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Information from the 24 October 2007 meeting of the Dog and Cat Management Board (DCMB)

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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. Coober Pedy Animal Management Plan

The Board endorsed the Animal Management Plan submitted by the District Council of Coober Pedy 2007 – 2012. The Board noted with interest how council is promoting responsible dog ownership within its area. This included encouragement for the de-sexing and identification, through registration and micro-chipping of dogs. The plan aims to establish management guidelines to create an environment which encourages responsible pet ownership.

3. Authorised Persons Association (APA) initiatives

The Board in conjunction with the APA will develop an Animal Management Officer (AMO) of the year and an AMO team of the year award in South Australia. The winners of these awards will be nominated to win the same awards nationally which will be announced at the Australian Institute of Animal Management (AIAM) conference next year.

The Board and the APA will also sponsor an AMO(s) to undertake the Certificate 4 in Local

Government (Regulatory Services) run by TAFE. The training program has been specifically designed to foster professionalism in local government compliance and community safety. Providing sponsorship will allow an officer that may not have the opportunity to attend the course, a possibility. Further information will be available in the new year about this sponsorship. If you would like further information on the course you can visit this website www.businesssmart.net.au

4. RSPCA Open Day

The RSPCA Open Day was held on Sunday 21 October at Lonsdale. Staff were present on the day to answer any dog and cat management questions. Staff promoted the Good Dog SA campaign and website and distributed brochures. The day went well and approximately 1,400 people attended the open day.

5. Delta Good Citizen Program

The Delta Society Good Citizen Program was held at Aldinga on Sunday 14 October. The training involves teaching dog's early socialisation needs, environmental stimulation and emotional development. Members of the public can complete an application for their dog to become a Delta Accredited Canine Good Citizen. To achieve this accreditation the dog would be required to go through a series of activities for example, the dog would behave when around other dogs and handlers or can remain under effective control at a traffic light. If you would like more information on the program and how councils and groups can be involved, please contact the Delta Society on (02) 9231 3218 or e-mail deltasoc@hotkey.net.au
