

CS3 Dog Management Policy

Purpose	To articulate the Council's role in the effective management of dogs in the Municipality; and to implement the requirements of the <i>Dog Control Act 2000</i> .	
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1 Introduction

The Flinders Council recognises the value of companion animals as well as the importance of encouraging a relationship with the Community through which it can promote and enforce responsible dog ownership.

The Dog Management Policy sets out the priorities for Council, after taking into consideration the views of the Community, the requirements of the Dog Control Act 2000, and the need to balance these with other considerations such as budget and resource constraints.

2 Objective

The dog management objectives are:

- Promoting responsible dog ownership and the welfare and safety of dogs;
- Promoting the effective management of dogs (including registration, microchipping and de-sexing);
- Reducing public and environmental nuisance caused by dogs;
- Reinforcing compliant behaviour;
- Issuing warnings regarding first offences that are of a minor nature where no harm to a person or property has occurred.
- Applying penalties prescribed by the Act for re-offences;
- Applying and collecting fees from registration to address positive dog management; and
- Actively communicating and consulting with dog owners and the community in the on-going delivery of dog positive control services.

3 Scope

To achieve the aims of the Policy, the Council will be guided by the following principles:

1. The Council recognises the significant contribution that effective dog management can make to build a healthy community.
2. Council's role will be consistent with the desires of the Community to achieve a compatible relationship between dogs, dog owners and the local community in order, to minimise effects on neighbours and the environment and to achieve legislative compliance.
3. All dog owners residing in, and visiting, the Municipality with their dogs will be supported to abide by the requirements of the Dog Control Act 2000 and the Council's Dog Management Policy.

4 Legislation

Dog Control Act 2000

5 Responsibilities

The responsibility of this policy rests with the General Manager