



## **JULY 2005 BULLETIN 6**

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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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The Board approved the secondment of a temporary member of staff from a Council for a period of up to four weeks to upload and edit website content.

**6.3 Section 45D**

The Board is still awaiting responses to the consultation paper.

**6.4 POOch Pouch update**

95,000 pouches have been sent to Councils.

**6.5 Policy for Funding Proposed New Dog Kennels**

The Board is to develop a policy in relation to giving financial assistance to Councils in the construction of kennels and pounds.

**6.6 2005-2006 Budget and Strategic Plan**

The Board has approved next financial year's budget. It is anticipated that the strategic plan will be finalised by mid-August.

**6.7 Policy for Funding Research**

The Board received a request to fund a research project. This has raised the broader issue of research fund applications.

**6.8 Kangaroo Island Animal Management Plan**

Approved subject to revisions.

**6.9 Select-a-Pet advertisement**

To be continued for a further three months

**6.10 Your Dog Your Cat Book**

A further 100,000 of these books have been received.

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19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2005 this year's UAM will take place in Canberra.

**6.12 Training Rebate**

Level of training for the registration rebate.

## **6.1 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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## **6.2 Website Progress**

The Website Content Sub Committee met on 11<sup>th</sup> July. The Board approved the recommendation of the sub committee that a secondment be offered to a Council Officer to upload and edit the website content. Councils have been asked for expressions of interest from appropriate persons. The website is based on the 'Unity' system so many council IT sections would be familiar with the software and processes underpinning it. The Board's policy is that it will not endorse private organisations on its website

## **6.3 Section 45D**

The Board is still awaiting responses to the consultation paper, however the response to date has been supportive of the Board's interim positions.

## **6.4 POOch Pouch update**

95,000 pouches had been sent to Councils. The remaining 5,000 pouches have been retained for issue to dog clubs. The Board would appreciate feedback on this initiative.

## **6.5 Policy for Funding Proposed New Dog Kennels**

The Board discussed the discretion of the Board to assist Councils providing services, which they are required to make available. Section 25(4) of the Act states that the Board may assist councils in the development and maintenance of facilities for the detention of dogs. This is the first nominated use of the Dog and Cat Management Fund and, although it is discretionary, implies that the Board will provide funding for pounds.

The Board will review options to developing a policy in relation to giving financial assistance in the construction of kennels and pounds.

## **6.6 Approval of 2005-2006 Budget**

The Board has endorsed the 2005 – 2006 budget and has sought its approval from the Minister in consultation with the Local Government Association. A strategic plan for 2005 – 2007 is in its final draft form. It is anticipated that this will be approved and provided to the Minister by mid August.

## **6.7 Research Funding**

The Board has received an application for research funding. In consideration of this request, the Board determined that, rather than respond on an ad hoc manner, a formal application will be

developed and a budget will be set aside for research into companion animal issues. Once developed and endorsed, this will be made available to interested parties.

### **6.8 Kangaroo Island Animal Management Plan**

The Board approved the Kangaroo Island Animal Management Plan subject to revision of the dog by-law as required by the House of Assembly and the inclusion of allowing entire cats if they are registered, micro chipped and confined at all times. The Board is aware that this was the intention of the Kangaroo Island Council but had not been specifically addressed in the plan.

### **6.9 Select-a-Pet advertisement**

The Board will continue advertising the existence of the Select-a-Pet service for a further three months and collect feedback on the effectiveness of the advertisement.

### **6.10 Your Dog Your Cat Book**

A further 100,000 of these books have been received. If any councils, vets, dog clubs or any other group require copies please contact the Board on 8124 4975.

### **6.11 UAM Conference**

**19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2005 this years UAM will take place in Canberra at the Rydes Lakeside Hotel.**

The UAM conference gives important insight into Urban Animal Management issues, and assists Animal Management Officers in developing an understanding of national animal management issues as well as practical guidelines for officers to use in their own areas. This year's UAM will finalise the barking nuisance UAM position instigated at last years conference in Adelaide. A full barking nuisance and management document will be included in this year's conference program. Further information can be obtained from [www.onqconferences.com.au](http://www.onqconferences.com.au) as separate downloadable pdf files or the AVA website [ww.ava.com.au/events](http://ww.ava.com.au/events)

### **6.12 Training Rebate**

The Board discussed the criteria for the level of training for the registration rebate, and asked staff to develop a discussion paper, which will be issued for comment.