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#### Information from the February 2006 Board meeting

**1. Introduction.**

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

**2 Section 45D**

Implementation date and dog collars.

**3 Animal Management In Rural Remote Indigenous Communities Conference**

The Board has made funding available for Officers from Rural Councils to attend the conference in Darwin in July 2006.

**4 Animal Expo**

The Board will be funding a stall in the Animal Expo in March.

**5 Registration Discs**

The Board has approved the manufacture and distribution of the 2006/07 registration discs.

**6 Barking Dog Brochure**

The Board are investigating options for the revision of the current Barking Dog brochure.

**7 12 Golden Rules brochure**

The Board has developed a 12 Golden Rules brochure to encourage responsible pet ownership.

**8 KidsZone section of the website**

The Board have contracted Kids Media to develop the KidsZone section of the website.

**9 Research Grants**

An application form and criteria for research grants have been developed.

**10 Coorong District Council's Animal Management Plan**

The Board endorsed the Coorong District Council's Animal Management Plan.

**11 Training Rebate Paper**

All comments have been collated and the Board thanks those who have contributed.

**12 The Flinders Ranges Council By-law Number 3 – Dogs**

The Board noted the Flinders Ranges Council By-law Number 3 – Dogs.

## 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. Section 45D

A brochure detailing the obligations of owner of attack trained, guard and patrol dogs will be distributed to Councils, security companies, breed and dog clubs and be available on the website closer to the 1 July 2006 commencement date. The Board will be providing Councils with distinctive collars for guard dogs that are required to wear such a collar when this section of the Act comes into effect on 1 July.

## 3. Animal Management in Rural Remote Indigenous Communities Conference.

The above conference is facilitated by Dog People (<http://www.dogpeople.com.au/>). It will be held in Darwin over 5 days from 16 – 21 July 2006. The Board has sought expressions of interest from officers in rural and remote Councils to sponsor them to attend the conference. An e-mail has been sent to all Councils, if you have not seen this e-mail and are interested in attending please seek the in principle support of your Manager and contact Adele Steel on [steel.adele@saugov.sa.gov.au](mailto:steel.adele@saugov.sa.gov.au) to obtain the criteria that the Board will consider when sponsoring officers to attend.

Below is an extract from the Dog People website:

*'Veterinary, socio-cultural, political and environmental issues will be covered. Sustainability, regulation, mythology, zoonoses, parasites, nuisance dogs and the links between animal care and domestic violence are just some of the topics on the agenda. All of this from the Australian and an international perspective... it promises to be vigorous, challenging and inspiring.'*

## 4. Animal Expo

The Board will be funding a booth at this year's Animal Expo on 11-13 March 2006. The City of Charles Sturt and City of Marion will be staffing the booth on behalf of the Board.

## 5. Registration Discs

The Board has approved the manufacture and distribution of the 2006/07 registration discs. A letter from Arlunga Pty Ltd has been e-mailed to all Councils requesting that they place their orders.

## 6. Barking Dog Brochure

The Board has previously distributed a Barking Dog Brochure, which now requires redevelopment. The Board recognises that this is an important issue to all Councils and the public and aims to be able to assist owners and neighbours combat the problem. To this end, the Board is investigating options to provide relevant and useful information to barking dog owners, their neighbours and councils.

## **7. 12 Golden Rules brochure**

The Board has developed 12 Golden Rules to promote responsible dog ownership and assist owners and potential owners to maximise the benefits of a dog. The brochure is in the first stages of development and is aimed at children and adults alike. In addition to the printed brochure, the 12 Golden Rules will be available in six different languages to print from the DCMB website. The chosen languages are Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Chinese, Serbian and Arabic.

## **8. KidsZone section of the website**

The Board has contracted Kids Media to develop the KidsZone section of the website. KidsZone will be an interactive, fun and educational site primarily aimed at children within the 4-8 year old bracket, to correlate with one of the most frequent ages of children seriously bitten or attacked by dogs. The site is under development and will be completed in the near future.

## **9. Research Grants**

The Board has developed an application form and criteria for research grants. The following information was made available in the January Bulletin:

The Board has the following research priorities:

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

Information and application forms are available on our website <http://www.dogsncats.asn.au/site/page.cfm?u=886>. The closing date is Friday 21 April 2006.

## **10. Coorong District Council's Animal Management Plan**

The Board has endorsed the Coorong District Council's Animal Management Plan. All endorsed plans will be available on the Dog and Cat Management Board website in the near future.

## **11. Training Rebate Paper**

Thank you to those who have commented on the training rebate paper. Comments were due on 10 February 2006 and the Board received over twenty responses from various interested organisations and individuals. The comments have been collated and will be considered at the March Board meeting. Stakeholders will be notified of the outcome.

## **12. Flinders Ranges Council By-law Number 3- Dogs**

The Board noted the Flinders Ranges Council By-law Number 3 – Dogs, which designates Council land as dog free areas, dog on leash areas and dog exercise areas and limits the number of dogs to one dog in a small dwelling and two in other dwellings.