



# Government of South Australia

## Dog and Cat Management Board

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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. Website Progress**

The Dog and Cat Management Board Website is due to 'go live' in early November. The Board formally acknowledged the work undertaken by everyone involved in producing, editing and posting the website content.

## **3. Council Financial Audit**

The Board is required to audit the financial and operational arrangements of councils. In the 2004 – 2005 financial year, six councils were audited. Those councils have received a draft report and a request that they provide the Board with any comments, particularly any explanations not provided to the auditor or any corrections if they consider something was misconstrued by the audit team. The auditors also made suggestions for the consideration of the Board which will be considered at its next meeting.

## **4. Obedience Training – Registration Rebate**

The Board has considered the requirements for a person to be eligible for the training rebate. A draft discussion paper has been developed which, subject to the ratification of the Board will be distributed to stakeholders for comment. The paper outlines various standards of training and the options of who should be able to certify that a dog meets those standards and how that certification is presented to councils. The paper will be released shortly and the Board requests that all interested individuals and groups make a submission indicating their preferred level of training and the process to demonstrate that it has been achieved.

## **5. Changes to Forms 16**

The Board authorised changes to Form 16, Control (Dangerous Dog) order. The Subsection '50(2)' referred to in the form should be Subsection '50(3)' of the Dog and Cat Management Act.

## **6. Item for the Bulletin**

The Board agreed to include in the next Bulletin an update the development of the policy regarding Grants. The Policy is anticipated to be finalised within six months and not two as stated in previous correspondence. The variety of projects that the Board has been asked to fund requires that the policy be broad in its application but specific enough to provide guidance on the criteria used to assess applications. This is difficult but it is essential and the Board will give it the consideration it deserves.