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A decision has been made as to whether this sterilisation is eligible for the desexing rebate.

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. Identification of dogs lost or wandering at large

It was identified that the public who pick up a dog lost or wandering at large are unsure of which council to ring as the registration disc displays a unique number. This number is only recognisable to council and Board staff. The Board agreed that as part of the tender process for registration discs for 2007/08 suppliers should provide quotes based on having the council name on the disc rather than number.

3. Council Procedure for Impounding Dogs

The Board is currently investigating council procedures for impounding dogs. Staff contacted all metropolitan and outer metropolitan Councils to determine the procedures they use for dogs wandering at large. There is significant variation. A survey for Councils has been produced to further identify the procedure for wandering at large and the re-homing process. Councils will receive this survey electronically with the Bulletin, please take the time to complete this survey and return to the Board on the above address.

4. Declared Dogs Database

A link to the Declared Dogs Database is on the secure Council section of the website. Councils have nominated a person to be responsible for information from their council. These nominated council supervisors will be offered training on how to use the database, dates are currently being organised.

5. Reversible sterilisation of dogs

Councils have been asking whether reversible sterilisation of dogs is considered eligible for the desexing registration rebate. The contraceptive is currently approved in Australia and New Zealand for males and is only available from vets. The version for females is yet to be approved (although contraceptive implants and injections are available for females).

Staff have made some enquiries on this product and although the dog is on a contraceptive and is unable to reproduce, it is not the same as desexing as the sterilisation only lasts for up to 12 months. It would be difficult for Councils to maintain information, as the dog would need to be desexed in June for the effect to last for the whole of the registration period. It was decided that reversible sterilisation of dogs does not qualify for the desexing rebate.