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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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2. Endorsed Animal Management Plans

47 Animal Management Plans have been approved to date which is a pleasing result. Only a few plans are outstanding but are expected soon.

3. Town of Gawler Dog Management By-Law Review

The Board noted the Town of Gawler by-law on Dogs which will promote the effective management of dogs and cats within the Council's area. The by-law provides regulation

and enforcement of dog free areas, dogs on leash areas and dog exercise areas.

4. District Council of Grant By-law

The District Council of Grant by-law was noted by the Board and council's proposed dog free areas, dog on leash areas, and dog exercise areas ensuring that dogs are kept under effective control preventing them from being a nuisance or a danger to other persons.

5. District Council of Karoonda East Murray By-law

The Board noted the District Council of Karoonda East Murray By-law on dogs. The by-law includes the management and control of dogs within the Council's area. It also indicates Council's desire to place a limit on dog numbers, create dog free areas, dog on leash areas and dog exercise areas and manage dog faeces.

6. Animal Expo March 2008

The Board will have a booth for Good Dog SA (www.gooddogsa.com.au) at the 2008 Animal Expo. The Good Dog promotional materials and the Board publications will be distributed at the Expo. The Animal Expo provides an opportunity for Councils to get involved. A strategy to approach the event and planning of promotional ideas will be discussed in due course.

7. RSPCA Open Day

The RSPCA Open Day will be held on Sunday 21 October at Lonsdale. Staff will be present on the day to answer any dog and cat management questions. Brochures and information will also be available.

8. Expiry of Board Members

The Board noted that Cr Max Amber, Dr Rosemary Ince, Mr Greg Waller and Professor Annette Braunack-Mayer's terms expire on the 30th September. It is anticipated that the renewed Board will commence in December. It is still business as usual.

9. AIAM Conference

Board members and staff attended the 2007 AIAM Conference held at the Gold Coast. The conference was attended by approximately 200 people with a really good turn out from South Australia. Various animal management issues were discussed from dog behaviour to the option of mandatory desexing. If you are interested in becoming a member of The Australian Institute of Animal Management Inc or information about the conference e-mail membership@aiam.com.au or visit the website <http://www.aiam.com.au>.

10. Business registrations

The Board and councils received inquiries during the dog registration period in relation to providing registration rebates to business registrations. The Board confirmed that section 26(7) of the Dog and Cat Management Act clearly states that the rebates apply to a dog and the fact that dogs within a business may change and therefore they may not be microchipped, trained or desexed.

11. Kit Kats Play

The Kit Kats play was held on 17 September 07 and was run by the City of Charles Sturt. The play was to teach children about responsible cat ownership. The presentation was well received by guests and children.