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Information from the May 2006 Board meeting

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4 The District Council of Barunga West's Animal Management Plan

The Board endorsed the District Council of Barunga West's Animal Management Plan.

5 Publications

The Board is developing a range of publications.

6 Urban Animal Management (UAM) conference

The UAM conference will be held in August-September this year.

7 Training Rebate Certificate

The training rebate certificate pad is being distributed.

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. Grant Applications

In Bulletin 14 stakeholders were advised that the Grants Policy was finalised and were given an opportunity to apply for a grant. Eleven grant applications were received and the following applications were approved:

- Pet Pep (Pets and People Education Program) is an initiative of the Australian Veterinary Association to educate primary school children responsible dog ownership, laws and animal safety.
- Adelaide City Council, to develop information on the elements dog owners consider desirable in off leash dog areas.
- City of Charles Sturt – responsible cat ownership in the community which is an educational play for primary school children aged 5 to 7 years within the Charles Sturt Council area.
- City of Charles Sturt – Superscoop which is a dog costume to be worn by a Charles Sturt staff member at events to educate children and adults about responsible dog ownership issues. This will be available for other councils to use on request.
- City of Onkaparinga – course set up and development of Certificate 4 in Animal Management course run by TAFE.
- City of Tea Tree Gully, to establish a cat owners education program to support responsible cat ownership in the City of Tea Tree Gully.
- City of Tea Tree Gully, website development program to encourage owners to register their dogs and participate on a monthly basis in a responsible dog owner program.

The intellectual property obtained and any evaluation of these programs will be made available to the Board, councils and other stakeholders. The Board determined that pounds and dog parks which benefit one or two councils would not be eligible for Board funding.

3. Research Grant Applications

In Bulletin 13 stakeholders were advised that the Research Grants Policy was finalised and were given an opportunity to apply for a research grant. Five research applications were received and the following applications were approved:

- Miss Moskwa will explore whether more non-dog owners use public parks if they know all dogs must be walked on a leash and if fewer dog owners will use the parks if they cannot let their dog run free.
- Dr C A Litchfield will evaluate the Delta Dog Safe Program.
- Dr C A Litchfield will also investigate factors on dog aggression and attacks.

4. The District Council of Barunga West's Animal Management Plan

The Board endorsed the District Council of Barunga West's Animal Management Plan.

5. Publications

The Board are currently in the process of printing and distributing the following publications:

- Section 45D, duties relating to attack trained, guard and patrol dogs and the legislative requirements from 1 July 2006.
- Barking dog booklet, ideas and tips to help solve barking dog problems.

If you have not received these brochures by the end of July and would like a copy please advise Briony on 8124 4962 or huddleston.briony@saugov.sa.gov.au

6. Urban Animal Management (UAM) conference

The UAM conference will be held on the Wednesday 30 August – Friday 1 September 2006. A two day training course is available on the Monday and Tuesday before the conference. Further information can be found at <http://www.uam.net.au/>

7. Training Rebate Certificates

The training rebate certificate pads are currently in the process of being distributed to approved dog obedience clubs.