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Information from the July 2006 Board meeting

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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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3 Golden Rules for Dog Owners Brochure

The mail out for the brochure is continuing.

4 Return of contributions to councils

The Board returned 15% of council contributions to councils.

5 City of Holdfast Bay's Animal Management Directions Plan

The Board endorsed the City of Holdfast Bay's Animal Management Directions Plan 2006-2011.

6 Tatiara District Council's Animal Management Plan

The Board endorsed the Tatiara District Council's Animal Management Plan 2006-2011.

7 Greyhound Adoption Program

Change of assessment process for greyhounds to be exempt from wearing a muzzle.

8 Meetings/Presentations

The Board and Board staff have attended meetings and received presentations.

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. Board Nominations

Cr Ian Ridgway a Local Government Association nominee has resigned from the Board, a replacement member is currently being organised.

3. Golden Rules for Dog Owners Brochure

300 000 copies of the Golden Rules for Dog Owners brochure have been distributed to day care centres, kindergartens, councils, libraries and half of the primary schools. The mail out is continuing with another 300 000 order placed. If stakeholders require copies, please contact the Board staff.

4. Return of contributions from councils

The restructured Dog and Cat Management Board has now completed its first full financial year in operation. It has been a year highlighted by strategic planning and policy setting to ensure that the Board focuses on key areas of importance to the community and adds value to the "on the ground" operations of councils. Partly because of this, a budget surplus of approximately \$140 000 was predicted.

As a result, it was decided to return unexpended funds from 2005 – 2006 to councils. This sum was in the order of 15% of contributions to the Dog and Cat Management Fund. The Board has requested that councils use this money to initiate developments that may not have been achievable if the refunds had not been received.

5. City of Holdfast Bay's Animal Directions Plan 2006-2011

The Board endorsed the City of Holdfast Bay's Animal Directions Plan 2006-2011 and will be available on the website soon.

6. District Council of Tatiara's Animal Management Plan 2006-2011

The Board endorsed the District Council of Tatiara's Animal Management Plan 2006-2011 and will be available on the website soon.

7. GAP (Greyhound Adoption Program)

The previous Board policy was that all dogs that passed through GAP would be automatically exempt from wearing a muzzle in public. After consideration of this policy the current Board agreed that all dogs that have passed through the program would be required to be assessed by an independent organisation to be exempt from wearing a muzzle. The RSPCA and the Animal Welfare League currently have accredited trainers to undertake this assessment. If you have further inquiries please contact Adele Steel on 8124 4975.

8. Meetings and Presentations

Mr Grant Robb, CEO and Ms Issy Scarfo, Animal Care Supervisor, of the Animal Welfare League and Dr Mark Peters, CEO of the RSPCA presented at the July Board meeting regarding the allocation of grant funding regarding maintaining dogs received on behalf of councils.

Cr Max Amber, Chairperson of the Board, attended the Metropolitan Mayors and CEO's meeting in July and advised them of Board achievements in 2005-06 and showcased publications available to stakeholders.

Dr Deb Kelly presented at the German Shepherd Dog Club meeting on the Act and other relevant topics.