

# STATES OF JERSEY



## **CATS: ADDITIONAL PROTECTION WHEN INVOLVED IN ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS (P.30/2019) – AMENDMENT**

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**Lodged au Greffe on 16th May 2019  
by Deputy J.M. Maçon of St. Saviour**

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**STATES GREFFE**

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For the words “protection under either the Road Traffic (Jersey) Law 1956, Highway Code or Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 2004, in order to ensure that drivers involved in accidents in which cats are injured are required to contact the police”, substitute the words “legal protection in the event of death or injury in a road traffic accident involving a motor vehicle, with the consultation to include consideration of the Road Traffic (Jersey) Law 1956, the Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 2004 and other legislation as appropriate”.

DEPUTY J.M. MAÇON OF ST. SAVIOUR

**Note:** After this amendment, the proposition would read as follows –

**THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –**

to request the Ministers for Infrastructure and the Environment to consult on how cats could be given additional legal protection in the event of death or injury in a road traffic accident involving a motor vehicle, with the consultation to include consideration of the Road Traffic (Jersey) Law 1956, the Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 2004 and other legislation as appropriate.

## REPORT

After meeting with the 'Equal Rights 4 Cats' group and taking their comments into consideration, I've amended the wording of the proposition ([P.30/2019](#)) to make it clear that a consultation is being requested. The group have formulated some comments in response to the [Ministers](#) and the [Comité des Connétables](#) to consider (*see Appendix 1*), as well as providing some of the group's own research to examine how different jurisdictions have attempted to address this matter (*see Appendix 2*). They have also provided a timeline of events to demonstrate the group's dedication to this cause (*see Appendix 3*).

### **Financial and manpower implications**

As with the main proposition, the direct financial implications of this amendment relate to the consultation process proposed, which can be absorbed from departmental budgets. However, if it is decided to amend legislation, then it is likely that there will be a number of resource implications for the Police and Parishes, as well as a potential cost to the Public if a cat licensing system is introduced.

## APPENDIX 1

### Comments on Ministerial response to cat petition and e-mail of Deputy J.M. Macon of St. Saviour dated 26th April 2019

#### 1. Ministerial response

- 1.1 Reference is made to the Highway Code having been updated. The fact is that I doubt that anyone looks at the Highway Code after they have passed their driving test. I have to say that I was not aware of this change until it was highlighted in the current debate.
- 1.2 In any event, breach of the Highway Code does not, of itself, create a criminal liability. Article 85 of the [Road Traffic \(Jersey\) Law 1956](#) (“RTL”) states that a failure on the part of any person to observe any provision of the Highway Code shall not, of itself, render that person liable to criminal proceedings.
- 1.3 It is said that changing the RTL would put a severe burden upon the paid and honorary Police by way of resources and time. It goes on to say that making accidents with cats reportable under the 1956 Law, **which requires the Police to attend every incident**, (emphasis mine) would place a strain on resources. My reading of the RTL suggests that such is an inaccurate interpretation of the RTL. Article 52 is the Article that sets out the duty of a driver in the case of an accident. That duty is to immediately inform a Police Officer of the occurrence of the accident, and not to move the vehicle without the consent of a Police Officer. There is no provision that the Police actually have to attend the incident. By way of example: I know of a case where someone backed into an unattended vehicle on one of the piers in town, causing minor damage to the other vehicle. He phoned the Police. They asked various questions, took some details over the phone, and that was it. They did not attend. It will need to be checked with the Police, but I anticipate that in a large number of ‘minor’ incidents, the Police deal with the matter over the phone, rather than attending in person. In the case of a cat, a phone call could be made, details taken, and then the Police make one further phone call ... to the JSPCA. Surely not a huge amount of resources involved.
- 1.4 The report of the Connétables says: *‘In 2018 there were 17 reports to the States of Jersey Police of an RTA involving a dog, but only 3 where the driver failed to report the accident. Police resources are required to create and maintain a record of each report. In 14 of these cases there was no offence committed under Article 52, as the driver reported the accident.’* It would be interesting to ascertain if the Police actually attended the 14 incidents, or only dealt with them by phone.
- 1.5 Reference is then made to the fact that all domestic animals, including cats, are sufficiently protected from cruelty under the [Animal Welfare \(Jersey\) Law 2004](#) (“AWL”). It would be interesting to ascertain how many prosecutions there have been under this Law, and the facts surrounding each case. I would hazard a guess that if there have been prosecutions, they have been in cases of extreme neglect and cruelty.

- 1.6 In any event, the cat issue does not sit comfortably under the AWL. This Law is described as: ‘A **LAW** to consolidate and revise the laws promoting the welfare of animals and the prevention of suffering by animals, to regulate the keeping and use of animals, and for connected purposes.’.

If one then looks at Articles 4 and 5 –

**‘4 Cruelty and unnecessary suffering**

- (1) *It shall be an offence for a person to cruelly beat, kick, cut, impale, burn, stone, crush, drown, drag, asphyxiate, over-drive, overload, over-ride, torture, worry, infuriate, terrify, ill-treat or do any like act to any animal.*
- (2) *It shall be an offence for a person, without reasonable cause or excuse, to do or omit to do any act so as to cause unnecessary suffering to a domestic animal or captive animal.*
- (3) *It shall be an offence for a person to convey or carry any domestic animal or captive animal in such manner or position as to cause the animal unnecessary suffering.*
- (4) *It shall be an offence for a person to tether any domestic animal or captive animal under such conditions or in such manner as to cause the animal unnecessary suffering.*
- (5) *If, on the trial of the owner or a person having care of a domestic animal or captive animal charged with an offence under paragraph (2), (3) or (4) in respect of that animal, the court or jury, as the case may be, is of the opinion that the accused is not guilty of that offence but is guilty of an offence under Article 5 then, without prejudice to any other powers of the court, the accused may be found guilty of an offence under Article 5.*

**5 Neglect and abandonment**

- (1) *It shall be an offence for the owner or person having care of a domestic animal or captive animal, without reasonable cause or excuse –*
  - (a) *to omit to supply the animal with –*
    - (i) *fresh drinking water, and*
    - (ii) *a wholesome diet appropriate to its species, age, weight and behavioural and physiological needs,*  
*in sufficient quantity and with sufficient regularity to maintain the animal in good health and promote a positive state of well-being;*
  - (b) *to omit to provide the animal with suitable shelter sufficient to the maintenance of its good bodily condition;*
  - (c) *to omit to provide the animal with veterinary care sufficient to maintain the animal in good health or, where such maintenance is not possible, to prevent any unnecessary deterioration in the animal’s health or any unnecessary suffering; or*
  - (d) *to abandon or cause or procure the abandonment of the animal, whether permanently or not, in circumstances likely to cause it unnecessary suffering.*
- (2) *A person guilty of an offence under this Article shall be liable to a fine of level 3 on the standard scale.’*

Article 4(1) would not be applicable to a car accident involving a cat. Article 4(2) might be applicable, but if one reads Articles 4 and 5, it would seem that a car accident with a cat was not what the legislation was aiming at. I doubt whether prosecutors would think of this Article in the case of an accident involving a cat.

- 1.6 The Ministers then go on to explain that the reason why cats are not included in the RTL is that the owners of horses, cattle, asses, mules, sheep, pigs, goats and dogs have a ‘duty of care’ to keep those animals under control. The ‘duty of care’ is a concept well-known in negligence (civil/common law, as against criminal law), but the RTL is a criminal matter with criminal sanctions. I am aware of the [Dogs \(Jersey\) Law 1961](#), which imposes upon an owner of a dog a duty to keep it under control, but I am not aware of any statute law requiring owners of cattle, asses, mules, sheep, pigs and goats to keep them under control. It would be interesting to ask the Ministers to which Law they are referring.

## **2. Deputy Maçon’s e-mail**

In his e-mail of 26th April he said: ‘..... they weren’t clear how the law was deficient at the moment and wanted clarity .....’.

I have 3 possible suggestions.

The first is that Article 52(3) of the RTL is amended to include ‘cat’.

The second is that Article 52 of the RTL is amended by the introduction of a new sub-paragraph (c) in Article 52(1), which would provide that in the case of injury or death involving a cat, the driver must stop and report the matter to the JSPCA or, failing that, to the duty Centenier of the Parish. (This is similar to the Highway Code.) Article 52(2) would remain, so that if there was a failure so to do, that would make the driver liable to a fine or imprisonment.

Thirdly, a new Article to be inserted under Part 5 (Miscellaneous and Supplemental) of the AWL (maybe Article 36A), providing that anyone who kills or injures a cat has to report it to an authority (Parish? Police?), who would log it and call the JSPCA, etc.

## **3. Comments on Comité des Connétables’ report**

One needs to start with an understanding that neither the petition nor the proposition were drafted by a lawyer or a Law Draftsman, and accordingly the language might not be as ‘tight’ as could be the case. It is important to look at what the petitioners are trying to achieve, rather than analysing every word and phrase.

Against that background, one has to take issue with the second paragraph of the comments. What are the States being asked to do? They are being asked to request that the relevant Ministers consult on how cats can be given added protection when injured (and I would add, killed) in an RTA. The rest of the wording of the proposition can be regarded just an expansion of that basic request, and should not detract from the generality of the request to consult. It is through the process of the consultation that issues like the impact on Police resources can be examined.

One should consider what the purpose/s or reasoning was behind the initial adoption of Article 52 of the RTL. A driver is required to report an accident which causes damage or injury to (amongst others) persons or animals. The purpose would surely have been twofold: so that the injured person or animal could receive timely treatment, and to investigate if a criminal offence had been committed. If animal welfare was an issue (and it surely was), it is hard to see why there should be a distinction between a horse on the loose, a Yorkshire Terrier (out on a frolic of its own), and a cat.

If one follows the above line of reasoning, then paragraph 4 of the comments has little relevance. In addition, I wonder how many people know of the stipulation in the Jersey Highway Code? I would imagine very few. In any event, the failure to abide by the Highway Code does not of itself render a person liable to criminal proceedings.

As to the paragraph commencing: *'In 2018 there were 17 reports .....*', I have to take issue with that. If a matter is reported to the Police, one would anticipate (just as they do with the other listed animals), that they have procedures in place to contact owners/JSPCA to get the animal treated if injured. Timely treatment could well save the animal's life.

With regard to the penultimate paragraph, the matter of policing is surely something to be considered at the next stage, i.e. when the Ministers consult.

Surely one should look at the bigger picture, rather than nit-pick over wording used. In the modern day, there is no justification for making a distinction between a pet dog and a pet cat ..... so therefore amend Article 52(3) to include 'cat' in the definition.



Despite the changes to the Highway Code, please note the date of this post – clearly it's not seen as enough of a disincentive to report an incident, and more needs to be done.

APPENDIX 2

World Responses to Cat Hit and Run Laws			
Country	Yes	No	Comments/Replies/Information found on Web
Australia (Victoria)	√		<p>The Road Safety Act 1986, Section 61, states that it is the duty of the driver of a motor vehicle whereby an accident occurs and any person or any property (including any animal) is damaged or destroyed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) immediately stop the motor vehicle; and</li> <li>(b) must immediately render such assistance as he or she can;</li> <li>(f) if any property is damaged or destroyed and neither the owner of the property nor any person representing the owner nor any member of the police force is present at the scene of the accident, must as soon as possible report in person full particulars of the accident at the police station that is most accessible from the scene of the accident if that station is open and, if it is not open, at the next most accessible station.</li> </ul> <p>The Act does not reference specific animals that fall under this provision, therefore domestic cats would be included.</p> <p>Moreover, Vic Roads advises that if a domestic animal is hit “you should stop if you can do so safely or slow down and steer around the animal in a controlled manner” and “ if the animal is a domestic pet, you should contact the owner, the police, your local council or the RSPCA. If the animal is injured you should take it immediately to the nearest animal shelter or vet”.</p> <p>Please see the following links for further information:  <a href="https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-rules/a-to-z-of-road-rules/animals">https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-rules/a-to-z-of-road-rules/animals</a>  <a href="https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-rules/a-to-z-of-road-rules/animals">https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/road-rules/a-to-z-of-road-rules/animals</a>, page 247</p>



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Netherlands	√		<p><b>Report an accident</b>            There are a few laws in the Netherlands that state that you have to report this incident like you described. Dutch traffic law states in article 7 that you have to report an accident. Therefore you also need to report running over a cat. Also when the cat is owned by someone you need to report damages to someone's property. And last but not least the health and welfare law for animals states in article 26 that you have to help an animal in need. These laws are not only for cats but for all animals.</p> <p><b>More information</b>            If you have any further questions, please visit our website: <a href="http://mijn.rvo.nl">mijn.rvo.nl</a>. Or contact us at 088 042 42 42 (local rate). If you are calling from outside the Netherlands, please dial <b>+31 70 379 80 00</b>.</p>
Switzerland (Basel)	√		<p>The obligation to report an animal that is injured in an accident is regulated in our traffic law. Art. 51, para. 2, of this law states:</p> <p>“If only material damage has occurred, the injuring party must inform the injured party immediately and give his name and address. If this is not possible, he must inform the police immediately.”</p> <p>Section: Behavior in case of accidents</p> <p><b>Art. 51</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 In the event of an accident involving a motor vehicle or bicycle, all parties must immediately stop. If possible, you should ensure the security of the traffic.</li> <li>2 If persons are injured, then all parties involved have to provide assistance to those who are not involved, as far as they can reasonably expect. The participants, primarily the drivers, have to inform the police. All participants, including passengers, have to participate in the determination of the facts. Without the consent of the police, they may only leave the scene of the accident if they need help themselves, or call for help or the police.</li> <li>3 If only property damage has arisen, the injuring party must immediately inform the injured party and give the name and address. If this is not possible, he must notify the police immediately.</li> <li>4 In the event of accidents at level crossings, the parties involved must notify the railway administration immediately.</li> </ol>

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USA (Portsmouth)	√		<p>In Portsmouth, cats are covered more directly. The city has an ordinance Section 6.713: “Abandonment of Animals,” which states “... It shall be unlawful for any person who, while operating a motor vehicle on any public way in the city, strikes and injures or kills any dog, cat or domestic animal, to continue without stopping such vehicle at the scene as soon as possible, to render aid and assistance to such animal.”</p> <p>“They have to report it to the pet owner or police officer either at the scene or at the nearest police station,” Wallace said, “or they can be issued a summons, and the fee schedule for that would be \$50 for a first offense, \$75 second, and \$100 for the third (and each subsequent offense).”</p> <p>Wallace adds that, while these particular cases are listed as violations, they could turn into animal cruelty cases if an owner fails to get medical attention for their animal.</p> <p>“Unfortunately, there’s no cut-and-dry solution for the animals,” said Virginia MacDonald, of the NHSPCA. “We really handle it on a case-by-case basis. What we’re hoping is, obviously, to put the animal’s best interests in mind. Because this cat or dog has a potential owner, we can contact the owner and they can step in as soon as possible.”</p>
USA (Florida)	√		<p><b>1. Pet Hit and Run Laws</b></p> <p>It’s illegal to flee the scene if you hit a pet while you’re operating a vehicle. If you hit a pet, you must stop your car and remain at the scene. You must either make contact with the pet’s owner and exchange information or call the police. It’s a misdemeanor in Tampa and in the entire State of Florida to commit a hit and run involving a dog or other pet.</p> <p><b>2. How Florida’s Pet Hit and Run Laws Work</b></p> <p>For the purposes of Florida’s hit and run laws, a pet falls under the category of personal property. Even though a pet is so much more than personal property, the rules that apply to all types of personal property also apply to dogs, cats, and other animals for the purposes of hit and run laws.</p> <p><b>3. It’s Against the Law to Flee the Scene</b></p> <p><u>Florida law 316.061</u> requires a driver to stop their vehicle and return to the scene anytime they are in an accident that involves a pet. To comply with the law, you must stop your vehicle as close to the scene as you can. You must return to the scene and remain there until you do the</p>

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			<p>things that you have to do under <a href="#">Florida law 316.062</a>. For your own safety, and to comply with the law, it's important to park your vehicle in a way that you stay out of the way of traffic as much as possible.</p> <p>Once you stop your vehicle, you must give your contact information to the property owner or in this case, the pet owner. You must give them your name, address, and vehicle registration number. You must show them your license if they ask. If any person is physically injured, you must render aid or call for medical help. If there's any chance that someone is physically injured, it's important to call for emergency responders right away.</p> <p><b>4. What's the Penalty for a Pet Hit and Run?</b></p> <p>It's a second-degree misdemeanor to flee the scene of a pet accident. The penalties may include up to 60 days in jail and a fine of up to \$500. If there are other factors at play in the hit and run, the charges may be more serious, or you may face additional charges. You have a constitutional right to a trial and the right to call witnesses. If you're convicted, it's up to the judge to determine the appropriate sentence given all of the circumstances of the case.</p> <p><b>5. How Does Civil Liability Work for a Driver Who Hits a Dog or Cat?</b></p> <p>A driver who is to blame for an accident involving a dog or a cat may be responsible to the pet owner for their damages. Each driver in Florida must carry at least \$10,000 in property damage liability in case they're at fault in an accident. If they're at fault for hitting a pet, their insurance can cover their personal liability for the related damages. If the damages exceed \$10,000, the driver may have to pay for those damages out of pocket if they don't have additional insurance.</p> <p><u>Personal injury claim</u> damages may include veterinary bills. If a pet dies from their injuries, it can also cover burial and the cost of a new pet. Any financial loss that the pet owner has because of the accident may fall under the driver's property damage liability.</p>

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USA (New York)	√		<p>Any person operating a motor vehicle which shall strike and injure any horse, dog, cat or animal classified as cattle shall stop and endeavor to locate the owner or custodian of such animal or a police, peace or judicial officer of the vicinity, and take any other reasonable and appropriate action so that the animal may have necessary attention, and shall also promptly report the matter to such owner, custodian or officer (or if no one of such has been located, then to a police officer of some other nearby community), exhibiting his or her license and insurance identification card for such vehicle, when such card is required pursuant to articles six and eight of this chapter, giving his or her name and residence, including street and street number, insurance carrier and insurance identification information and license number. In addition to the foregoing, any such person shall also:</p> <p>(i) produce the proof of insurance coverage required pursuant to article forty-four-B of this chapter if such person is a TNC driver operating a TNC vehicle at the time of the incident who was (A) logged on to the TNC's digital network but not engaged in a TNC prearranged trip or (B) was engaged in a TNC prearranged trip; and</p> <p>(ii) disclose whether he or she, at the time such incident occurred, was (A) logged on to the TNC's digital network but not engaged in a TNC prearranged trip or (B) was engaged in a TNC prearranged trip. Violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars for a first offense and by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than one hundred fifty dollars for a second offense and each subsequent offense; provided, however where the animal that has been struck and injured is a guide dog, hearing dog or service dog, as such terms are defined in section forty-seven-b of the civil rights law which is actually engaged in aiding or guiding a person with a disability, a violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than one hundred fifty dollars for a first offense and by a fine of not less than one hundred fifty dollars nor more than three hundred dollars for a second offense and each subsequent offense.</p>

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South Korea		√	In South Korea (where we are primarily based,) there are no laws concerning hitting animals with a vehicle.
Sweden		√	Thank you for your e-mail. We have the exact same law in Sweden as you have in Jersey. And we are also trying to change that thru politicians and other campaigns.
Asia		√	<p>Thank you for getting in touch. Unfortunately, a cat does not fall within the remit of the Road Traffic Act and therefore you do not need to report the incident to the police (as long as there are no other factors involved).</p> <p>If you hit a dog or other animal mentioned in the Road Traffic Act 1988 you are legally required to inform the police. If the animal isn't wearing a tag and you aren't able to trace its owner you must report the incident within 24 hours to a police officer or at your local police station.</p> <p>I'm sure you will appreciate that, as a small group of passionate individuals, we cannot tackle every issue directly. There are so many enormous issues facing animals in China, Vietnam, and other Asian countries where we have our expertise.</p> <p>I apologise for not being able to provide any more help with this matter however you could try the RSPCA; as a national UK charity they may have more information on this particular issue.</p>
New Zealand		√	Thank you for your email. In New Zealand under the Animal Welfare Act 1999 (the Act) there is no specific reference to requiring a person to render assistance if an accident such as hitting an animal on the road happens. In the event that a person swerved or drove a direct pathway to deliberately hit an animal with their vehicle, this could be considered an ill treatment offence under the Act but if a dog or cat runs out into the path of a vehicle, it is not the fault of the driver. Most people would stop to render assistance but it isn't a legal requirement.
India		√	Response I received: I don't think there is such a law in India regarding cats.

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Brazil			<p><a href="https://api.worldanimalprotection.org/country/brazil">https://api.worldanimalprotection.org/country/brazil</a></p> <p>Basic legislation in Brazil includes Decree 24,645/1934 from 1934, which established protection against cruelty and ill treatment for animals, especially working animals, and is still in effect. Article 3 of the 1934 Decree prohibits various conducts including abandoning a sick, injured or mutilated animal; failing to provide an animal with all that is necessary, including veterinary assistance; and denying a quick death, free of suffering, to an animal whose death is necessary, whether or not it is for consumption.</p> <p>Article 32 of Law 9,605/98 (Regulating criminal and administrative penalties relating to behaviour and activities harmful to the environment, 1998) prohibits engaging in an act of abuse or mistreatment, or injuring or mutilating wild, domestic or domesticated animals, native or exotic, including circumstances where cruelty is carried out for as experimentation for educational or scientific purposes. Article 37, however, provides an exception where these actions are carried out under conditions of need, to satisfy the hunger of the agent or his family; to protect works, orchards and flocks from the predatory or destructive actions of animals, provided that this is legal and expressly authorised by the authorities with jurisdiction; or by reason of the animal(s) being harmful.</p> <p>Are enforcement mechanisms in place in policy and legislation?</p> <p>Decree 24.645/34 and Brazil's Constitution place all animals under the protection of the State. Their interests may be represented in court by the Public Prosecutor or by NGOs.[1] Local authorities should therefore feel obliged to enforce the law if incidences of cruelty and abuse are brought to their attention.</p> <p>Offences under the 1934 law are considered as misdemeanors incurring fines. Penalties under Article 32 of Law 9,605/98 are more serious. The penalty for engaging in an act of abuse or mistreatment is imprisonment of three months to one year, and a fine. The penalty shall be increased by one-sixth to one-third in the event of the death of the animal.</p>
Canada (Vancouver)			<p><a href="https://spca.bc.ca/i-need-help-with/laws-enforcement-in-your-community/">https://spca.bc.ca/i-need-help-with/laws-enforcement-in-your-community/</a>  <a href="#">I can't see anything here.</a></p>
Belgium			No response.

### “Jersey Cats Hit and Run” Campaign

#### Timeline of events

17 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	<p><b>Sandra Jasmins created</b> “Jersey Cats Hit and Run” Facebook group to start campaigning and raising awareness.</p> <p>I've just opened this group in aim to stop people driving off after hitting an animal, pets are family. Accidents happen but have a heart and stop to help</p>
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	<p>Message posted in the group:</p> <p>I want to make everyone aware that the JSPCA does NOT charge the general public if they inform them they have either hit an animal, or that an animal needs assistance and the ambulance has to come out, I was charged a collection fee from the shelter as I am responsible for the animal and I was completely fine with that. My poor little cat was hit on Wednesday night and left to die on the roadside as the driver didn't stop, we know when we have hit a rock let alone an animal so I can only assume the driver had no heart or they were afraid they would be charged.</p>
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	<p>My cat is critical ill for being hit by a car, outside my door, by someone who visited or were working at my neighbours, only my neighbour's drive pass, but she was hit so hard that there was a pool of blood, no one stopped to help. I won't stop until something is done about it. This people who call themselves humans but hit a life and run, that cat is left in agony, until it's found, most times dead. How would you feel if someone did that to you? You don't need to love cats, but please have some respect as someone is at home worried and most never know what happened to their beloved cat. Accidents happen, all you have to do is call JSPCA ambulance, help reunite that poor animal with their family. Please let's not give up, it could be yours tomorrow. Thank you</p>
27 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	<p><b>Sandra Jasmins post:</b> This is Binky who was hit by someone who didn't stop, she's been at New Era for the past week, she's very weak here as this photo was taken a week ago, and it's hard to see her like this. She was lucky someone was home to help her, I pray every day for her to come home, today the vet phoned to say that for the first time she has managed to eat, I'm so happy, even though it's only a small improvement, thank you everyone who has supported me, I couldn't have done without everyone being here for me xx</p>



14<sup>th</sup> Aug  
2015

Not the best photo of my beautiful binky but its ok, she will get stronger everyday 😊. I'm really happy today because she ate a lot more, thanks to the vets at New Era for changing her jaw wire to make her more comfortable xx






4<sup>th</sup> October  
2015

Binky last night, blood is normal, extracted 4 teeth and no wire holding her jaw 😊  
hopefully this is it, a happy Binky and I xxx

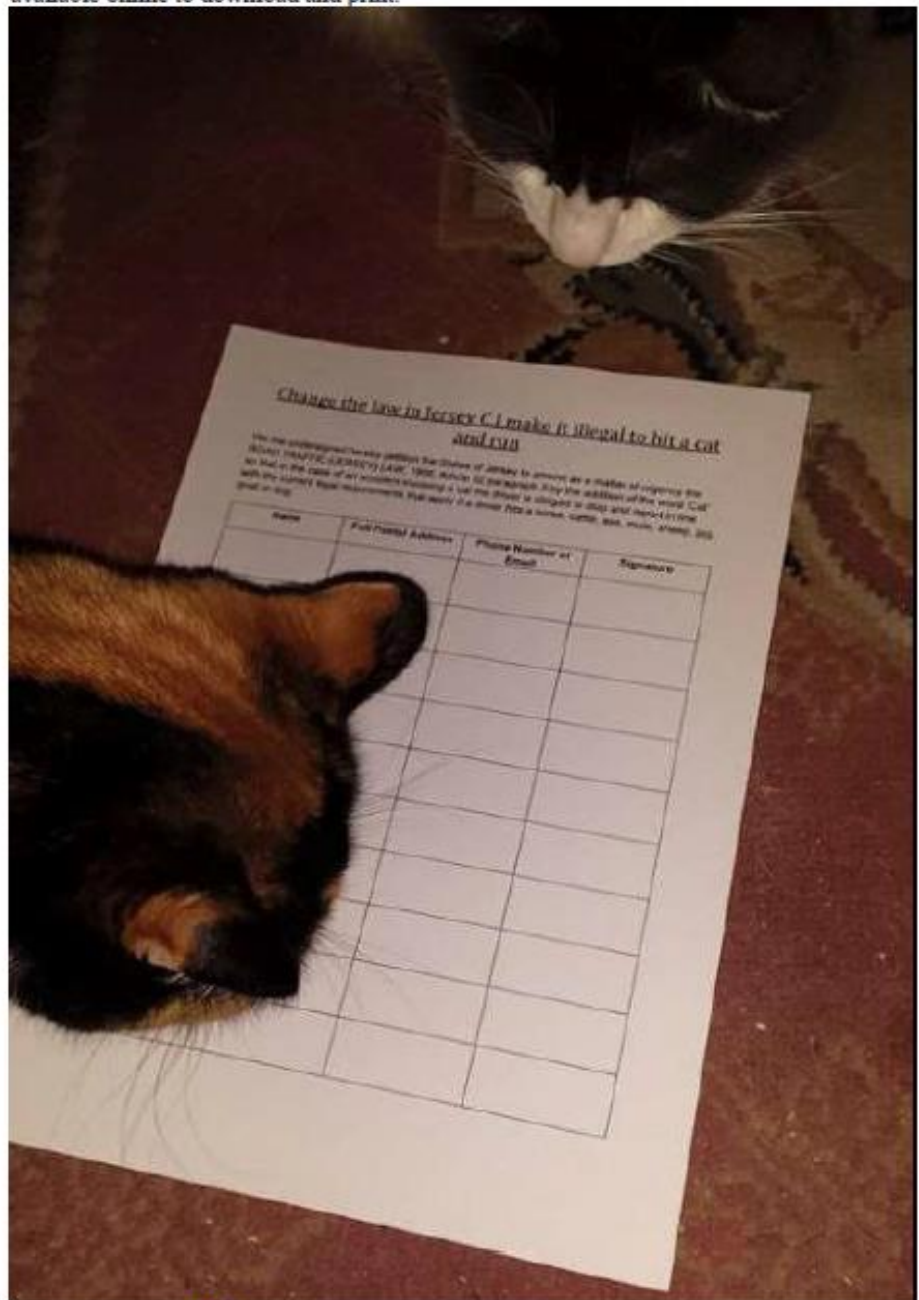


<p>18<sup>th</sup> October 2015</p>	<p>Sandra Jasmins started online petition on change.org:  <a href="https://www.change.org/p/new-online-petition-in-jersey-reached-over-1-000-we-have-now-granted-an-answer-from-our-minister-please-sign-again-by-clicking-on-this-link-https-petitions-gov-je-petitions-200108">https://www.change.org/p/new-online-petition-in-jersey-reached-over-1-000-we-have-now-granted-an-answer-from-our-minister-please-sign-again-by-clicking-on-this-link-https-petitions-gov-je-petitions-200108</a></p> <p>This petition ended achieving 5,913 supporters</p>
<p>19<sup>th</sup> October 2015</p>	<p>Online petition reported in BaliwickExpress.com</p>

	<p>WWW.BAILIWICKEXPRESS.COM <span style="float: right;">i</span></p> <p><b>"Change the law to protect cats on the roads"   Bailiwick Express</b></p> <p>More than 1,800 people have signed an online petition set up at the weekend supporting calls to give cats the same status as dogs and make it...</p>	
<p>19<sup>th</sup> October 2015</p>	<p>Sandra Jasmins speaks about the campaign and online petition on BBC Radio Jersey on Jersey at One</p> 	
<p>19<sup>th</sup> October 2015</p>	<p>Online petition reaches 3000 signatures supporting the change in law!!</p>	
<p>20<sup>th</sup> October 2015</p>	<p>Sandra Jasmins - We have reached 3.629 people already, but some don't have Facebook, so I would like to ask everyone who works for a company, large or small, every little helps, could you please pass the petition around? Maybe on your notice board at work, or send an email around if allowed of course 🙏 thank you x</p>	
<p>21<sup>st</sup> October 2015</p>	<p>Growth of signatures for the online petition is starting to be noticed and talked about more in the media:</p>	

	 <p><b>BBC Jersey</b> 21 October 2015 <span style="float: right;">Liko Page</span></p> <p>Can people power make a difference or are petitions a waste of time?</p> <p>More than 3,800 people have signed a petition asking the States to make it illegal to run over a cat and leave it by the roadside here in Jersey.</p> <p>In the past some have been successful in seeing a project through but others - despite overwhelming support from the public - haven't.</p> <p>When has a petition worked - or not worked - for you?</p>
<p>21<sup>st</sup> October 2015</p>	<p>BBC Radio Jersey interviews with Steve Coleman (JSPCA) and then with <a href="#">Sandra Jasmins</a> from lunchtime programme with Tony Gillham</p>  <p>BBC.CO.UK <b>21/10/2016, Tony Gillham on BBC Radio Jersey - BBC Radio Jersey</b></p>
<p>22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015</p>	<p>Hard copy version of the petition is created and copies printed to be distributed to gain signatures from Jersey residents so that it can be recognised by the States of Jersey. Printed copies distributed at shops and businesses for people to sign as well as made</p>

available online to download and print.



25<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Productive morning 😊


Sandra Jasmins Met Jo Abraham , Sarah Richardson and Annette Edwards

If you haven't signed the petition yet and would like to and help change the law to save our Cats, here's where to find us:



- outside Hamons, Kings street, next Saturday 31st of October between 10am and 4pm.

-We are going to be at the milbrook car boot sale next Sunday 1st of November from 8am till 1pm. Car boot sale organiser kindly gave us permission to set up a little space, thank you 😊

-This is also an opportunity if you have signed pages you would like to drop of either day, please just

	<p>come along.</p> <p>I'm unable to do Saturday but <a href="#">Jo Abraham</a> and <a href="#">Sarah Richardson</a> will be in town</p> <p>I will be at the car boot sale on Sunday with Sarah Richardson if the weather allow us to. 😊</p> <p>Please feel free to contact Jo or Sarah as well if you need anything, they will be able to inform me of any news or what we are doing next.</p> <p>A massive thank you to everyone  🐱🐱🐱🐾🐾🐾</p> <p>(Edited as Sarah Richardson has confirmed she has permission for Saturday to get signatures in town)  (you're a star)</p>
<p>26<sup>th</sup> October 2015</p>	<p>Animal shelter open day was a successful day for us. 175 signatures on the hard copy petition  well done Julie thank you and thank you Debbie for supporting us and getting involved 😊 xx</p>
<p>28<sup>th</sup> October 2015</p>	<p>Poster to help raise public awareness of the campaign arrives:</p>  <p>The image shows a woman with long dark hair holding a large white petition poster. The poster has the following text:  <b>Change the Law in Jersey C.I</b>  <b>Make it illegal to Hit a Cat and Run</b>  We the undersigned hereby petition the States of Jersey to amend as a matter of urgency the ROAD TRAFFIC (JERSEY LAW 1956 Article 52 paragraph 3) by the addition of the word 'Cat' so that in the case of an accident involving a cat the driver is obliged to stop and report in line with the current legal requirements that apply if a driver hits: a horse, cattle, ass, mule, sheep, pig, goat or dog.  The poster also features a grid of six photographs of various cats. At the bottom, it says:  Please take a moment to sign our petition, together we can change the law.  Thank You  Text: 07700329559  email: jasminsaf@yahoo.com</p>
<p>30<sup>th</sup> October 2015</p>	<p>Article in newspaper about the online petition:</p>

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Hit-and-run petition signatures</h2> <p><b>P</b></p> <p>I DO hope that the States will next week approve a change in law so that hit-and-run incidents involving cats become illegal.</p> <p>If such a law applies to dogs, then it makes sense for it also to apply to cats.</p> <p>A group of people have collected nearly 5,000 names calling for hit-and-runs against cats to be made illegal but they were told this week that the States will not accept their petition unless it has written signatures on hard copies. So here's another issue, then. Should the States start to accept online petitions? Are online petitions less acceptable than the paper versions?</p> <p>If you agreed with the Facebook petition, you need to get into town tomorrow and converting your online support into a handwritten signature.</p>
<p>1<sup>st</sup> November 2015</p>	<p>Sarah Richardson and other collect signatures in the town:</p> <p>DRUM ROLL PLEASE 1715 YESTERDAY IN TOWN AND DROP OFF 854 TODAY AT MILLBROOK AND DROP OFF</p> <p>2569 SIGNATURES IN TOTAL SO FAR WELL DONE EVERYONE</p>
<p>2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015</p>	<p>Tomorrow is the day we will know if all our efforts are being noticed and put into consideration. Let's all keep our fingers crossed that we will achieve our goal, for our cats, for the poor furry babies that were hit and left to die on the road.</p> <p>We have now just under 3,000 hard copy signatures, only not more because we haven't collected from everyone yet.</p> <p><a href="#">Peter Mac</a> will be asking the question at the states assembly tomorrow, will try to listen and wish I could be there. I also would like to thank Monty and many of the state's members who have been contacted by <a href="#">Sarah Richardson</a> and agreed that this law needs to be changed.</p> <p>I would like to thank everyone who's been helping circulating the petitions, the girls who have been with me on this Jo, <a href="#">Julie Mallett</a>, Sarah Richardson, <a href="#">Linda Hammill</a>, <a href="#">Annette Edwards</a>, <a href="#">Rachi</a>, the list is endless, even this morning someone cycled all the way to my house to drop a petition, I've received many letters with petitions from animal lovers who have had a terrible experience by losing their loved pet in a horrible road accident.</p> <p>A big thank you to the many businesses who have accepted to take petitions so people could go and sign, including the animal shelter who have got us many signatures on their open day.</p> <p>Thank you so much, I couldn't have done this without you all.</p> <p>If the law changes, I have a little plan which might help those who don't know the law 😊 xx 🐾🐾🐾🐾</p>

<p>4<sup>th</sup> November 2015</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"></p> <p>WWW.BAILIWICKEXPRESS.COM</p> <p><b>Local cats get a voice in the States   Bailiwick Express</b></p> <p>Deputy Montfort Tadier told the States he believes 'CAT' is the three-letter word missing from the Island's Road Traffic law but the Transport...</p>
<p>6<sup>th</sup> November 2015</p>	<p><b>PETITION UPDATE</b></p> <p><b>The Campaign continues</b></p> <p> <b>Sandra Jasmins</b> St Lawrence, Jersey</p> <p>6 Nov 2015 — Hello everyone, while we wait for an answer from the states lawyer, who is looking into where to add cats in the law, im still campaigning,</p> <p>Ive been reading so many heartbreaking comments, and have shared some on my facebook group, which i would love if you could join. if you could add me on Facebook, or drop me a message, i will invite you ,in case you cant find it yourself, its called , change the law in Jerseu C.I make it illegal to hit a cat and run.</p> <p>My new project involves getting your story across to the public, so here's my plan:</p> <p>Has your cat been hit by a car? Did he/she survive? Or unfortunately not? I need your story, please message me, i will also need a cute or fun picture of your furry baby that can be shown in public :) (eg: if you're on the picture, keep in mind that it will be public)</p> <p>If we stop and dont talk about it, it can easily be forgotten and more cats will be left injured on the side of the road without help.</p> <p>thank you everyone, we will get there :) never give up xx</p>
<p>10<sup>th</sup> November 2015</p>	<p>We have printed posters thanks to the wonderful Jo who just sorted it out while I was making them, thank you so much, you're a wonderful girl. Now time to laminate them. Ps: Binky is helping xx</p>





21<sup>st</sup>  
November  
2015

Distributing of posters with Sandra Jasmins, Darrell, Marta, Jullie Mallett



21<sup>st</sup>  
November  
2015

Making news again



ITV.COM

### Hundreds of cats killed on roads in winter

Animal welfare groups are urging pet owners to look after their cats as win...



24<sup>th</sup>  
November  
2015

Campaigning with posters in windows of our cars:



24<sup>th</sup>  
November  
2015

Sadly another cat was killed on the road last Friday, his name was "Sox", he was 9 years old and was left on the road, killed on an estate, Bell vue, st Brelade, R.I.P baby boy 😞 will be posting his picture but it's still too soon, the family is devastated

<p>1<sup>st</sup> December 2015</p>	<p>Today another 2 cat were killed on a hit and run, Toby and Nahla didn't make and were left for days. Please share this page as much as you can, speak to your friends about it, it's important to keep this campaign going, let's not let this cause fade away while so many cats are being killed and left. Thanks everyone</p>
<p>9<sup>th</sup> December 2015</p>	<p>5.000 leaflets printed ready to go on your letter boxes Lovely Jersey residents 😊 if you could put one on your work notice board, every little helps, they are only small and to raise awareness 😊 Lots of walking around the island and where's there's cars. Might go for a run on Sunday 😊 Where to start?</p> <div data-bbox="513 645 1439 1563" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p>13<sup>th</sup> December 2015</p>	<p>Our banner is going up outside Rouge Boullion school</p>

**IF YOU ACCIDENTALLY HIT ME WITH YOUR VEHICLE  
COULD YOU PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE TO HELP ME?**



**ALL IT WILL COST YOU IS, A PHONE CALL, THAT'S ALL WE ASK FOR  
MY FAMILY WILL WORRY ABOUT ME IF I NEVER GET HOME**

**JSPCA 724331**

11<sup>th</sup> January  
2016

They have finally arrived 😊)

I've got 20 magnetics and 10 large car stickers

The magnetics are £7 each

The stickers are £5 each

I've paid for them all, if you would like to get one, please let me know, I didn't order more because I wasn't sure if anyone would be happy to have it, please do let me know if you find it too expensive and can't afford but would like one, please message me, would love to see them on a few cars, make people think about all this situation



<p>14<sup>th</sup> January 2016</p>	<p>And the battle continues 😊 I've spoken to Peter Mac and he is going to start chasing the case again, now the holidays are over, time to get on this again 😊 Let's not give up, it can easily fade away 🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾🐾</p>
<p>17<sup>th</sup> January 2016</p>	<p>Here is Leon and Alison distributing the leaflets, Leon is a young and new driver who has 2 cats a boy and a girl. Leon is one of the youngsters who will make future a better place for everyone. Thank you Leon for your help, you are a true gentleman</p>



28<sup>th</sup> January  
2016

An example of why it's so important to stop and give the cat a chance, and if the cat does die, the owner having piece of mind.



**Serena de Gruchy** ▶ **JERSEY - Ask!**  
**Advise! Advertise!**

1 hr · Saint Peter · 🌐


Thank you to the kind person who found our little black cat Pumba by the road today and took her to st Mary's village vets, who contacted us as she was microchipped. Hard to believe she's gone. She was such a sweetie. We will miss her funny ways and her squeaky meow x

12<sup>th</sup>  
February  
2016

Published by Sandra Jasmims:

Hi everyone  
I've been keeping in touch with Peter Mac who is supporting us and doing his best to speed up the process, so here's what Peter said:

"I challenged Eddie in the States last week regarding the progress made and I reminded him that I was

	<p>on his case! If you and the rest of the guys 'petition' home and Steve directly it will help remind them to get it sorted"</p> <p>So I have a plan: - keep emailing TTS and animal welfare ministers</p> <p>-get the message across to drivers. This is the hardest and if drivers stopped when they hit an animal, there would be no need for a law to change, so we have to continue educating drivers.</p> <p>So the plan is: Dress up in a cats onesie, get some posters made (can be homemade) and stand in town in different parts of town, each corner with a message. No handling leaflets or anything, just stand there with a message on a cardboard.</p> <p>Who's willing to join? I say a cat onesie so we get attention, but whatever we can arrange, we can make our own outfit. Please if you can join, I will arrange a date that would suit everyone, I think a Saturday would be ideal. Also please come up with short messages that we can write on our boards and display them. I will start by contacting town hall and ask if I need permission for this, it will only be standing there, but we need to make sure we don't cause any troubles.</p> <p>Thank you so much everyone who has been fighting with me, even those who are now busy, you have all been an extremely important part of this campaign, don't stay away, it's our cause.</p>
<p>13<sup>th</sup> February 2016</p>	<p>A post in the Facebook group: My friends cat Sonic 16 years old was hit run and killed yesterday in Oak Tree Gardens. It's disgusting that a family member of 16 years was left for dead leaving his family distraught in the state they found him in. 🐱... This law needs to be put in place. Love his with the family</p> 
<p>8<sup>th</sup> March 2016</p>	<p>A good news story shared – this is why it's so important to get the law changed: Someone hit our boy but thankfully we found him in time and after 2 months cage rest (and lots of vet bills) he has made a full recovery. We were lucky to find him, but the fact someone just left him is heart breaking.</p>



15<sup>th</sup> March  
2016

Hi everyone

So Alison has been busy sending emails to states members and here's the reply we received from Terry Mc Donald which has given me a bit more hope, and like he said on another email "we are in this to win"

So here we go, I've asked permission to publish so all our supporters could read and he was happy for me to share X

Terry Mc Donald  
Deputy for St. Saviour number 3 District

Thank you for your email and you can certainly count on my vote in the States debate.

I was a Policeman for 24 years here in Jersey and I have attended many accident scenes involving cats and I always felt that they should be included with the list of horse, cattle, ass, mule, sheep, pig, goat or dog and now we can do so, as I am sure many members will vote in favour of the proposition.


My fiancée and I have 67 animals in total including horses, ponies, sheep, ducks, chickens, numerous fancy birds of all types and of course three cats and two dogs and other assorted critters! They are all as much a part of our family as the humans are and, the majority of them are rescued animals. What I am really saying is that we fully agree with you and understand your concerns much more than most.


Our latest arrival from the Animal Shelter is a 15 or 16 year old cat called Jerry who has all sorts of issues including being diabetic and insulin dependent which means giving him his injection at 8am every day. When my better half took one of our very old cats down to the vets to be put to sleep before he started to suffer any form of pain she decided that we could accommodate another as you would well expect of animal lovers. Jerry had been at the shelter for over 12 months for obvious reasons bless him, and he walked into our house, flopped down in front of the fire and claimed pole position just as if he had spent his entire life here with us and the rest of the animals who readily accepted him too I'm so pleased to say.

Thanks for taking the time to contact all States members concerning this matter as it speaks volumes about you. You are truly one of us genuine lovers of animals so bless you for your concerns.

Kind Regards



	Terry Mc Donald
18 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	<p>For those who missed it earlier today, here is the interview on BBC Radio Jersey with Sandra Jasmins. The interview starts about 3 hours 33 minutes into the programme. Well done Sandra.</p> <p>BBC Radio Jersey with Tony Gilham</p>
1 <sup>st</sup> May 2016	<p><b>Sandra Jasmins</b> - I'm making posters with missing cats photos, trying to help find them for their owners and most times I just assume that I'm helping and it's ok, it's not always the case, so if you don't want your cat on my poster, for whatever reason, just let me know before I add them, but please consider, even if you don't want them anymore when it gets found, at least they get a chance to be re-homed.</p> <p>The aim is to find a missing pet.</p> <p>Please post below if you have your cat is missing and would like it to go on the posters.</p> <p>Since the posters have been circulating, 3 cats have been spotted and returned home, thanks to someone who saw us sharing them.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
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<p>7<sup>th</sup> May 2016</p>	<p><b>Sandra Jasmins - UPDATE</b> CHANGING THE LAW ON STOP HIT AND RUN</p> <p>I've messaged Peter Mac earlier and these are the good news:</p> <p>Answer from Peter: "I asked the environment minister at the last states sitting for an update and have finally got a commitment that this will fall within the remit of the department for infrastructure. I have been approached by Eddie Noel to set up a meeting to discuss how to move this forward. Trust me, this is a big deal as it usually takes an eternity for progress to be made. I will let you know how I get on as soon as there is news but there seems to be plenty of reason for optimism" Peter Mac</p> <p>Thank you everyone, please let's continue raising awareness and educations drivers, if you still have some leaflets that you haven't been able to distribute, please let me know, we can find someone who will do it 😊</p> <p>If you can help with anything, let me know, ideas are welcome. Let's not give up on educating drivers, hitting a cat and leaving it to die, it's not acceptable.</p>
<p>26<sup>th</sup> May 2016</p>	<p>Another cat hit by a car and died</p> <p>Today I got the phone call no pet owner wants to get. As most of you know, Buddy and Hunter had to be separated so I kept hunter and Buddy went to my mum. I got a phone call from the animal shelter today saying that Buddy had been hit by a car and didn't make it, all we know is that he didn't suffer in pain.</p> <p>It's a sad time for us all, as he was such a loving cat who will be missed.</p> <p>Rest in peace Buddy 🥺💕💕</p> <p>25/05/2016 💕💕</p> 
<p>26<sup>th</sup> May 2016</p>	<p>I have finally laminated these, they are A4 size and I've been asking in shops if they would display on</p>

their window, if you would like one or know of anyone who would have either on their car or in their shop, please let us know, I have about 25 of these, I can print more if necessary 😊 and I don't want any money for it, I ordered with a discount and a large business order, so cost next to nothing xx thank you for continuing supporting us, together we can change the law but also the most difficult part which is change the way drivers behave.



31<sup>st</sup> May  
2016

Jullie Mallet went around the town (St Helier) distributing posters and asking shops to display them in their windows, thank you so much, I will be naming the shops and hopefully get a photo to share who's supporting our campaign 😊  
This is Cry shop in new street, displaying our poster from today.



2rd June  
2016


Touzels (Animal Kingdom)  
Supporting our campaign ❤️ thank you  
(Once again, Julie Mallett achievement) 😊

<p>3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016</p>	<p>HOLLAND AND BARRETT          Thank you for supporting our campaign 🐾          Thank you Julie Mallett for all you do xx</p>



3<sup>rd</sup> June  
2016

SWAROVSKI SHOP is also supporting our campaign and have put our poster up, thank you so much

	
<p>3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016</p>	<p>The chocolate Bar in Conway Street Thank you so much 🐾🐾🐾</p>




7<sup>th</sup> July 2016

An example of where someone hit a cat and has reported:

I am in floods of tears writing this as the owner of three fur babies. I just hit a dark coloured/black cat on Aquila Road just past the little cafe near to the Randall's building. I stopped my car immediately and got out to look but a passer-by said the cat ran off under the archway to the apartments. I have called the JSPCA and they are sending somebody round to have a look but if you know of anyone in this area with a cat please, please get them to make sure the cat is ok. I know I would



	<p>be absolutely devastated if this was my cat and I just want to know if it's alright.</p>
<p>23<sup>rd</sup> July 2016</p>	<p>Another Hit and Run:</p> <p>Feeling very sad this evening. I came across a cat which had most likely been hit by a car on Mont Cochon at around 5:30pm. I called JSPCA who arrived approx. 5 minutes after my call. The owner has been contacted and has been in touch with me. She was a beautiful tabby, aged 9 years and her name was Roxy. RIP Roxy, run free over the Rainbow Bridge. God bless and prayers for you and your family</p>
<p>29<sup>th</sup> July 2016</p>	<p>EQUAL RIGHTS FOR CATS ASSOCIATION</p> <p>I have asked our association member Alison Fromager if we could composed an open letter which would be sent to:</p> <p>Deputy Peter McLinton</p> <p>Which we have copied in:</p> <p>Minister E. Noel JEP Radio Jersey Channel 103 ITV news</p> <p>The aim of the open letter is to request that this overdue amendment be put forward in the States Chambers as soon as possible.</p> <p>This matter was mentioned on the states Chamber on the 3rd of November 2015 by Deputy Peter McLinton.</p> <p>I will be posting here a reminder of what was said on the 3rd of November 2015 as a reminder, in hope this law will be changed so no more cats have to suffer, die on the side of the road or that someone might take matters into their own hands.</p> <p>Thank you everyone who's has been working so hard to get the message across, let's not give up.</p> <p>Sandra Jasmins On behalf of Equal Rights for Cats Association</p>
<p>29<sup>th</sup> July 2016</p>	<p>Interview with Sandra Jasmins on BBC radio Jersey with Cameron Ward:</p>  <p>BBC.CO.UK 29/07/2016, Cameron Ward - BBC Radio Jersey</p>

<p>5<sup>th</sup> August 2016</p>	<p>Since hearing the clip on channel 103, I have sent the following email to Deputy McLinton, which was sent as an open letter, it's a long message but we think it's important that we explain what we want changed. Deputy McLinton has replied and we are getting organised and thinking about what will be the next step:</p> <p><b>OPEN LETTER</b></p> <p>We feel there has been a misunderstanding on what Equal rights for cats association aim with our proactive campaign.</p> <p>I thought I would explain and speak for our group so we can clarify this confusion, after listening to Deputy Peter McLinton on Radio Jersey and Channel 103.</p> <p>As you are aware, presently there are numerous animals that if involved in a collision with a motor vehicle require the driver to inform the police of the collision. This collision is a 'reportable' collision. Other types of collision include a single vehicle versus property collision and those involving human injury are known as 'recordable'. The difference being that when recorded formerly details of the collision can be used in court as evidence, as well as forwarded to insurance companies regarding cases involving claims. A 'recordable' collision requires the police to attend.</p> <p>I think Deputy McLinton has misinformed the public in that he suggests that the law is merely there to protect the driver. That is not the case. Historically, and when the law was originally drafted it included mainly livestock, horse, cow, sheep, goat and of course the pet dog. Basically animals with a value that should they be lost to a vehicle collision could cause financial hardship. Cats as we know are passed around at very little cost and on most occasions are free. We agree with the fact that they are free agents and therefore are likely to victims on more occasions than other animals, however there is an element of financial cost too but this is not the reason we wish to have the law changed.</p> <p>Our solution would be to suggest that should the law be changed it would make a collision with a cat 'reportable' just like the other animals listed by name. This is not 'recordable' and therefore would not require a states of jersey police officer attending. This means that the driver must inform not necessarily the Police, the Police should not be the first port of call and should only be informed if other notifiable parties cannot be reached. 1) the owner 2) JSPCA 3) Then the Police.</p> <p>The offence would not necessarily be regarding the manner of driving of the vehicle, but failing to inform of the collision, this is very important to stress. This would be exactly the same as any other failing to report offence. We don't realistically see that anyone would ever be prosecuted for hitting a cat as no doubt it would have run out in front of the vehicle as we know happens.</p> <p>For this to work the Honorary police would have to be on board and the Duty Centenier of the Parish where the collision occurred would be the police officer who would deal primarily and make the liaison with JSPCA should the driver not have done so. We don't think that the States of Jersey police will ever support this change unless there was some sort of procedure in place in that the Duty Centenier was made responsible. Otherwise these calls will provide another duty on an already heavily under resourced list of responsibilities.</p> <p>All we ask is for a simple, fair change.</p> <p>We appreciate you are very busy and we would like to please ask, if you could take our letter into consideration and take actions so our furry friends/family are protected.</p> <p>Many thanks Kindest regards On Behalf of Equal Rights for Cats association Sandra Jasmins</p>
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<p>9<sup>th</sup> August 2016</p>	<p>Alison Fromager composed letter that was published in the JEP on page 13 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016 edition:</p> <div data-bbox="520 495 1422 1453" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Help us change law so motorists who run over cats must report it</h2> <p><b>*From Sandra Jasmies, on behalf of Equal Rights for Cats.</b></p> <p>OUR aim as a group is to raise awareness when cats are hit by a vehicle and make this reportable so that they are not left dying or injured on our roads.</p> <p>Deputy Peter McLinton had previously raised this issue in the States Chamber in November 2015, this was in the hope of amending the Road Traffic (Jersey) Law 1955, to include cats next to dogs. Since this last discussion there has been no change.</p> <p>Our group has been proactive in raising a petition, distributing leaflets and putting up posters so we can raise awareness. We have now sent an open letter to Deputy McLinton requesting that this is brought to the States.</p> <p>Our group has seen many accidents where cats have been left to die, left with irreversible damage and with owners wondering where their beloved cat is after it has disappearing without any trace.</p> <p>As responsible pet owners and animal-loving Islanders, we are asking for your readers' support. Help us in making this change, so that another cat does not have to die alone or, at best, struggle home wounded and terrified.</p> <p>Most people carry mobiles now. If you hit a cat, please report this to the JSPCA emergency number as soon as possible. It takes no time at all to enter and save this number. A call could save a cat's life, if they receive emergency care, or enable the cat to be returned to their owner.</p> <p>We appreciate accidents happen and would not want to see anyone prosecuted when a cat is hit by a car.</p> <p>La Petite, Oxenford Close, Grande Route de Saint Laurent, St Lawrence.</p> <p><b>*If you hit a cat, please report this to the JSPCA emergency number as soon as possible*</b></p>  </div>
<p>14<sup>th</sup> August 2016</p>	<p>Another sad story:</p> <p>Our cat was hit last night and left for dead on La route de la hougue bie. We are all beyond devastated...the hardest part is thinking that maybe if someone had stopped she could have got to a vets and been saved. Instead she was left for dead for my husband to find her on the roadside dead as he drove to work</p>
<p>2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016</p>	<p>Let me introduce you our mascot Binky who will be the face of our campaign, our message will be equal rights for cats, no other reason behind what I'm doing but to raise awareness to drivers that it's not acceptable to hit a cat and leave without reporting. Binky the Mascot will be wearing a t-shirt with our message "equal rights for cats"</p> <p>I would like to thank everyone who has contributed in my crowdfunding and I will put all the information on the page of costs, receipts etc. so no one can say that I haven't been transparent. Thank you</p>



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Article on [bailiwickexpress.com](http://bailiwickexpress.com):

[WWW.BAILIWICKEXPRESS.COM](http://WWW.BAILIWICKEXPRESS.COM)

**Highway Code now cool for cats!**

The Infrastructure Minister says he can't change the law to give cats the same rights as dogs, but has amended the Highway Code ahead of a big Island-wide campaign to protect our local moggies.

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Article in [Jersey Evening Post.com](http://Jersey Evening Post.com):

## Road death law: 'Cats different from dogs'

News | Published: Nov 19, 2016

MOTORISTS who hit a cat while driving in Jersey should report the incident to the Animals Shelter, the Infrastructure Minister says.

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More than a year after 2,000 people signed an online petition calling for it to be made illegal to hit a cat and drive off – as it is with dogs – Deputy Eddie Noel says it would not be appropriate to bring the law on cats into line with that on dogs.

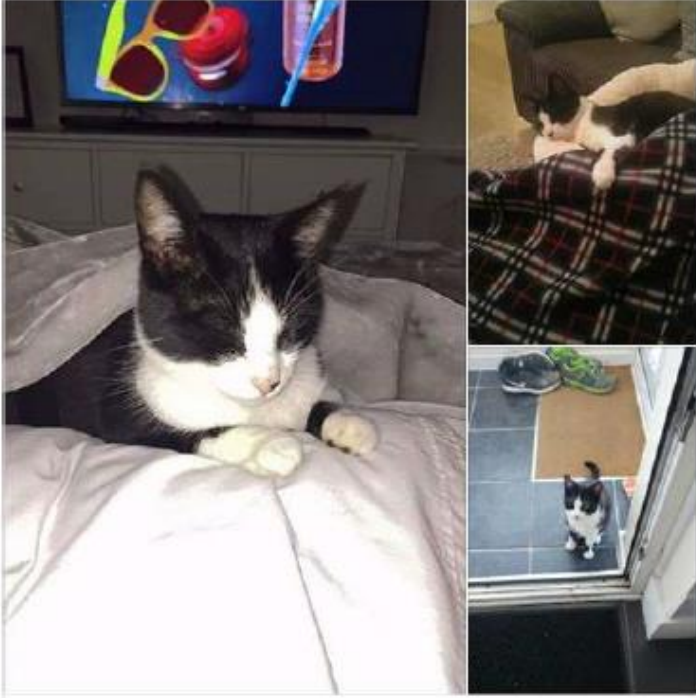
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## Jersey cats given equal rights



	<p>Jersey cats now have equal rights to dogs, following a change in the Highway Code.</p> <p>Islanders who hit a cat with their car are now obliged to report the incident to the JSPCA, under the new law</p> <p>A pet ambulance will then be dispatched to the scene.</p> <p>Previously, islanders only had to call the authorities for road accidents involving dogs.</p> <p>The States approved a change in the law following publicity from Jersey's Equal Rights for Cat campaign.</p> <p>...</p> <p><a href="https://www.itv.com/news/channel/2016-11-30/jersey-cats-given-equal-rights/?fbclid=IwAR1I6LOkaJ2sVJ9Ls1eeruxO7qUBiH2xqyMAvBOTZqx6s87uJIKXQZAb-EE">https://www.itv.com/news/channel/2016-11-30/jersey-cats-given-equal-rights/?fbclid=IwAR1I6LOkaJ2sVJ9Ls1eeruxO7qUBiH2xqyMAvBOTZqx6s87uJIKXQZAb-EE</a></p>
<p>8<sup>th</sup> December 2016</p>	<p>Sandra Jasmins interview on BBC Radio Guernsey about the campaign in Jersey and public awareness that still needs to be raised.</p>  <p>BBC.CO.UK <b>08/12/2016, Jenny Kendall-Tobias - BBC Radio Guernsey</b></p>
<p>15<sup>th</sup> December 2016</p>	<p>A heart breaking story posted just before Christmas:</p> <p>Rip baby girl xxx there aren't many words to describe how I'm feeling right now. I'm so heartbroken saying this xx today has been the hardest day in my life! I will never stop loving you, u have given me so many good memories I which I will never forget. You will be in my heart forever. I know you will be having all the dreamies you can handle lol love you always baby girl.</p> <p>My tilly was hit by a car today and I was only told by JSPCA after they couldn't save her. She was my princess so If anyone has any information please message me as I need to know she was looked after until the JSCPA turned up and that she wasn't alone in her final moments. thank you</p>

	
20 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	<p>Another sad story:</p> <p>Our cat "Lando" was a hit and run victim last Friday and was found by a lady in the car park at clos paumelle, St. Saviours x if you are reading this thank you so much for staying with him for his final moments and calling the shelter we can't thank you enough for the kindness you showed our boy</p>
4 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	<p>Unfortunately it's still happening:</p> <p>Hi sadly on the way to le Hocq this evening we came across a black cat in the road which had been hit. Unfortunately the cat died soon after. We contacted the Animal Shelter who came to collect it. just thought I should post this in case anyone is missing their cat</p>
19 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	<p>Yet again Saturday a poor cat was hit by a driver drove off left the poor cat in road JSPCA was called. They were super quick getting there, sadly the poor fur baby passed away he was only year old</p>
1 <sup>st</sup> March 2018	<p>Posted in the Facebook group:</p> <p>Please sign the L'Esprit de Fernando petition to bring traffic calming &amp; improved lighting to Route de la Baie, St Brelades, Jersey. <a href="http://bit.ly/LEspritDeFernando">http://bit.ly/LEspritDeFernando</a></p> <p>Fernando was a young and intelligent cat. He enjoyed life and exploring. He loved his visits to St Brelade's Bay where he had the freedom to roam. He was killed by a vehicle on the 20 mile an hour Route de la Baie on 27 December 2017. It is very sad to lose Fernando, but it could have been a child, resident or visitor who was crossing the road from one of the hotels or from one of the car parks on either side. Please support this petition to the States of Jersey to make St Brelade's Bay safer by bringing traffic calming and improved street lighting.</p>
2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2018	<p>Some more sad news:</p> <p>I write this with sadness my parents sadly witnessed a cat knocked over by a car up by woodbine corner roughly 9.00 this evening. The cat didn't make it. Beautiful young looking tabby. JSPCA are on the way to ours to collect now. Hopefully</p>

	<p>microchipped. My thoughts go out to the family tonight. Another driver speeding who had no interest in stopping shame on them.</p>
<p>5<sup>th</sup> September 2018</p>	<p>Sandra Jasmins starts new online petition:          We have started an online petition, now valid in Jersey, please sign, and share, ask your friends to sign. Let's get together one more time and give our cats equal rights. If you can't find the confirmation email please check your junk mail. Thank you so much.          Equal Rights for Cats Team  <a href="https://petitions.gov.je/petitions/200108">https://petitions.gov.je/petitions/200108</a></p> 
<p>16<sup>th</sup> September 2018</p>	<p>5000 Leaflets produced and printed to be handed out to raise awareness of the online petition. Nearly all of the 5000 leaflets were distributed by hand, 1 leaflet per household, over the coming months by several team members. That's 5000 households:</p>



	
<p>27<sup>th</sup> September 2018</p>	<p><a href="#">Annette Edwards</a> will be giving out leaflets next Wednesday the 3rd at St. Peter's Co op, but I've only got 200 leaflets left, <a href="#">Athena Marie Kallias</a> and <a href="#">Chris Jackson</a> if either of you would be able to drop off some of yours to Annette, as she doesn't have much, we also need someone to go with her, I appreciate we have our day jobs but if anyone is free, please could you let Annette know so she has company. Annette got permission to do on that specific day, not allowed to get in customers way or stop them, it's just to hand out the leaflets, they can read the leaflet and will understand what we are doing</p>

7<sup>th</sup> February  
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## Child's heart-wrenching notes to drivers after pet cat killed

An unknown child has left heart-wrenching notes along a street in Greater Manchester begging motorists to drive carefully, after the family cat was killed by a car.

The notes, in a child's handwriting, say: "My cat got killed here. Please go slow animals crossing."

The notes appeared around Old Meadow Lane in Hale.



12<sup>th</sup>  
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Have you signed our petition? Did you know that everyone who is over 16 years old can sign, no matter how many of you in the same household, you can all sign if resident in Jersey.



Do you feel you don't need to sign or ask your family members to do it, because your cat doesn't go on the road, you live in a quiet lane and that never happened before? Or maybe your cats are indoors, so no risk, maybe you don't have a cat or plan to have one, so why sign, right?

It doesn't and shouldn't need to affect you, why not support others? All we ask is people to stop and report the accident, just like you would with a dog and should do with any animal.



If every single one of you who live in Jersey signed, we would have the necessary 5,000 signatures.

We have less than a month left, after the 5<sup>th</sup> of March, we have to deal with the outcome and hope, if anything horrible is to happen, the driver will stop and report, the way it is right now, Cats have no rights at all.

Remember how 3 years ago a cat got hit by a car and then the passenger decided to 'put the cat out of its misery'...? Nothing happened to that person, this would have been different if the animal was for example a dog. I ask once again, please sign, it won't affect you in anyway, it's about making drivers do the decent

	<p>thing. I would and have stopped, for any animal, but not all drivers think this way, unless told to. Thank you for reading, I know I keep going on about this, but I still have a few days to fight, no one can say I haven't tried.</p>
<p>19<sup>th</sup> February 2019</p>	<p>Online petition is gaining momentum but still short of the 5000 signatures:</p> <p>Petition</p> <p><b>Make it law to stop 'Hit and Run' for Cats</b></p> <p>Certain animals involved in RTAs require the driver to inform the police;this doesn't include cats. Cats are free agents and are more likely to be victims to RTAs. We wish to see the law changed to reduce their suffering, by getting them to a vet quickly. Please help by signing to protect our cats.</p> <p>► More details</p> <p><b>Sign this petition</b></p> <p><b>3,389</b> signatures</p> 
<p>24<sup>th</sup> February 2019</p>	<p>Post on Facebook from John Baker:</p>  <p>I believe that cats are just as precious to their owners as dogs and should, therefore, have the same rights. However, to achieve better control, all of these animals should be chipped so that in the event of an accident their owners could be easily traced.</p> <p><b>Petitions</b> States of Jersey States Assembly</p> <p>PETITIONS.GOV.JE <b>Petition: Make it law to stop 'Hit and Run' for Cats</b> <a href="#">Learn More</a></p>

<p>25<sup>th</sup> February 2019</p>	<p>Email from Deputy Lindsay Ash which was sent to me, Deputy Pinel and Norman, thank you for your support <b>Subject:</b> Cat Reporting</p> <p>I feel that if we accept that a dog being involved in a road traffic accident is reportable then we Surely also have to accept that a cat being involved in a similar fashion should come under the same law.</p> <p>It is a very distressing situation for anyone to lose a pet in this fashion especially for a family with young Children but it helps to provide a closure if they are able to know what has occurred rather than be left wondering.</p> <p>In the case of a family they are then able to break the news to their children in a fitting manner rather than being Left in limbo or worse still having their children confronted with a corpse in a road the following morning.</p> <p>Please join this petition as the way we treat our animals very much defines us as a society.</p> <p><a href="https://petitions.gov.je/petitions/200108">https://petitions.gov.je/petitions/200108</a></p> <p><b>Lindsay Ash</b> <b>Deputy St Clement</b> <b>Assistant Treasury Minister</b></p>
<p>28<sup>th</sup> February 2019</p>	<p>Continuing to raise support for signing the online States of Jersey petition: Make it law to stop 'Hit and Run' for Cats</p>
<p>5<sup>th</sup> March 2019</p>	<p>Petition closes on 5,317 signatures!!</p>

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<p data-bbox="384 1193 491 1249">6<sup>th</sup> March 2019</p>	<p data-bbox="550 1200 895 1229">Article on BailiwickExpress.com</p> <div data-bbox="550 1249 1382 1816" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px;">  <p data-bbox="571 1697 831 1720" style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">BAILIWICKEXPRESS.COM</p> <p data-bbox="571 1731 1222 1760" style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Feline good! Petition victory for cat campaigners</p> <p data-bbox="571 1771 1318 1800" style="font-size: 0.9em; margin: 0;">Campaigners working to stamp out 'hit and runs' involving cats are...</p> </div>
<p data-bbox="384 1843 491 1899">6<sup>th</sup> March 2019</p>	<p data-bbox="550 1850 1246 1879">Where Jersey residents signing the online petition were located:</p>

<p>9<sup>th</sup> April 2019</p>	<p>Posted: The debate for our cats' road safety to be recognised by law is due to be 30th April. As you may already know, a small group of us met Jeremy Maçon for a really positive meeting. Please lobby your politicians, particularly in your own district so that we can get as many votes as possible. Many of them own cats so will be on our side but we can't rely on that by itself. On the day there will be debate. Please lobby them with your requests and in some cases you will have stories to tell. Remember the point is to make someone stop and report.</p>
<p>13<sup>th</sup> April 2019</p>	<p>More posting from Chris Jackson: Did you know that Jersey could be the first place in Europe to pass legislation to give equal rights to cats? It might not happen without your support. Please lobby the politicians NOW! Debate is only two weeks away.</p>
<p>30<sup>th</sup> April 2019</p>	

7<sup>th</sup> May  
2019

Letter to Jersey Evening Post:

**TO THE  
CARS  
THAT  
STOPPED  
SATURDAY  
27 APRIL**

The unknown driver who picked up and returned our beautiful cat Tia, to hold one last time.

Our thanks for your kindness.

Ian and Kathleen,  
Les Arches Farm,  
La Grande Route  
de St Martin.