



Government of South Australia

The Dog and Cat Management Board

GUIDELINES DOG AND CAT MANAGEMENT RESEARCH FUND RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Dog and Cat Management Research Fund was established for:

- (a) investigating strategies for reducing the public risk and nuisance of companion dogs and cats; and
- (b) the promotion of responsible pet ownership.

The Dog and Cat Management Research Fund supports research into and management of dogs and cats in both the urban and rural environments. The Dog and Cat Management Board considers all applications for grants from the Dog and Cat Management Research Fund with these criteria in mind.

The following are general guidelines that relate to projects the Dog and Cat Management Research Fund is likely to support:

- (1) Projects that result in outcomes leading to improved public safety through the reduction of dog attacks, dogs wandering at large and dog aggression.
- (2) Projects that result in reduced public nuisance caused by dogs barking, cats wandering or any other public nuisance caused by dogs or cats.
- (3) Projects that lead to an improved responsibility in pet ownership.
- (4) Projects that lead to an improved administration and enforcement of the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*.
- (5) Projects that lead to more cost effective and efficient animal management practices.

DOG AND CAT MANAGEMENT RESEARCH FUND PRIORITIES

- Research into factors relating to dog attacks.
- Research into factors impacting on responsible pet ownership.
- Research and strategies leading to improved management of dogs and cats.
- Studies which reduce the adverse social, economic or environmental impacts of dogs and cats.
- Studies into optimising the utilisation of public space for dog owners and non-dog owners.

Research institutions are encouraged to apply for supervised project funding at the Honours Degree, Masters Degree and PhD levels.

A copy of the Business and Strategic Plans of the Dog and Cat Management Board are available on request. These provide further detail on the Board's current priorities.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

All research proposals which meet the eligibility criteria will be assessed and merit ranked using the following criteria:

- a. Investigator(s) (40%)
 - i. track record relative to opportunities
 - ii. capacity to undertake the proposed research

- b. Proposed project content (60%) made up of
 - i. Significance and innovation (30%)
 - does the research address an important problem?
 - how will the anticipated outcomes advance knowledge?
 - is the research principally focussed upon a topic or outcome that falls within one of the Board's research priorities?
 - are the Proposal's aims and concepts novel and innovative?
 - will new methods or technologies be developed?

 - ii. Approach (20%)
 - are the conceptual framework, design, methods and analyses adequately developed, well integrated and appropriate to the aims of the Proposal?
 - how appropriate is the proposed budget?

 - iii. Benefit (10%)
 - what is the potential of the research project to result in benefits for dog and cat management in South Australia from the expected results and outcomes of the project?

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Read carefully before submitting your application for a Dog and Cat Management Research Fund grant:

- a) Applicants are asked to lodge by email with a signed original to be posted by the due date. If the application is longer than 9 pages applicants may be contacted to provide twelve copies of their application to assist with processing.

- b) Preference will be given to projects of 12 months duration. However, consideration will be given to projects of up to three years where detailed project brief and costings are supplied. Applicants will be required to submit satisfactory progress reports each year before further funding will be released.

The results of projects and research may be publicised by the Dog and Cat Management Board.

- (c) The Dog and Cat Management Board may arrange publication of findings of particular quality or interest in consultation with the author(s), and may arrange for relevant information to be stored on Board databases. To this end successful applicants are

required to provide their results and final report in electronic format with the possibility of it being available on the Board Website.

- (d) All successful applicants will be provided with a contact officer within the Department for Environment and Heritage, and maintaining liaison with that officer for the duration of the project is a requirement. It is the applicant's responsibility to discuss any issues relating to their project with the nominated contact officer.
- (e) All researchers must obtain any appropriate permit or license before undertaking any research. Research conducted on vertebrate animals will require approval from an Animal Ethics Committee. Research on humans will require approval from a Human Research Ethics Committee.
- (f) All recipients of grant funding from the Dog and Cat Management Research Fund must enter into an agreement outlining the conditions of the grant.
- (g) Twelve copies of the final report and/or the agreed end product of the research, must be forwarded to the Executive Officer, Dog and Cat Management Board upon completion of a project.
- (h) Unless otherwise negotiated, an initial payment of 60% of the total grant will be paid to a successful applicant upon acceptance of the grant conditions and receipt of a tax compliant invoice. The final 40% will be paid on receipt of the final report by the Executive Officer of the Dog and Cat Management Board and the review of the report by a departmental officer.
- (i) Australian Business Numbers and detailed costing including GST provision must be provided.
- (j) If the Applicant is registered for GST, this must be indicated on the Application.
- (k) Approval will be required for use of funds to purchase any assets. The applicant must demonstrate the essential need of any equipment and the equipment cannot be used, borrowed or hired from you supporting organisation.

Any further enquiries and applications on the appropriate form, should be directed to:

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