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1. The Bulletin - Introduction

The Dog and Cat Management Board (DCMB) is keen to ensure that all interested parties are aware of DCMB activities and have the opportunity to contribute, provide suggestions and comment on DCMB proposals. To this end, DCMB 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.

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Arlunga Pty Ltd has been selected by the DCMB to supply disc style dog registration tags to councils for the next five years.

Arlunga will work directly with the councils to determine the quantities required, supply dates and invoicing arrangements.

Councils can e-mail the DCMB's Urban Animal Management Officer, Adele Steel (steel.adele@saugov.sa.gov.au), for costs and details on the information which will be included on the discs.

3. DCMB convenes Stakeholder meeting

Senior managers of ten councils and representatives of various other stakeholder groups met recently, at a meeting convened by the DCMB. Compulsory microchipping, proposed changes to legislation and problems arising from cats wandering at large were amongst the issues discussed at the meeting.

2. Dog Registration – Discs for 5 years

4. Research Grants Policy

The DCMB revised its research grants policy. The policy and application forms are available for download on the DCMB website (<http://www.dogsncats.asn.au/>).

The dog and cat management research fund priorities are:

- Research into factors impacting on responsible pet ownership.
- Research and strategies leading to improved management of dogs and cats.
- Studies that reduce the adverse social, economic or environmental impacts of dogs and cats.

Research institutions are encouraged to apply for supervised project funding at the Honours Degree, Masters Degree and PhD levels.

The closing date for all applications is Friday 30 March 2007 and applications received will be considered at the Board meeting on 2 May 2007.

5. Community Grants Policy

The approved DCMB's Community Grants Policy is available on the DCMB website (<http://www.dogsncats.asn.au/>).

The DCMB Community Grants Policy establishes guidelines for the assessment of funding requests to ensure:

- To ensure all applicants have fair access to available funding.
- That priority is given to projects, programs or activities that maximise the benefits in achieving the Objects of the Act.
- That funds are directed toward the strategic goals of the DCMB.

The closing date for all applications is Friday 30 March 2007 and applications received will be considered at the Board meeting on 2 May 2007.

Stakeholders are encouraged to review the DCMB's Community Grants Policy and consider submitting an application.

6. Animal Management Plans – Endorsed

The following four Animal Management Plans were endorsed at the January Board meeting:

- ❑ City of Mount Gambier
- ❑ Rural City of Murray Bridge
- ❑ Port Pirie Regional Council
- ❑ The Barossa Council

Once minor amendments as requested by the DCMB are made to some of these plans, these four plans will join the others already available on the DCMB website

(<http://www.dogsncats.asn.au/>)
