



# Government of South Australia

## Dog and Cat Management Board

# BULLETIN

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Information from the 27 June and 25 July 2007 meetings 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. Endorsed Animal Management Plans

The following 16 Animal Management Plans were endorsed by the Board during June and July

- ❑ City of Burnside
- ❑ District Council of Mallala
- ❑ Mid Murray Council
- ❑ The District Council of Mount Barker
- ❑ City of Norwood, Payneham & St Peters
- ❑ City of Playford
- ❑ City of Port Adelaide Enfield
- ❑ City of Victor Harbor
- ❑ District Council of Yankalilla
- ❑ City of Salisbury
- ❑ City of Prospect
- ❑ Town of Gawler
- ❑ District Council of Cleve
- ❑ Roxby Downs Council
- ❑ Alexandrina Council
- ❑ City of Tea Tree Gully

These 16 plans will join the others already available on the DCMB website

[\(http://www.dogsncats.asn.au/\)](http://www.dogsncats.asn.au/)

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## 3. Regulatory Impact Assessments on cat management and dog and cat microchipping

Tim Harding and Associates have been contracted by the Board to undertake two regulatory impact assessments. One is on the options for microchipping of dogs and cats, the other on cat management in general. These assessments will explore all of the options available on these issues and the impacts the options would have on councils, cat owners and the broader community. These assessments do not commit the Government or the Board in any way.

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## 4. Staff arrangements

Ms Lisa Keller has been appointed to the Board on a temporary basis while a member of staff is on maternity leave. You may speak to her over the next months.

## 5. Good Dog SA campaign

The DCMB launched the Good Dog SA campaign on 25-30 June to address the issue of serious dog bites ([www.gooddogsa.com](http://www.gooddogsa.com)) and to promote the benefits of responsible dog ownership.

The campaign launch was well attended and received significant media interest. Bus shelter and newspaper advertisements will appear throughout the year.

Information sheets and new brochures have been developed and these are available either on the website or free of charge from the Board.

Please contact Lisa on 8124 4975 if you would like more information on the brochures available.

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## 6. Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP)

Greyhound Racing SA is now coordinating the GAP program following the resignation of the GAP Committee. All greyhounds previously exempted by GAP to be in public without a muzzle will be issued identification cards in the near future. Once these cards have been issued, all councils will be notified. The identification card will be evidence that a greyhound has been exempted by the Board from the requirement to wear a muzzle in public.

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## 7. Authorised Persons Professional Development Program

The Authorised Persons Professional Development Program (PDP) was launched at the Local Government Authorised Persons Association (APA) conference in Mannum on 17 May 2007. The program comprises of a series of short courses and participants will have the option of completing assessments to obtain the Certificate IV in Local Government. The program is supported by Local Government Association and the Dog and Cat Management Board. If you have any questions you can e-mail Geoff Sheridan at

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## 8. DEH Cats and Wildlife Brochure

This brochure has been developed by the Department of Environment and Heritage and the information provided will assist in the protection and enjoyment of pet cats while protecting native wildlife. Councils will be receiving copies in the near future. Additional copies are available on request.

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### **9. The Australian Institute of Animal Management Inc (AIAM Inc) Conference**

The conference will be held 3-5 October 2007 at the Gold Coast.

This conference will provide three days of topical and interesting conference papers, concurrent with two days of animal management officer training. The Conference will include a dinner scheduled for Thursday 4 October, which will include two AIAM Awards on offer for the year.

The conference program can be found on the AIAM website at:

<http://www.onqconferences.com.au>

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### **10. City of Charles Sturt By-Law**

By-Law No. 6 Dogs and Cats was drafted by the City of Charles Sturt for the control of dogs within the area and to limit the number of cats kept in premises. A limit of one dog per premises or, if there is sufficient area, two dogs per premises. The by-law also limits the number of cats per property to two.

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### **11. Emily Moskwa Grant Report**

A final report has been prepared and submitted to the Board on the impact of leash control regulations on overall park usage by non-dog owners and dog owners. Local parks are important resources for towns and cities. The report aims to identify whether more non-dog owners would use public parks if all dogs were required to be on-leash or if less dog owners would continue to use the parks if the law prohibited them from letting their dogs run off-leash. This report will be made available to all Councils via the Dog and Cat Management Board website shortly.

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### **12. Million Paws Walk – Minlaton**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2007 a mini Million Paws Walk was held at Minlaton in conjunction with the major Million Paws Walk held on the banks of the Torrens in Adelaide. The walk raises funds for the RSPCA and provides the opportunity to increase public awareness of animal welfare and the prevention of animal cruelty. More than sixty people participated in the Minlaton Walk walk. This was a first time event for Minlaton and was held along a 2km stretch of the Minlaton Walking Trail. The walk was a great success and everyone enjoyed their day and raised money for the RSPCA's valuable work.

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