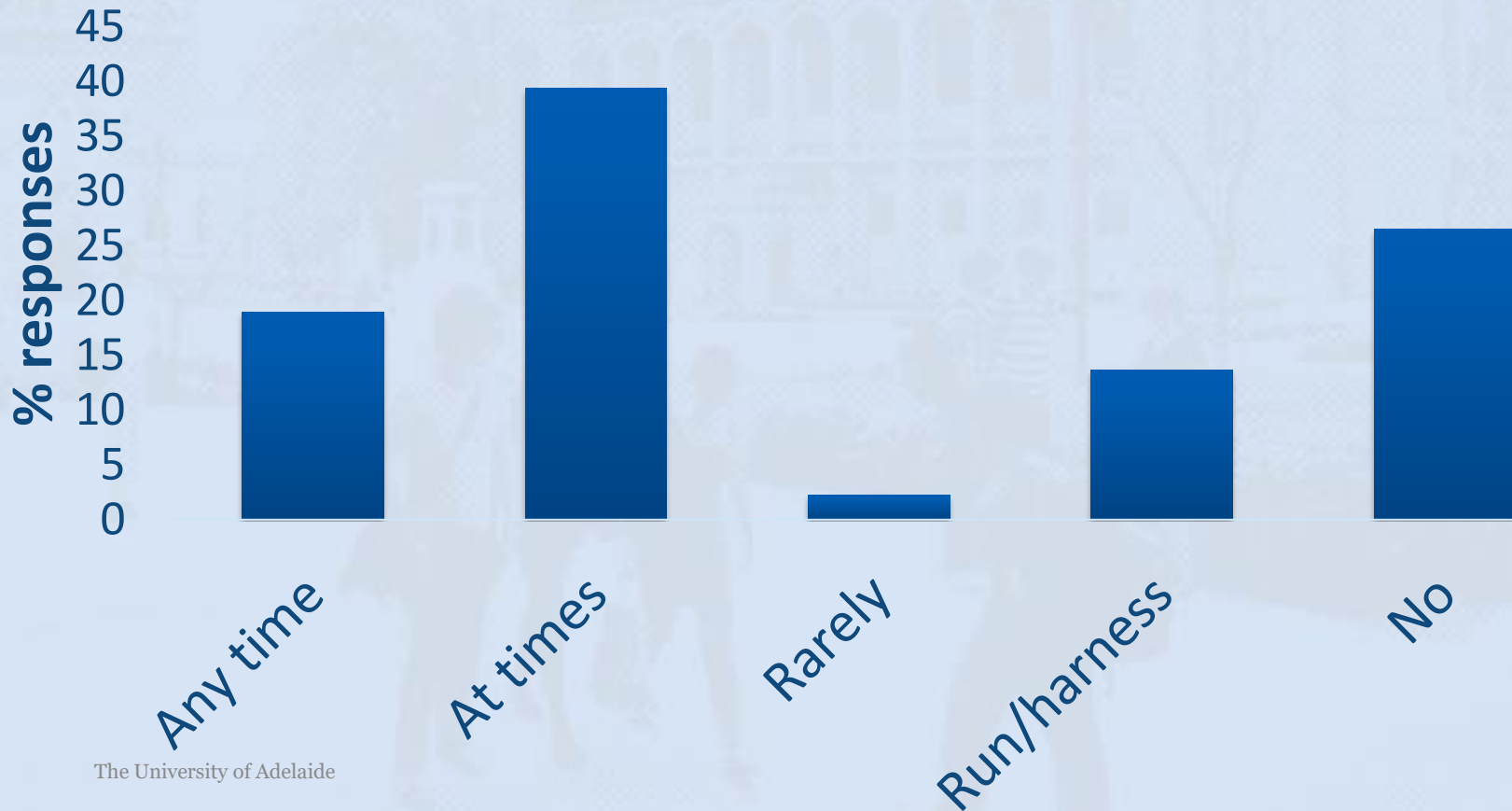




Demographics of respondents

Does your cat go outside?

Cat outside (n=132)





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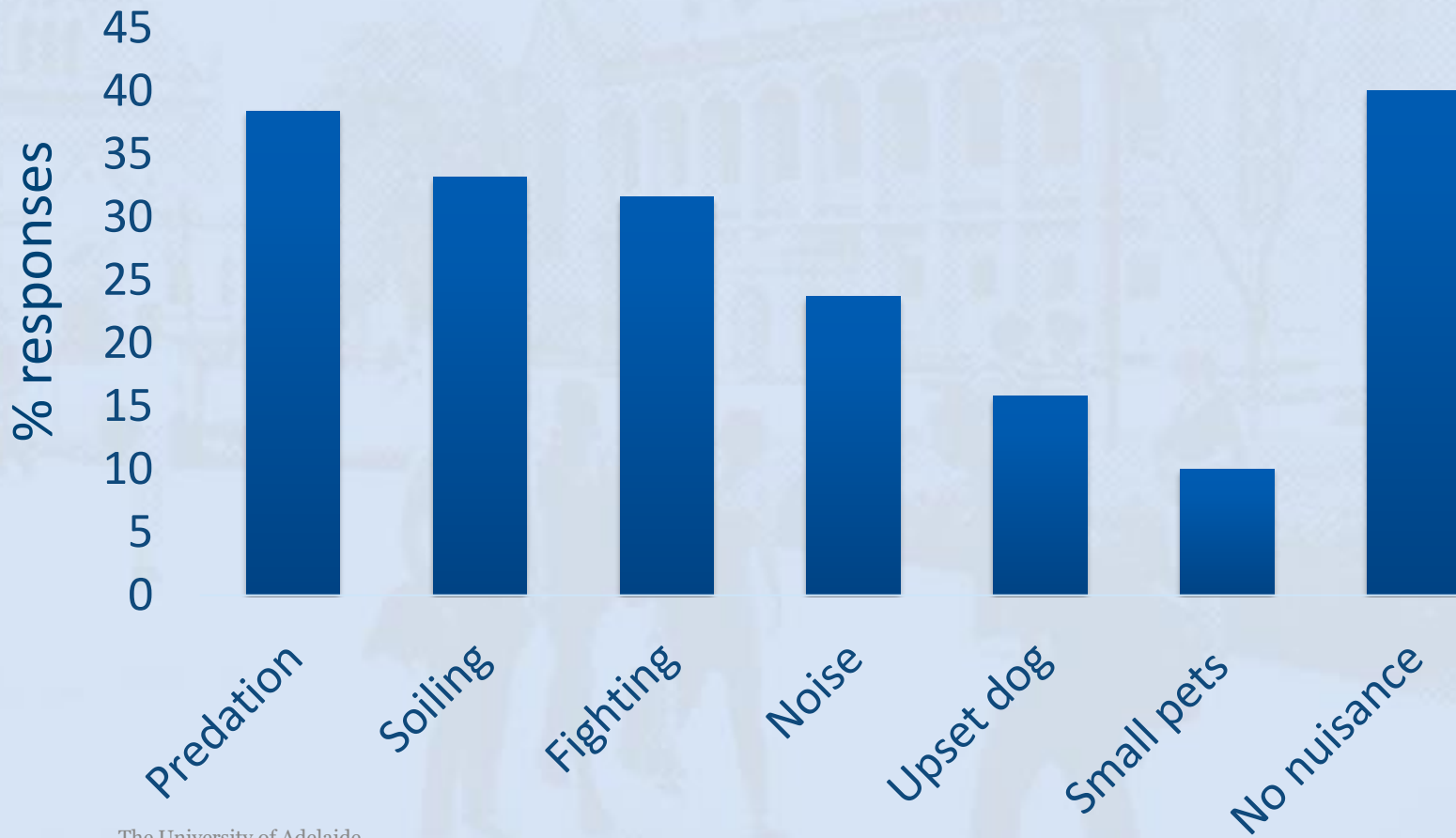
Nuisance





Nuisance

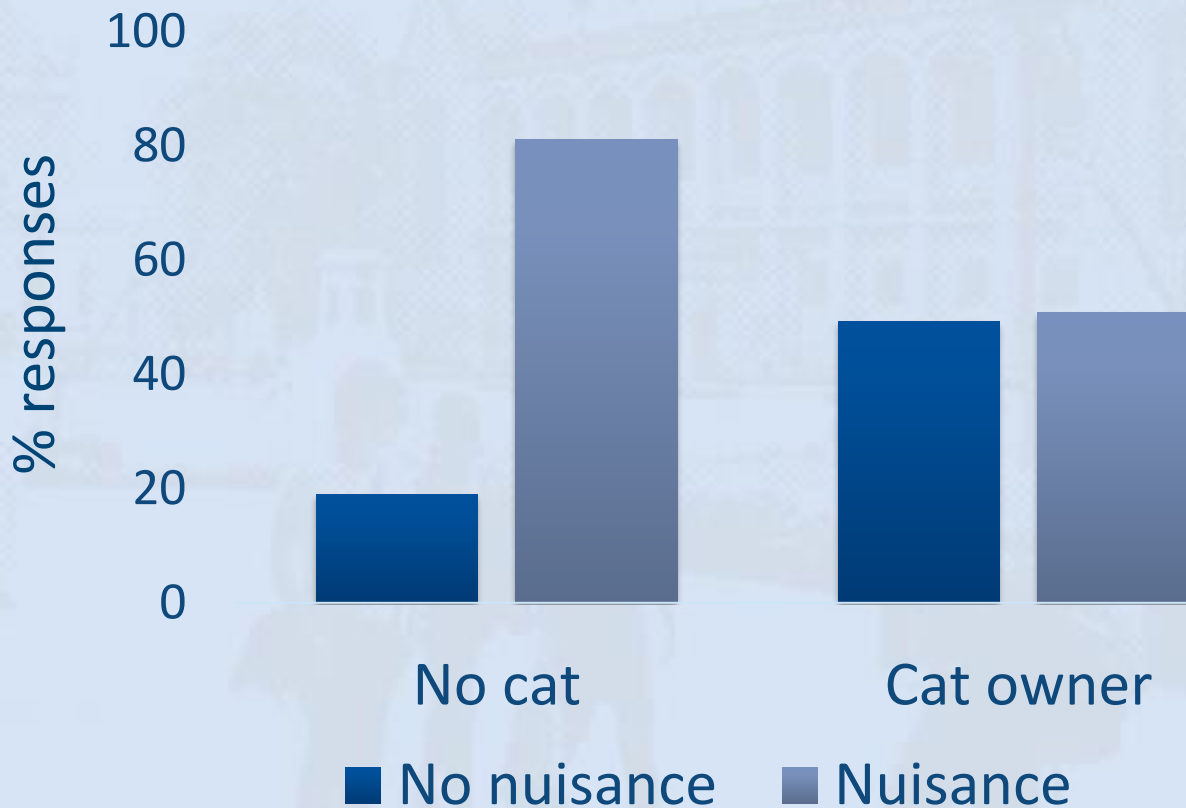
Which issues do you have with roaming cats? (n=190)





Nuisance

Do you have issues with roaming cats? (n=190)





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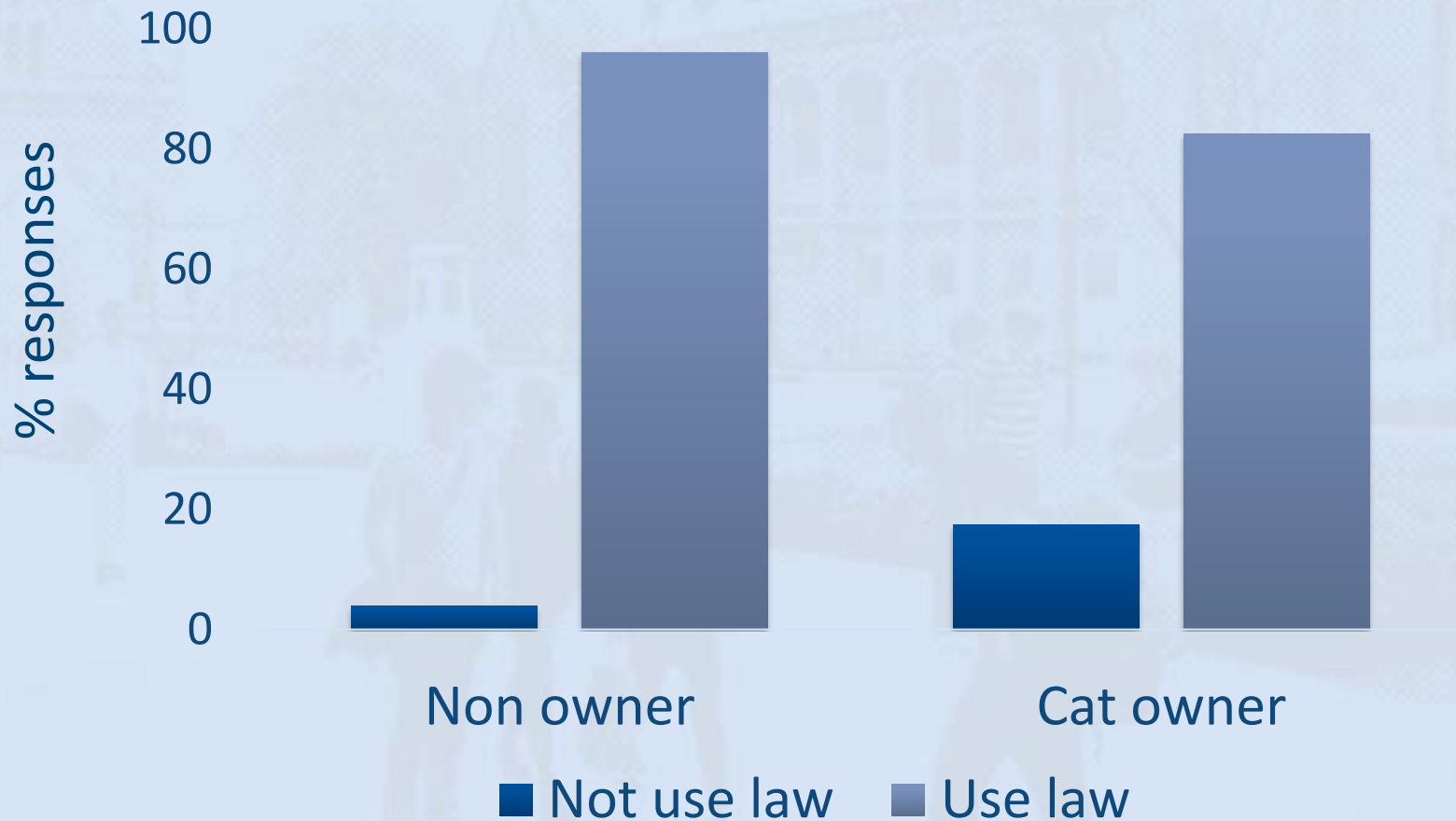
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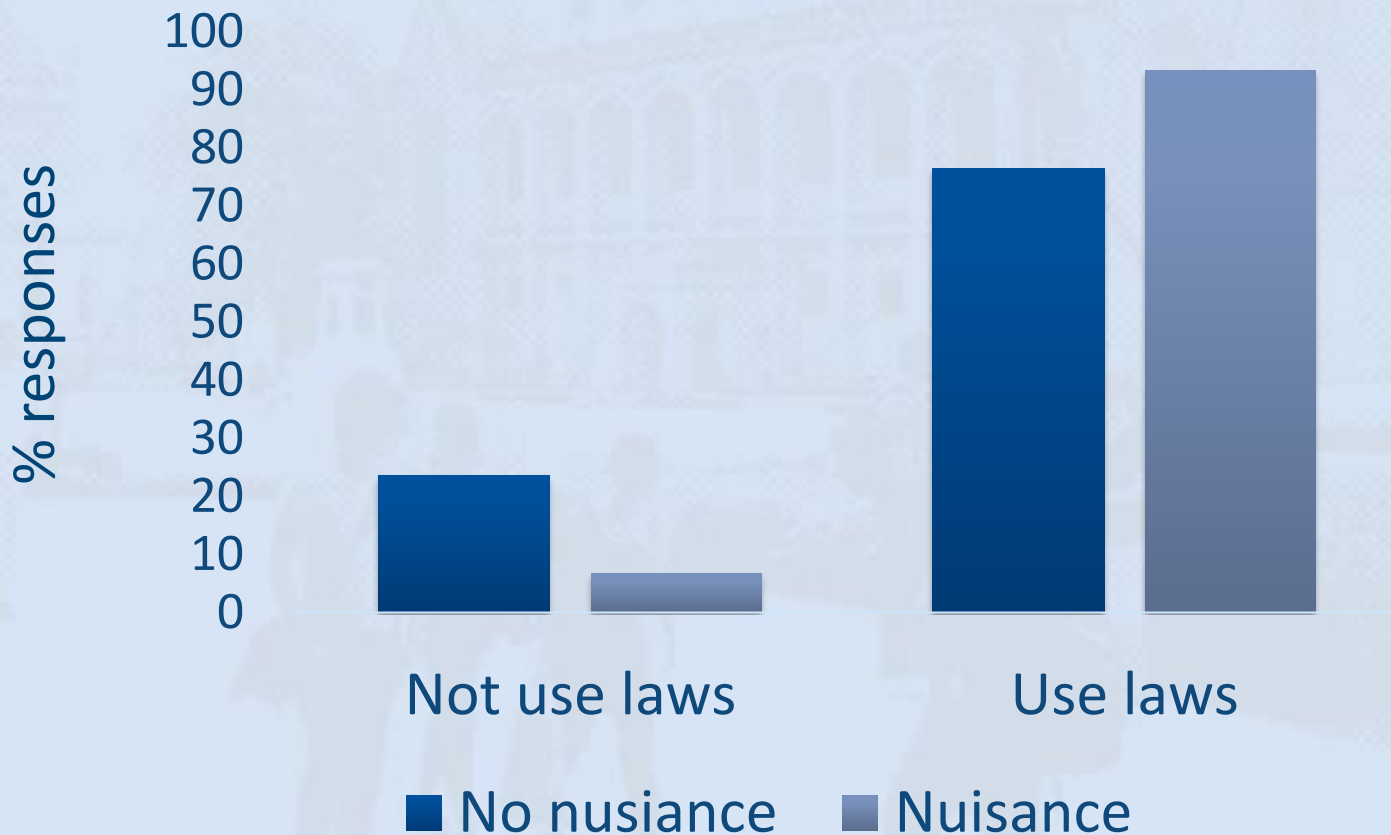
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Bylaw attitudes

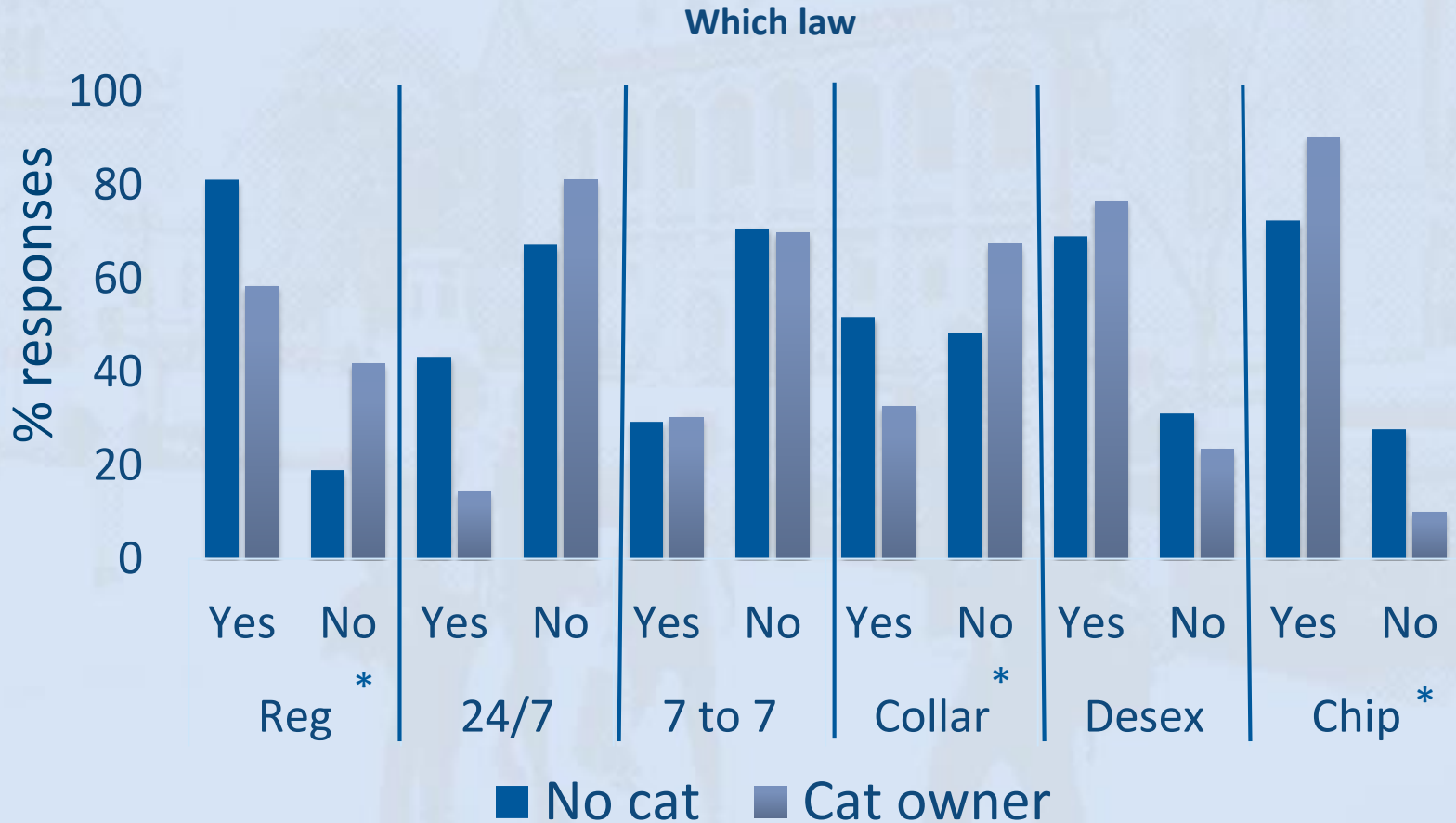
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Bylaw attitudes

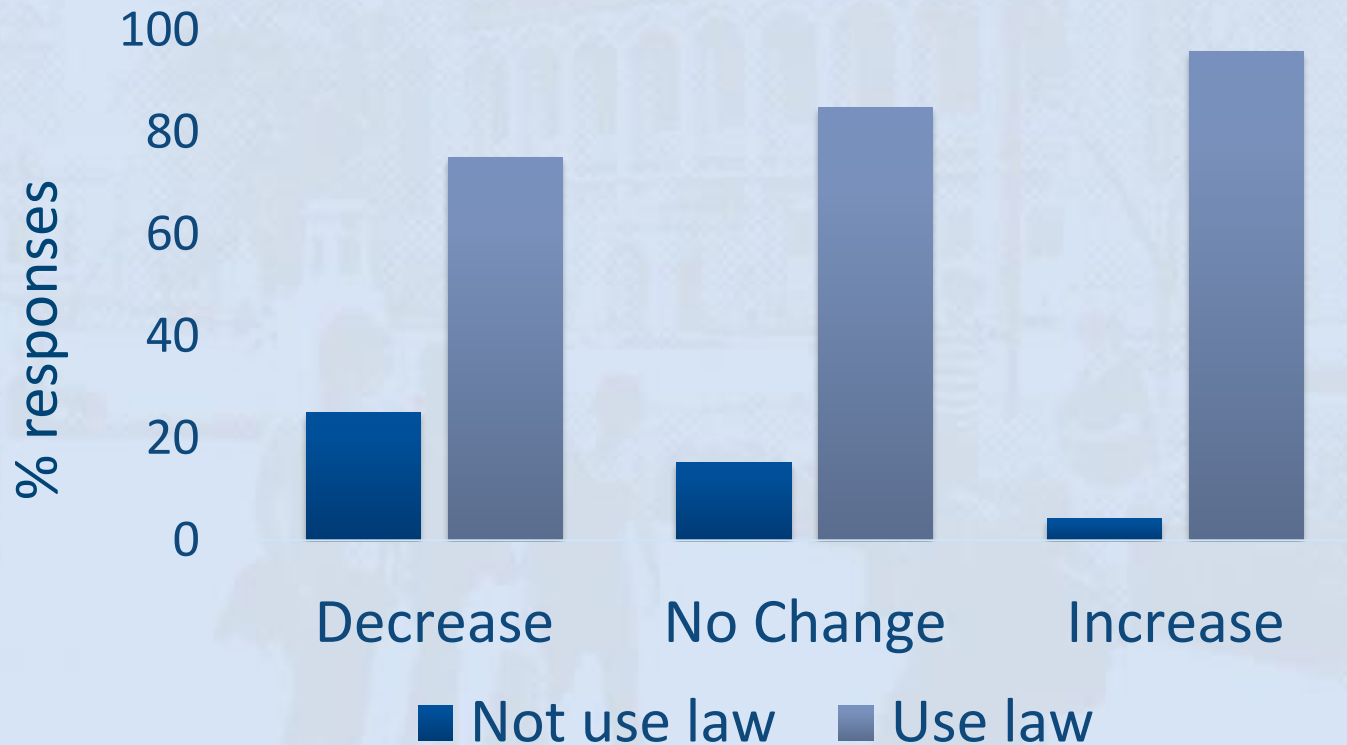
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Bylaw attitudes

Should the council use laws to manage roaming cats vs
is there a change in roaming cats in last 5 years?





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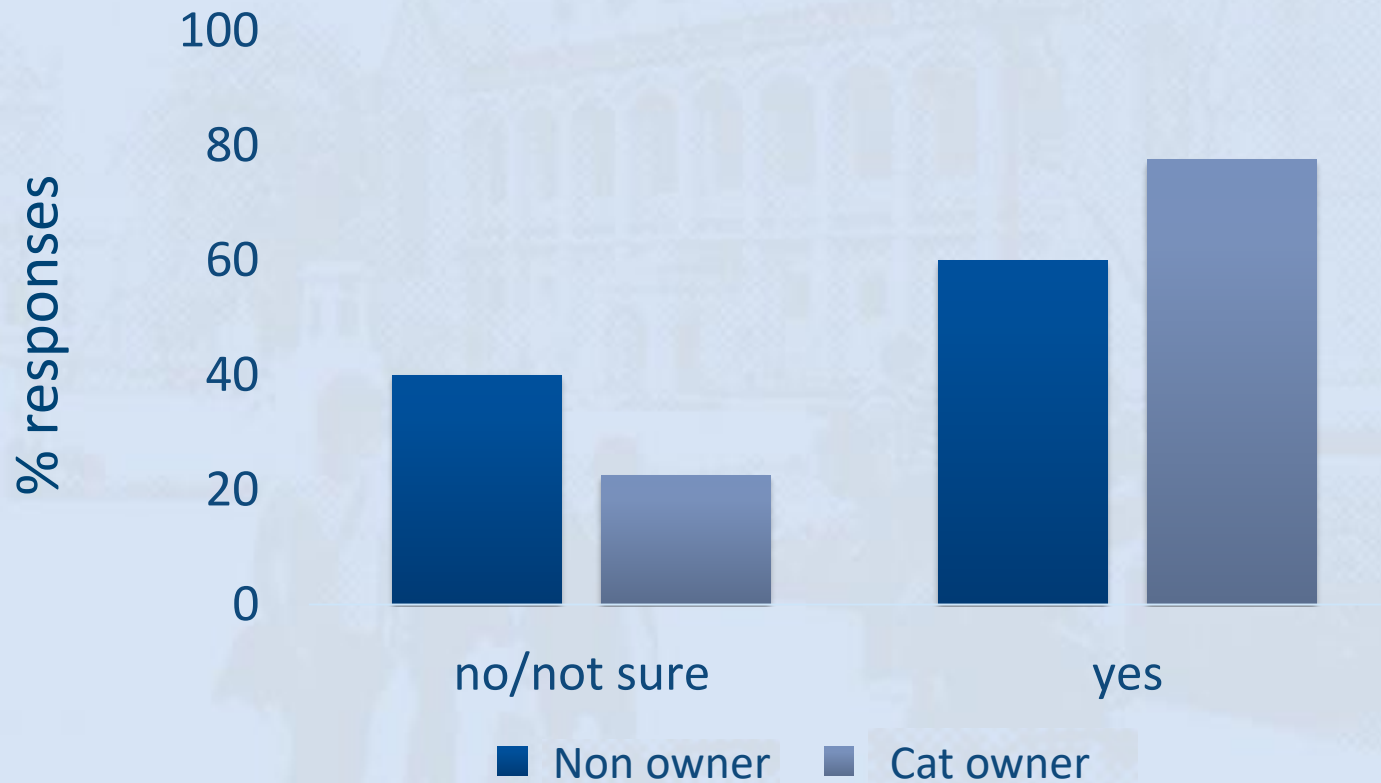
Knowledge of state bylaws





Knowledge of state bylaw

Aware of new state bylaws introduced?

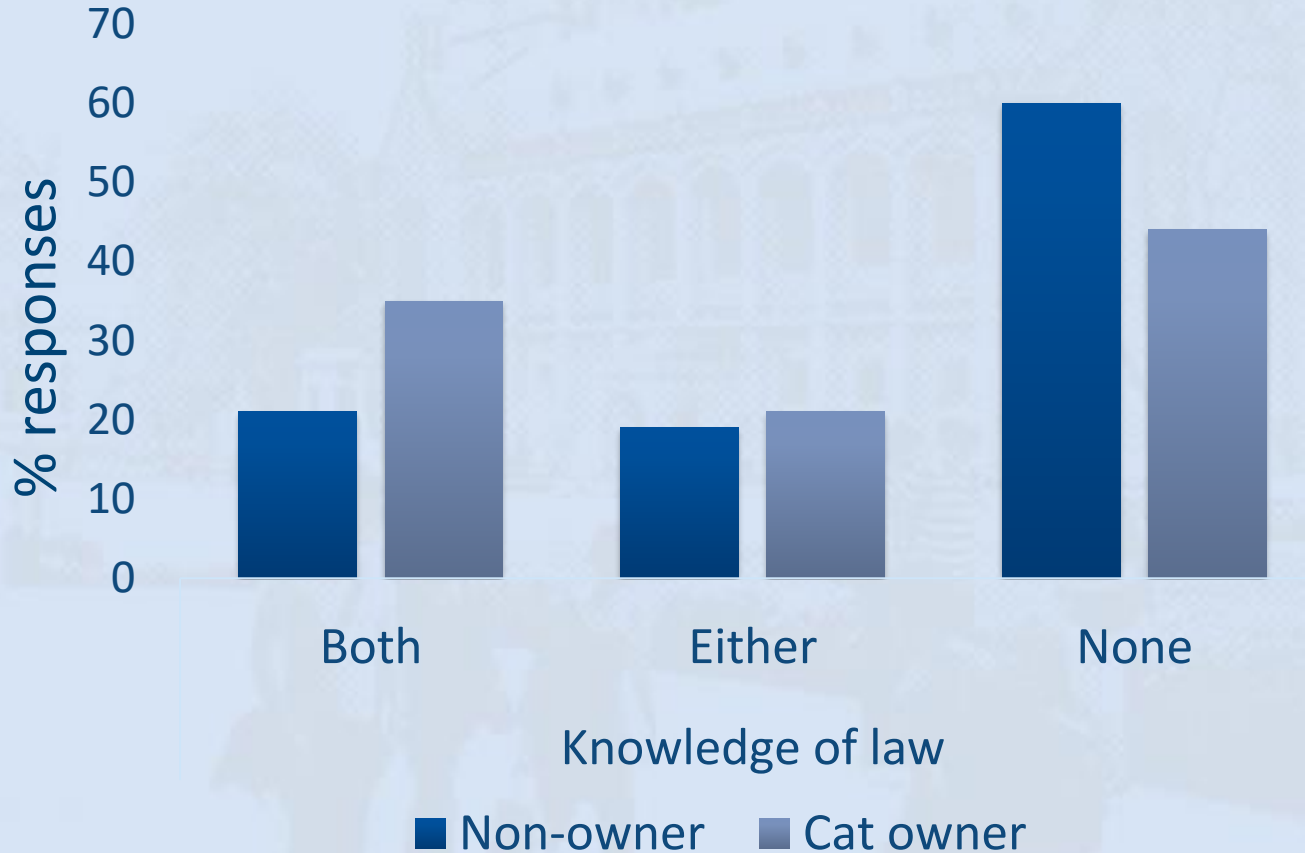


n=190



Demographics of respondents

Aware of new state bylaws introduced?



Both= knowledge of both microchipping and desexing by 6 months
Either= Respondents knew of either microchipping or desexing by 6 months,
None=no information included on microchipping or desexing. N= 190



Summary

Support for desexing, microchipping and registration of cats, regardless of ownership status

Microchipping

More cat owners than non-owners supported

Benefits of chipping

Seen as the best way to identify cats

Increase change of return

Collars

Non-cat owners more likely to support collars

Impression that this is a good way of identifying cats



Summary

<1/3 microchipped and desexed by 6 months of age

14% thought that cats had to be registered

Due to

Dog registration?

Chipped animals will be registered?

Did not look into breeder registration

(Supervising honours student – online sale)



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Thank you

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Respondents
Vet clinics, libraries etc.



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Back in Mitcham council 2019

Potential measuring biodiversity

Any experiences in this?

