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1. The Bulletin - 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. Communications Strategy - to promote responsible dog ownership

The Board discussed the first draft of the proposed Communications Strategy to promote responsible dog ownership in South Australia. A sub-committee has been appointed to define the key performance indicators that will measure success of the Board's communications efforts. Given the uncertain quorum for the Board's October meeting, the sub-committee has been delegated with the authority to approve the strategy and action it without delay.

3. Budget 2007-2007

The Board approved the Budget for the 2006-2007 financial year which will be forwarded to the Minister for Environment and Conservation for final endorsement in consultation with the Local Government Association (LGA).

4. Board vacancies – Nominations received

As of 1 October 2006, five new Board appointments were required due to the resignation of one member earlier this year and the expiry of the terms of office of four members on 31 September 2006. Minister Gago has asked that she be provided with a pool of candidates from whom she can select the Ministerial and LGA nominees. In accordance with the Act, the LGA has provided candidates from local government and indicated their preferences. The Minister is currently evaluating the candidates. The Board is confident that her selections will ensure that the membership, in its final

composition, will be balanced from both a gender and skills perspective.

5. Dog Registrations – Up to three years

The Board has endorsed, in principle, the proposal to investigate dog registrations for a period of up to three years. A Board sub-committee is developing a discussion paper for stakeholder comment.

6. Animal Management Plans (AMP) & council by-laws

The Board noted the proposed changes to the City of Marion's by-laws that:

- provide for the control and management of cats;
- limit the number of dogs that can be kept on premises; and
- provide for control of dogs on local government land.

The Board also endorsed the Flinders Ranges AMP. This plan will join the others already available on the Board's website.

7. Board refund of council contributions

The Board has received letters of commendation from some councils. The Wakefield Regional Council has used the Board's 2005-2006 refund to staff a Community Microchipping Day in August. 87 dogs and cats were microchipped or registered. *Success!*

8. Forms used by councils

The Board acknowledges the submissions from the City of Charles Sturt, and others, and has decided that the councils may design their own forms subject to the mandatory inclusion of Board prescribed information. The Board's staff will prepare and distribute approved guidelines for councils to design their own forms.

9. Operations

• Administration Officer – secured

Briony Huddleston has been reappointed as Administration Officer to the Dog and Cat Management Board for a five year term.

• Golden Rules for Dog Owners Brochure – half a million distributed

The Board staff and volunteers have distributed over half a million brochures and are currently processing requests for more. Councils that require additional stocks of Board publications should use the order forms or email the Communications Officer (nesiah.vasee@saugov.sa.gov.au).

10. Council Audits

The Board has audited fifteen councils in 2006 and has scheduled another fifteen councils for 2006-2007. Five other councils were audited in 2005.

Audits Completed in 2006	Audits planned for 2006-2007
Adelaide Hills Council	Adelaide City Council
Barossa Council	Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council
City of Burnside	The District Council of Coober Pedy
Regional Council of Goyder	Town of Gawler
District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula	The District Council of Grant
City of Marion	City of Holdfast Bay
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Kingston District Council
City of Onkaparinga	Light Regional Council
City of Playford	The District Council of Mallala
City of Port Augusta	City of Mitcham
City of Prospect	The District Council of Mount Barker
Municipal Council of Roxby Downs	City of Mt Gambier
City of Tea Tree Gully	District Council of Robe
City of Victor Harbour	Wakefield Regional Council
Corporation of the Town of Walkerville	Wattle Range Council