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The Board have approved the Kingston District Council's Animal Management Plan.

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The Board have endorsed the Berri Barmera Council's Dog By-Law.

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. Kangaroo Island By-Law

At the December meeting the Board endorsed the Kangaroo Island Dog and Cat By-Laws. The new law states that all dogs and cats must be microchipped by 1 July 2006 and to date, approximately 800 dogs and cats have been chipped.

3.Reducing Dog Attacks

The Board endorsed the continuation of the Select-a-Pet advertisement in the Saturday Advertiser until the end of the financial year. The advertisement is situated in the classified section and encourages people and families to choose the best dog or cat for their lifestyle. The Select-A-Pet program provides questionnaires for prospective dog and cat owners and asks a series of questions relating to lifestyle. It then makes recommendations on which breed or type of dog or cat would best suit their circumstances. A link is available on the Dog and Cat Management Board website. www.dogsncats.asn.au

4. Dog Registration

This year the Board will repeat the dog registration advertising campaign when registrations are due via local newspapers and radio stations. Councils will be advised further when the campaign will begin. Investigations into making a TV advertisement are underway.

5. Research Grants

The Board have developed an application form and criteria for research grants.

The Board has the following research priorities:

- o Research into factors relating to dog attacks.
- o Research into factors impacting on responsible pet ownership.
- o Research and strategies leading to improved management of dogs and cats.
- o Studies which reduce the adverse social, economic or environmental impacts of dogs and cats.
- o Studies into optimizing the utilisation of public space for dog owners and non-dog owners.

If you would like to apply, please contact Briony Huddleston on 8124 4962 or e-mail huddleston.briony@saugov.sa.gov.au and ask for the application form and criteria. The closing date is Friday 21 April 2006.

The application form and criteria for other types of grants is likely to be finalised by the end of this financial year.

6. Senior Council Officers Meeting

The next Senior Council Officers meeting will be held on the 9th February 2006, an agenda will be sent out shortly. If you would like to attend please contact Briony on huddleston.briony@saugov.sa.gov.au.

7. Kingston District Council's Animal Management Plan

The Board approved the Kingston District Council's Animal Management Plan. This plan as well as other approved Council plans will be available to view shortly on the Dog and Cat Management website www.dogsncats.asn.au

8. Berri Barmera Council's Dog By-Law

The Board has endorsed the Berri Barmera Council's Dog By-Law that limits the number of dogs that can be kept on the premises.