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To ensure that all interested parties are aware of the Board's activities, the Board will distribute a Bulletin after each monthly meeting.

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The implementation date has been adjusted to 1 July 2006.

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The Board have asked for expressions of interest for councils to host microchipping days.

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A committee is being developed to investigate the possibility of longer term dog registration.

6 Senior Council Officers Meeting

The meeting was held on 8 December 2005 with Board members in attendance.

7 Article in the Advertiser regarding cat stubbie holders etc

The Board does not promote or fund the items as mentioned in the article.

8 District Council of Robe Animal Management Plan

The Board has approved the District Council of Robe's Animal Management Plan.

9 Kangaroo Island Dog and Cat By-Laws

The Board have endorsed the Kangaroo Island Dog and Cat By-Laws.

10 Website

The new Dog and Cat Management Board website is ready to go live.

1. Introduction

The Dog and Cat Management Board is keen to ensure that all interested parties are aware of the Board's activities and have the opportunity to contribute, provide suggestions and comment on Board proposals. To this end, the Board distributes a bulletin to interested individuals and groups on a monthly basis after each meeting. Your comments and feedback on any issues in the bulletin are welcome. The Board can be contacted through the Executive Officer:

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2. General Reminders

All comments regarding the training rebate paper issued with the Bulletin 9 October issue, are due on the 10th of February and the Board will be provided a summary following the February meeting. If you have misplaced your copy or have any comments please forward them to the mailing address above or e-mail Briony on huddleston.briony@saugov.sa.gov.au

3. Section 45D; Signage for attack, patrol and guard dogs

The Board agreed that the implementation date for Section 45D will now be the 1st July 2006 so the public and Councils are aware of their obligations under this section of the Act. The Board is in the process of developing a flier to be issued to all councils and dog clubs communicating the requirements. Councils should start looking at ways that the data can be collected when people register their dogs in August. The Board will identify approximately three or four different sign companies that meet the standards required by the Board and these companies will also be communicated on the flier.

4. Microchipping Days

This year the Board will assist Councils in holding a metropolitan microchipping day. It is anticipated to have approximately 10 sites across Adelaide depending on Council interest. Extensive advertising will be done by the Board regarding the importance of microchipping and encourage people that have not registered their dog to do both at the same time. The day will only be available for microchipping dogs and maybe held around the end of April, a date is yet to be finalised.

5. Longer term dog registration

The Board have endorsed the development of a committee to explore options of longer term dog registration. Mr Greg Waller and Dr Ian McBryde have been nominated as representatives of the Board. Mr Terry Nicholas from will represent the APA.

6. Senior Council Officers Meeting

The Board attended the bi-monthly meeting with the Senior Council Officers on the 8th December 2005 and discussed current issues and trends and received feedback on the new Board's performance so far. It was a great opportunity for the Board to meet the officers and gain a further perspective of the current issues that they encounter.

The meetings are open to all councils and a team leader from a relevant department of each council is invited to participate. Should you wish to attend a meeting please contact

7. Article in the Advertiser regarding cat stubbie holders etc

On the 12th December 2005 there was an article in the Adelaide Advertiser that draws a connection between State Government funding provided through the Dog and Cat Management Board and the activities of individuals on Kangaroo Island making stubbie holders and other items out of feral cat pelts. This business is being carried out by an individual member of the public who is not affiliated with the SA Government and has not received Government funding.

The KI Council has produced a Dog and Cat Management Plan with the overall aim of creating an environment which encourages responsible dog and cat ownership and minimises the negative environmental, social and economic impact of owned and unowned dogs and cats on Kangaroo Island. The Dog and Cat Management Board endorsed the Management Plan in July 2005 and subsequently the KI Council was provided with a once-off grant to support implementation of the cat management parts of the plan.

8. District Council of Robe Animal Management Plan

The Board has endorsed the District Council of Robe's Animal Management Plan. The Board is pleased to see the good quality of plans being received from Councils.

9. Kangaroo Island Dog and Cat By-Laws

The Board have endorsed the Kangaroo Island Dog and Cat By-Laws. The object of the by-laws is to provide an enforcement structure for management of all dogs and cats on KI, in accordance with provisions outlined in the approved KI Animal Management Plan.

10. Website

The new website is now live, the Kidszone section is still under construction and the Board is currently in the process of developing an interactive fun section that children will enjoy. The address is www.dogsncats.asn.au Council Officers will need a password to log into the Council Area of the website, please email Briony on huddleston.briony@saugov.sa.gov.au to arrange for a password to be given.

The Board and staff hope you all had a Merry Christmas and have a safe and prosperous New Year!