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## Welcome to Summer!

Please take a few moments to catch up on the busy world of Companion Animal welfare in New Zealand . Particular highlights include our 2021 Conference presentations, new NZCAR support staff and exciting progress of the CANZ Accreditation Scheme for behaviour veterinarians.

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## 2021 CONFERENCE - TALKS ONLINE NOW

'Towards A Good Life' was a fantastic success. With over 600 registered attendees from around the world, we explored the key components of A Good Life for New Zealand companion animals, the barriers to A Good Life being achieved and how these barriers can be overcome. A massive thank you to our domestic and international speakers who shared their knowledge and experience.

All our presentations, Q&A and panel discussion are [available online](#) for free.

Thank you to our sponsors ezyVet and Royal Canin, without whom our free & online conference would not have been possible.

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Congratulations to our 2021 Assisi Award winners, Nicole Peddie, Helen Sheard and Gordon Trainer



CANZ Accreditation identifies and acknowledges behaviour professionals using welfare-friendly LIMA (Least Invasive Minimally Aversive) training methodologies.

## ACCREDITATION FOR BEHAVIOUR VETERINARIANS COMING SOON

Having successfully launched accreditation standards for trainers and animal behaviour consultants, we are excited to be advancing a standard for Behaviour Veterinarians.

We hope to announce which organisation and veterinarians are accredited by mid-2022. Our current accredited trainers and behaviour consultants [can be found here](#).

After years of **no regulation**, accreditation is the future for this industry to ensure the welfare of animals and clients, so get on board! If you are a behaviour professional contact [accreditation@companionanimals.nz](mailto:accreditation@companionanimals.nz) to discuss your pathway to accreditation.

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How many animal rescues are there in New Zealand? How many animals go through rescues every year, where do these animals come from and where do they go? How many animals are desexed by rescues every year?

At the moment, nobody knows the answers to these questions, as there is no database to collect this information. Companion Animals New Zealand, in association with the SPCA, is exploring the creation of a database of NZ animal rescues. In late November we reached out to rescues for feedback on this project. If you an animal rescue and did not hear from us, please [get in touch](#).

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## Welcome to our new NZCAR Support Staff

**2021 was a big year for the New Zealand Companion Animal Register.** Having taken over day-to-day operations from our previous contracted managers, we re-launched the register in April with a new look at plenty of new functionality. In November, we welcomed our [millionth animal](#) (Tussock) to the register, and we are excited to top off the year with our new Support Staff.

With a team of dedicated support staff, we look forward to providing better customer service than ever before. Got a query about the NZCAR? Call us on 0508 LOSTPET or email [info@animalregister.co.nz](mailto:info@animalregister.co.nz) anytime.

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## RESEARCH CORNER

### The Diets of Companion Cats in Aotearoa New Zealand: Identification of Obesity Risk Factors

Read the full publication in [Animals](#). Watch the 5-minute video, with Companion Animals NZ's Dr Fiona Esam on [The Project](#)

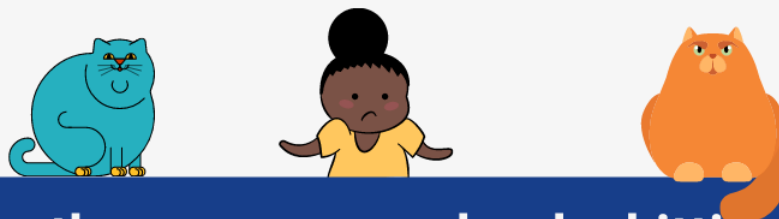
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## feline body condition score

This makes it hard to tell if their cat is overweight

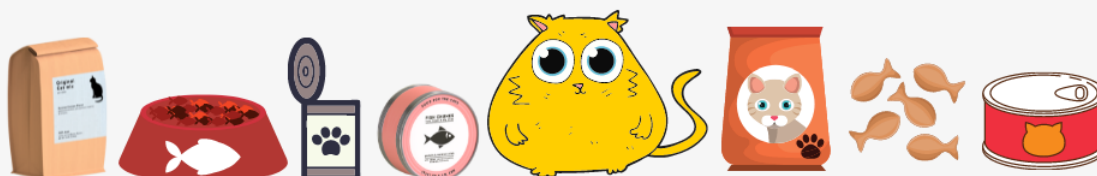


## Why are there so many chonky kitties?



## Most Kiwis feed their cats multiple types of food

This makes it hard to know how much of each to give to avoid overfeeding



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