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## County explores limits on cats

Proposed ordinance would cap the number of cats residents can own

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LA GRANDE — Union County may soon have a feline ownership limit.

The Union County Board of Commissioners is considering adopting an updated animal control ordinance that would limit the number of adult cats Union County residents can own to 10.

Presently, there is no limit on the number of adult cats residents can own, according to Lani Jones, animal control officer for the Union County Sheriff's Office. The lack of an enforceable limit has helped lead to situations in the past with homes filled with dozens of cats, creating unhealthy situations, Jones said.

Diseases like feline leukemia and respiratory infections are easily spread from cat to cat in a crowded home situation. Jones added sometimes feline diseases can spread to humans, such as toxoplasmosis and salmonellosis. Both can be spread by exposure to cat feces. Toxoplasmosis causes about 750 deaths in the United States a year and salmonellosis, also known as salmonella, which claims 420 lives a year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Union County Commissioner Matt Scarfo, who worked with the sheriff's office in creating the proposed animal control ordinance update, noted that he receives a number of complaints about cats. Many involve felines owned by neighbors who dig in gardens and flower boxes.

"Many of these complaints are from people who do not own cats," he said.

The current animal control ordinance makes no reference to cats but the proposed updated one,

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## As summer heats up, Eastern Oregon classic car enthusiasts gear up for shows

By **ALEX WITTWER**  
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LA GRANDE — "Remember the wind blowing through your hair? Remember hair?"

Chevrolet emblazoned those words on billboards throughout Detroit in 2007 to celebrate classic cars. It featured the 1957 Chevrolet Bel-Air convertible, bright red on a turquoise blue background. A small replica of the billboard hangs in Ed Lund's garage in La Grande.

"You look back on a simpler time, just the nostalgia and the memories, and that's what it's all about," said Lund, one classic car collector in Eastern Oregon.

As summer approaches, so do the classic car shows that offer opportunities for locals and tourists to check out some of the best kept cars from yesteryear, complete with the gleam of polished chrome, mirror finishes and iconic hood ornaments.

Car shows offer a way to give back to the community as well, according to Hermiston Classics Car Club President Juan Lopez. The shows,

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### UPCOMING CLASSIC CAR SHOWS

- Elgin Riverfest at Panton Mill Park, June 19
- Hermiston Cool Rides Car Show at McKenzie Park, July 9-10
- La Grande Classic Car Show at Adams Avenue, July 16-17
- Main Street Show & Shine in Enterprise, Aug. 20-21
- Wallowa Mountain Cruise Car Show in Joseph, Aug. 27-28



Top: A rusted Buick LeSabre sits along Highway 82 by Imbler under spring skies Friday, May 7, 2021. Middle: Ed Lund drives down Mount Glen Road, while a pair of fuzzy dice hang from the mirror of his Chevrolet Chevelle. Bottom: Lund's 1951 Chevrolet Coupe sits in the garage he built in La Grande to house his modest collection of classic cars that he has accrued over 40 years.

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