

Questions posed to the Board of Health regarding animal licensing:

- (A) Is there any value in the City requiring cat owners to buy a license? [estimates suggest only 2% of cats are licensed versus about 10% for dogs; also most cat owners do not realize they need to have a license]
- (B) Is there a reason to make “cats roaming” an offense? [most cats, including those owned by very responsible owners, roam in their backyards and neighborhoods and I am not aware of any problems they cause - unlike dogs, which do cause problems when they roam]
- (C) When a cat bites someone, is it reasonable to disqualify the owner from “in-home impoundment” because (i) the cat is not licensed, and/or (ii) the cat roams?