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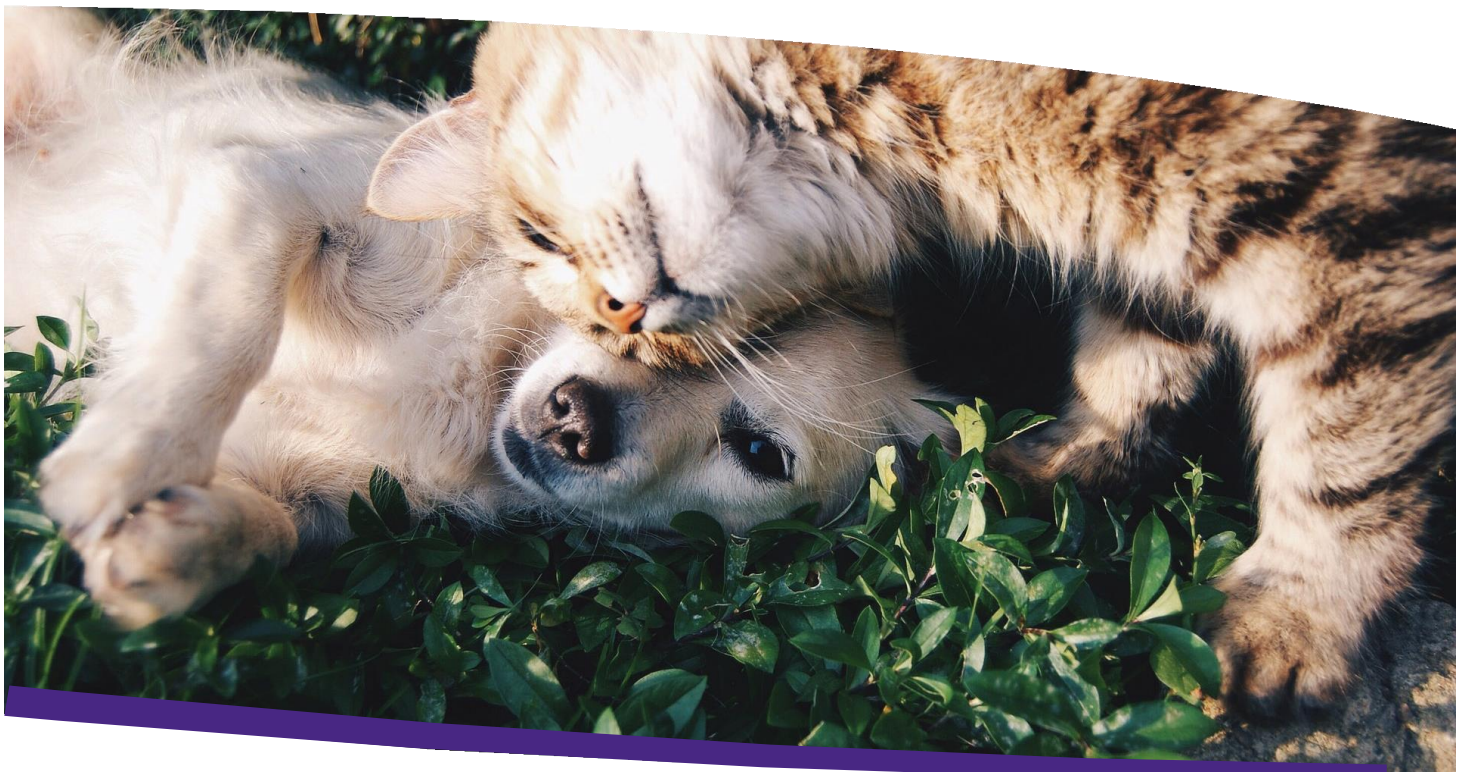
# **Plan of Management relating to dogs and cats**

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## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 (the Act) requires all Councils in South Australia to prepare a plan for managing dogs and cats in their area. The City of Burnside Dog and Cat Management Plan 2024-2029 (the Plan) has been prepared in accordance with the Act and will guide the management of dogs and cats within the council area for the next five years.

This Plan contains recommendations for a wide range of actions to be undertaken by the City of Burnside to achieve the aims and desired outcomes of the City's Strategic Community Plan 2030. It provides a basis and direction for the Council to plan and make future decisions that relate to the broader council policy context. The Plan will be subject to ongoing review in line with any legislative changes to requirements.

This Plan takes a proactive approach to dog and cat management, and it is acknowledged that some of the implementation of strategies in this Plan will need to be partnered with the State Government, the Dog and Cat Management Board, and other relevant stakeholders.



## 2. BACKGROUND

The Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 aims to provide a balanced range of options for managing dogs and cats within Council areas, whereby problems can be addressed to a solution in the community's best interests.

The objectives of the Act are to:

- Encourage responsible dog and cat ownership.
- Reduce public and environmental nuisance caused by dogs and cats.
- Promote the effective management of dogs and cats (including through encouraging the desexing of dogs and cats).

The Act states that:

- (1) *Each Council must, in accordance with this section, prepare a plan relating to the management of dogs and cats within its area.*
- (2) *A management plan must include provisions for parks where dogs may be exercised off-leash and for parks where dogs must be under effective control using physical restraint. It may also include provisions for parks where dogs are prohibited.*
- (3) *A management plan must cover 5-year periods, and each Plan must be prepared and presented to the Board at least six months before it takes effect.*
- (4) *The Board must approve a management plan before it takes effect.*
- (5) *A council may amend a management plan at any time during the 5-year period covered by the Plan with the approval of the Board.*

The City of Burnside covers 2,752 ha, with a residential population above 45,000 and almost 20,000 dwellings.

There were 5,556 dogs registered in the City of Burnside in the 2022/2023 financial year.

The evidence supporting the benefits of owning pets is considerable, promoting physical, mental, emotional, and social health. Pets provide companionship, decrease loneliness, give purpose in life, and help reduce stress and anxiety. Dog ownership encourages people to exercise and precipitates the informal gathering of community members in an increasingly disconnected society. The Council's role is not to hinder this benefit but to maintain the ability of the community to continue to own dogs and cats. Councils must take a strategic approach to managing domestic pets within their community.

The Council's management of urban animal issues impacts the health, well-being, and lives of the whole community and the welfare of animals in the City. This Plan is, therefore, designed for everyone in the City of Burnside, from dog and cat owners to those who have no pets, and provides the direction for the Council in dog and cat management for the next five years (unless reviewed and amended earlier).

The mission of dog and cat management service delivery in the City of Burnside is:

“To create an environment in the City of Burnside in which all community members are kept well informed about the benefits and responsibilities of dog and cat ownership and are committed to being a responsible dog and cat owner.”

This Dog and Cat Management Plan aims to:

- Ensure the Council meets its obligations under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995.
- Investigate and implement best practices in promoting responsible pet ownership.
- Consider ways the Council could harness the benefits of owning pets.
- Establish priorities for animal management in the City of Burnside for the next five years.

The objectives of this Dog and Cat Management Plan are to:

- Promote the benefits of dog and cat ownership.
- Encourage responsible dog and cat ownership.
- Increase public safety and reduce public and environmental nuisances from dogs and cats.
- Minimise impact on native animals and birdlife.
- Ensure Council delivers effective, efficient, and innovative dog and cat management services.

Prospective pet owners are to consider the responsibilities of pet ownership and obtain advice on appropriate breed choices to suit their lifestyle and living environment to avoid later problems.

In addition to the legislative requirements of registration, microchipping, and desexing, pet owners should meet standard requirements for immunisation and provide an enriching home environment for their pet, which provides confinement of their pet to their property. All dogs should undergo basic obedience training, be adequately socialised around other animals, and exercise regularly.

### 3. MANAGEMENT OF DOGS

#### 3.1 Registration of Dogs

Under the Act, a Council manages dogs in its council area. Every dog of three months or over must be registered and wear a collar with a registration disc attached. Registration expires on 30 June each year and must be renewed by 31 August of the same year.

Although the revenue is received by DACO, dog registration fees and other fees concerning the management of dogs are set by the Council.

There is a provision for business registration for the owner or operator of a business that consists of or involves a kennel at which dogs are bred or trained or the provision of security or other services involving the use of dogs.

The following organisations are exempted from registering dogs held in their custody:

- Royal Society Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA),
- Animal Welfare League (AWL),
- Dogs owned or on behalf of the Crown, and
- Registered Veterinarians.

Accredited assistance dogs must be registered, but no fee is applicable. These dogs have certain exemptions under the Act.

#### 3.2 Control of Dogs in Public Reserves and Roads

Dogs are required to be *under effective control* at all times:

- Effective control using a *physical restraint* on roads, footpaths, or other designated areas.

Effective control under *physical restraint* means:

- Controlled on a chain, cord, or leash not exceeding 2 m in length restraining the dog.
  - Placed in a cage, vehicle, or other object or structure.
  - Tethering to a fixed object using a chain, cord, or leash not exceeding 2 m in length.
- Effective control by virtue of *physical restraint* or *'by command'* in parks, unless a Resolution of Council requires dogs to be leashed in specified areas.

Effective control *'by command'* means that the dog is responsive to commands, is maintained close to the person, and the person can see the dog at all times.

- Greyhounds must be muzzled and controlled on a leash when exercised in public places unless they are granted exemption from the Dog and Cat Management

Board.

- Guard dogs, attack-trained dogs, and patrol dogs must wear a specific collar and be under a person's effective control by physical restraint in any public place.

The Act allows the Council to declare dog-prohibited areas and on-leash restrictions. There are some controlled areas in reserves in Burnside. These are listed under 3.9.

### **3.3 General Offences**

3.3.1 Dogs are not permitted to:

- Wander at large.
- Attack or harass persons or owned animals, whether or not actual injury is caused.
- Cause injury to a person lawfully entering premises.
- Be transported unrestrained in open vehicles such as the open tray of a utility vehicle, truck, or similar.
- Rush at or chase vehicles in public places.
- Cause nuisance, in particular, barking nuisance.

3.3.2 Dogs other than Assistance dogs are not permitted to:

- Enter the grounds of a school, kindergarten, childcare, or preschool centre, except with the permission of the person in charge.
- Enter any shop unless it is a pet shop, grooming parlour, or premises associated with a registered veterinary surgery.

3.3.3 Dog owners must pick up and lawfully dispose of dog faeces in public places.

### **3.4 Control Orders**

Council's Dog Management Officers have powers to seize and detain dogs in the following circumstances:

- Wandering at large in private or public places.
- To prevent a dog from attacking, harassing, or chasing a person or an owned animal or bird.
- To carry out an Order.
- If considered unduly dangerous.

Law courts may issue Destruction and Control Orders in certain circumstances, whether on the Council's initiative or complaint.

Dogs wandering at large, retrieved by council Rangers, are checked for identification (registration tag and microchip) and temporarily detained at the Council's holding facility until collected.

### **3.5 Exemptions**

The Act does not apply to dogs owned by or on behalf of the Crown (in the right of the Commonwealth or the State) and is used for security, emergency, or law enforcement purposes, eg Police Dogs, Armed Forces Dogs.

### **3.6 Prescribed Breeds**

Five prescribed dog breeds can only be kept under certain conditions (refer Dog and Cat Management Board).

These dogs are:

- American Pit Bull Terrier,
- Fila Brasileiro,
- Japanese Tosa,
- Dogo Argentina,
- Presa Canario.

### **3.7 Appointment and Role of a Registrar**

Each Council is required to administer and enforce the provisions of the Act relating to dogs within its area and appoint a suitable person to be Registrar. The Registrar has specific responsibilities under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 as follows:

- dogs must be registered;
- registration procedure for individual dogs;
- registration procedure for businesses involving dogs;
- duration and renewal of registration;
- notifications to ensure the accuracy of registers;
- transfer of ownership of dog;
- rectification of register; and
- applications and fees.

The Registrar must ensure that all staff involved in the registration of dogs are trained sufficiently and have the knowledge to deal with dog owners and public members on behalf of the Registrar. The Registrar may also delegate powers to appropriate persons.

### **3.8 Role of the Dog and Cat Management Board**

Arrangements made by the Council under the Act must be made to the satisfaction of the Dog and Cat Management Board. It is the role of the Dog and Cat Management Board to oversee and administer the provisions of the Act related to dogs and cats, and the Council and the Board must work in close cooperation.

The Board requires statistics to be supplied to them by all Councils annually to carry out its responsibilities in research and general management of dogs and cats throughout South Australia. These statistics can also be beneficial to the Council with its planning



and management processes.

### **3.9 By-laws**

Councils can make by-laws to control or manage dogs in their areas.

The City of Burnside's By-law No. 5 - Dogs limits the number of dogs kept on a property to one dog in a small dwelling, such as a flat or home unit, or up to two dogs in any other dwelling. This by-law also states that:

- Dogs must not remain in any area that has been designated as a Dog-Free Area.
- Dogs must be held on a lead no longer than 2 metres in any area that has been designated as an On Lead Area.
- In all other areas, dogs must remain under effective control either by physical restraint or command, within close proximity of the person, and in sight of the person at all times.

The Council has declared the following areas to be Dog Free Areas;

- the Tusmore Wading Pool and Glenunga Hub play space

The Council has declared the following areas to be Dog on Leash areas;

- All public playgrounds and land within ten metres of public playgrounds (excluding Dog Free areas);
- All land within fenced areas associated with public playgrounds (excluding Dog Free areas);
- All land within twenty metres of the Tusmore wading pool;
- All land on and within ten metres of organised sporting ovals, pitches, courts, and fields (unenclosed) during such time as there is organised sport being carried out and during such time as there is organised training for sports being carried out and
- All land used as the external dining area associated with the George Bolton Swimming Centre Kiosk/Café and all land outside the perimeter of the pool area, which is within ten metres of the outer edge of the external dining area associated with the George Bolton Swimming Centre Kiosk/Café.

### **3.10 Dog and Cat Management in the City of Burnside**

Dog and cat management in the City of Burnside is the responsibility of the Ranger Section of the City Development and Safety Department. The Council's Customer Service Centre handles general enquiries during normal office hours, and Council's after-hours service provider manages out-of-hours enquiries.

Rangers are available Monday to Sunday, 8.30 am to 9.30 pm.

Outside these hours, Rangers are on-call for dog-related emergencies.

Phone: 08 8366 4200.

### 3.11 Revenue

Dog owners must register their dogs online directly to the Dog and Cat Management Board via the Dogs and Cats Online website (DACO), a central database for all microchipped and registered dogs and cats in South Australia. DACO is also used for breeder registrations as well as all registration payments.

Seventy-six per cent of the revenue that the Dog and Cat Management Board collect is forwarded to the relevant local Council, who use funds to administer and enforce the Act's provisions in managing dogs and cats within their city.

The Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 requires that councils utilise all registration revenue for the express purpose of the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Act.



#### 4. MANAGEMENT OF CATS

According to the Australian Veterinary Association, cats are companion animals for almost a third of Australian households.

The Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 requires that:

- All cats, regardless of when they were born, are to be identified with a microchip.
- All cats born after 1 July 2018 are to be desexed.

Under the current legislative regime, dealing with cats alleged to be a nuisance has limitations.

The Dog and Cat Management Act provides powers for certain officers to seize and detain a cat or destroy a cat. Those powers do not extend to Council officers or members of the public. As such, the Council has ceased its practices of trapping cats and lending cages to community members for the same purpose.

The Council does not have a By-law concerning the management of cats.

Nuisance cats are investigated using powers in the *Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016*.

For the purposes of this Act, a local nuisance includes;

- (a) any adverse effect on an amenity value of an area that—
  - (i) is caused by—
    - (A) noise, odour, smoke, fumes, aerosols or dust; or
    - (B) **animals**, whether dead or alive; or
    - (C) any other agent or class of agent declared by Schedule 1; and
  - (ii) unreasonably interferes with or is likely to interfere unreasonably with the enjoyment of the area by persons occupying a place within, or lawfully resorting to, the area.

Complaints concerning possible nuisance cats are dealt with using a flowchart that is published on the Council's website;

<https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/environment-amp-sustainability/animals/dogs-amp-cats/cat-responsibilities/nuisance-cat-complaint-flow-chart.pdf>

To assist in the responsible ownership of cats, the Council's website also contains links to documents published by The Dog and Cat Management Board;

[https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/environment-amp-sustainability/animals/dogs-amp-cats/cat-responsibilities/cat\\_owners\\_handbook.pdf](https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/environment-amp-sustainability/animals/dogs-amp-cats/cat-responsibilities/cat_owners_handbook.pdf)

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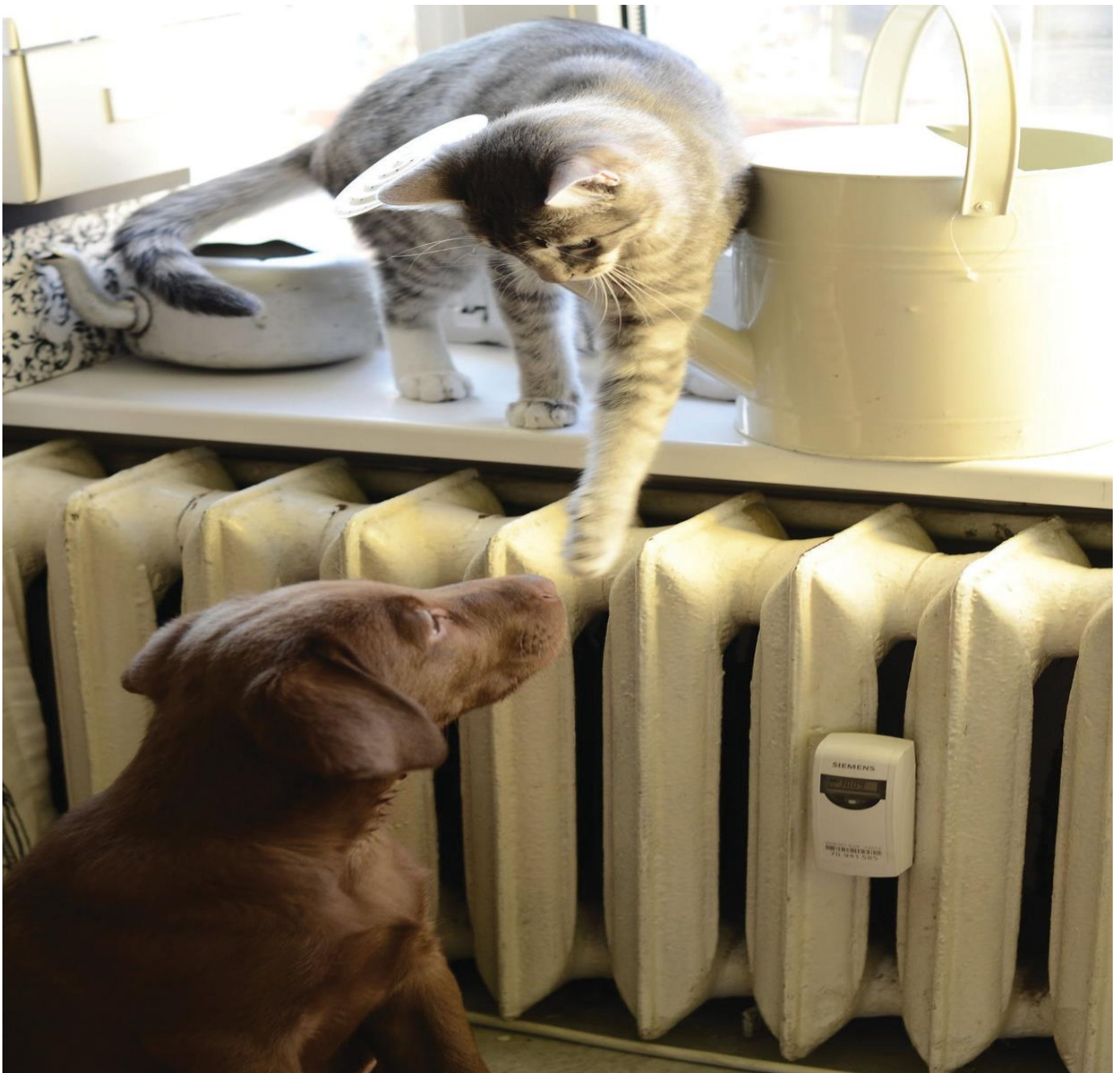
In December 2022, the Dog and Cat Management Board presented a report on reviewing the Dog and Cat Management Act to the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water.

The review covered all aspects of the Act. Concerning the management of cats, the recommendation is:

*Amend the Act to support a statewide approach to cat management. Further consultation on specific policy options including registration, prohibition on wandering at large, and nuisance offences, should be undertaken with the community and stakeholders.*

The Board's discussion in the report concerning the management of cats can be found using the link below on pages 14-16:

[https://cdn.dogandcatboard.com.au/dogandcatboard/docs/About/Final\\_Act\\_review\\_report.pdf](https://cdn.dogandcatboard.com.au/dogandcatboard/docs/About/Final_Act_review_report.pdf)





## **5. GENERAL COUNCIL MANAGEMENT OF DOGS AND CATS**

The Council's Rangers are Authorised Officers under the Dog and Cat Management Act and are experienced in dealing with issues arising from animal behaviour.

The Rangers' administration team assists with processing customer complaints and assists the Rangers in providing information to the community. The Council's website is also a source of information to help the community and visitors to the area.

Our Rangers' standard work hours include weekends, and they also work on call outside of normal hours for emergencies relating to dog management.

## 6. OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES AND KPIS

Dog and Cat Management		
Objective	Strategies (from 2024-2029)	Measures, Key Performance Indicators and Achievements
Raise awareness of the benefits of pet ownership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotion via Council website, publications, and specific education programs/projects.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include education material for distribution via the Council website, Burnside Focus distribution, and in the Council's public contact areas.</li> <li>Update Council website</li> </ul> <p>KPI: Number of posts and publications</p>
Encourage responsible pet ownership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase community knowledge of dog and cat legislative provisions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include in educational material for distribution</li> <li>Update Council website</li> </ul> <p>KPI: Number of posts and publications</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximise registration of dogs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased number of dog registrations</li> </ul> <p>KPI: Number of registrations</p> <p>5,556 dogs registered in the 2022/23 Financial Year (compared with 5,192 in 2016/17)</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage recording of cat microchip numbers as required under the Act.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased recording of cat microchip numbers</li> </ul> <p>KPI: Number of cats micro-chipped</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote microchipping of both dogs and cats.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include in educational material for distribution.</li> <li>Update Council website</li> <li>Explore the possibility of teaming with adjacent councils for microchipping events.</li> </ul> <p>KPI: Number of events held</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the desexing of both dogs and cats.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include in educational material for distribution.</li> <li>Update Council website</li> </ul> <p>KPI: Number of posts and publications</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage dog owners to train and socialise their dogs from an early age.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote organisations offering opportunities for dog socialisation and training.</li> </ul> <p>KPI: Number of organisations promoted</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide dog owners best practice advice and tools for managing nuisance barking or behaviour.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include educational material for distribution</li> <li>Update Council website</li> <li>Provide one-to-one advice as needs arise</li> </ul> <p>KPI: Number of posts and publications</p>
Appropriately train staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inform and train staff regarding new legislation and future changes as they arise.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of training to existing staff as changes arise</li> <li>New staff training on commencement</li> </ul>

<p>Minimise the potential for dogs to interfere with organised sporting events.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore on-lead dog restrictions to certain parks during times of organised sporting events.</li> </ul>	<p>Council resolution from 11 February 2020 includes Dog on Leash requirement concerning sporting activities. The following is declared as a Dog on Leash area:</p> <p><i>All land on and within ten metres of organised sporting ovals, pitches, courts, and fields (unenclosed) during such time as there is organised sport being carried out and during such time as there is organised training for sports being carried out.</i></p> <p>An A-Frame sign is available to participating clubs to display while sport or training is carried out.</p>
<p>Minimise possibilities for dog interference in designated children's playgrounds.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate the possibility of fencing Tusmore Wading Pool and children's playgrounds, particularly in the larger reserves.</li> </ul>	<p>Council resolution from 11 February 2020 includes Dog on Leash requirement concerning fenced playgrounds and Tusmore Pool.</p> <p>The following is declared as a Dog on Leash area;</p> <p><i>All land within fenced areas associated with public playgrounds (excluding Dog Free areas);</i></p> <p><i>All land within twenty metres of the Tusmore wading pool.</i></p> <p>Council resolution from 11 February 2020 includes Dog-Free requirement concerning two locations. The following is declared as a Dog-Free area;</p> <p><i>The Tusmore Wading Pool and Glenunga Hub play space.</i></p> <p>The Tusmore Pool is now fenced, leading to a possibility of amended restrictions to suit the new arrangement.</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore on-lead restrictions for 10 m around unfenced playground equipment.</li> </ul>	<p>Council resolution from 11 February 2020 includes Dog on Leash requirement in relation to playground equipment:</p> <p><i>All public playgrounds and land within ten metres of public playgrounds (excluding Dog Free areas);</i>  <i>All land within fenced areas associated with public playgrounds (excluding Dog Free areas)</i></p>
Increase provision for safe, enclosed dog exercise areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore the location(s) of a new fenced dog exercise park.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify potential location(s) for a new fenced dog exercise park</li> </ul> <p>Community consultation revealed a community desire for a dog park in the city's eastern half.</p> <p>A new site for a dog park is yet to be identified.</p> <p>The existing dog park in Conyngham Street, Glenside, has been improved with new facilities and items for dogs. The park has been divided into separate areas for dogs of different sizes.</p>
Reduce dog faeces in public areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the number of dog-bags and bins in strategic locations such as popular walking trails, footpaths, and parks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New bins at popular dog walking locations (for example, at exit and entry points of walking trails)</li> <li>New signage relevant to the requirements in parks and public areas</li> </ul> <p>Signs have been established where new Resolutions concerning dog control have been made. A complete list is available in Appendix 1 of this Plan.</p>
Reduce the number of dogs wandering at large.	Educate and inform the community regarding council policies and operational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recorded a decrease in dogs wandering at significant incidents.</li> </ul>

	<p>procedures on dogs wandering at large.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educate and inform the community regarding the potential dangers and hazards to animals of fireworks, storm conditions, and certain events.</li> </ul>	
<p>Reduce dog barking nuisance.</p>	<p>Promote information on dog barking nuisance policies and operational procedures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a list of animal behaviourists who can assist dog owners with solving problems.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include educational material for distribution via the Council website, Burnside Focus, and in the Council's public contact areas.</li> </ul> <p>In 2022, the Council developed a Barking Dog Complaint procedure;</p> <p><a href="https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/about-council/policies-plans-amp-reports/policies/copy-of-ecm_31862744_v1_barking_dog_complaint_procedure.pdf">https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/about-council/policies-plans-amp-reports/policies/copy-of-ecm_31862744_v1_barking_dog_complaint_procedure.pdf</a></p>
<p>Reduce the time and cost associated with managing lost and found dogs.</p>	<p>Provide a temporary short-term detention facility for lost dogs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain facility</li> </ul> <p>The Council initially established a dog detention facility for day-holding purposes. This facility has now been upgraded to a suitable '72 hour' holding facility, reducing the travel time and costs associated with transferring dogs to the Animal Welfare League (AWL).</p> <p>The Council has agreements with the Cities of Unley, Mitcham and Norwood, Payneham and St Peters. The agreements allow for the housing of dogs from those local government areas (subject to availability), assisting those councils with their dog management programs.</p>

<p>Improve incident and complaint recording records and system.</p>	<p>Revise existing incident and complaint recording system to record, with easy retrieval, details of the nature, type, and severity of the incident or complaint (eg animal to animal, animal to human, or animal to property).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accurate and detailed reporting and statistics of incidents and complaints</li> </ul> <p>Incident and complaint recordings are processed through Dog and Cats Online (DACO).</p>
<p>Incorporate the needs of pet owners in urban planning and open space planning.</p>	<p>Consideration in all urban planning and open space planning reviews.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased provision for pet needs in documents governing future planning of urban development and open space areas</li> </ul> <p>The Planning and Design Code does not contain policies designed specifically for pet ownership. However, information concerning responsible pet ownership is made available by the Dog and Cat Management Board and is included on the Council's website;</p> <p><a href="https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/environment-amp-sustainability/animals/dogs-amp-cats/cat-responsibilities/cat_owners_handbook.pdf">https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/environment-amp-sustainability/animals/dogs-amp-cats/cat-responsibilities/cat_owners_handbook.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/environment-amp-sustainability/animals/dogs-amp-cats/cat-responsibilities/good_cats_play_at_home.pdf">https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/environment-amp-sustainability/animals/dogs-amp-cats/cat-responsibilities/good_cats_play_at_home.pdf</a></p>
<p>Reduce the number of cats wandering at large.</p>	<p>Promote the keeping of cats inside at night. Promote containment of cats on an owners property.</p> <p>Educate and inform the community regarding the benefits of containing cats on owners' property.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include educational material for distribution via the Council website, Burnside Focus, and in the Council's public contact areas.</li> <li>• Recorded decrease in complaints about cat nuisance.</li> </ul> <p>Information concerning responsible pet ownership is made available by the Dog and Cat Management Board and is included on the Council's website;</p>

		<p><a href="https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/environment-amp-sustainability/animals/dogs-amp-cats/cat-responsibilities/cat_owners_handbook.pdf">https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/environment-amp-sustainability/animals/dogs-amp-cats/cat-responsibilities/cat_owners_handbook.pdf</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/environment-amp-sustainability/animals/dogs-amp-cats/cat-responsibilities/good_cats_play_at_home.pdf">https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/environment-amp-sustainability/animals/dogs-amp-cats/cat-responsibilities/good_cats_play_at_home.pdf</a></p>
<p>Reduce the number of feral cats / unowned / wandering cats and loss of wildlife.</p>	<p>Making cat cage traps available for residents to borrow to catch feral cats (which the Council would then handle) is currently suspended.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotion via the Focus Magazine and Council website the availability of cat cage traps for residents to borrow to catch feral cats, is currently suspended.</li> </ul> <p>The Dog and Cat Management Act provides powers for certain officers to seize and detail a cat or destroy a cat. Those powers do not extend to Council officers or members of the public. As such, the Council has ceased its practices of trapping cats and lending cages to community members for the same purpose.</p> <p>There is potential for change in this regard, subject to amendments to the Dog and Cat Management Act.</p>



## **7. LINKS TO RELATED DOCUMENTS**

### Council Strategic Community Plan

<https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/About-Council/Policies-Plans-Reports/Strategies/Burnside-2030-Strategic-Community-Plan>

### Council's By-law No.5 - Dogs

<https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/About-Council/Policies-Plans-Reports/By-Laws>

### Council's website information and Dogs and Cats

<https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/Environment-Sustainability/Animals/Dogs-Cats>

### Council's Barking Dog Complaints Procedure

[https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/about-council/policies-plans-amp-reports/policies/copy-of-ecm\\_31862744\\_v1\\_barking\\_dog\\_complaint\\_procedure.pdf](https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/about-council/policies-plans-amp-reports/policies/copy-of-ecm_31862744_v1_barking_dog_complaint_procedure.pdf)

### Links to documentation concerning responsible cat management

[https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/environment-amp-sustainability/animals/dogs-amp-cats/cat-responsibilities/cat\\_owners\\_handbook.pdf](https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/environment-amp-sustainability/animals/dogs-amp-cats/cat-responsibilities/cat_owners_handbook.pdf)

[https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/environment-amp-sustainability/animals/dogs-amp-cats/cat-responsibilities/good\\_cats\\_play\\_at\\_home.pdf](https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/environment-amp-sustainability/animals/dogs-amp-cats/cat-responsibilities/good_cats_play_at_home.pdf)

### Nuisance cat complaint flowchart

<https://www.burnside.sa.gov.au/files/assets/public/v/1/environment-amp-sustainability/animals/dogs-amp-cats/cat-responsibilities/nuisance-cat-complaint-flow-chart.pdf>

### Dog and Cat Management Board; 2022 Review of the Dog and Cat Management Act – Final Report

[https://cdn.dogandcatboard.com.au/dogandcatboard/docs/About/Final\\_Act\\_review\\_report.pdf](https://cdn.dogandcatboard.com.au/dogandcatboard/docs/About/Final_Act_review_report.pdf)

## APPENDIX A: ON-LEASH AND OFF-LEASH PARKS

<b>ON-LEASH PARKS</b>	
<b>Location/Address</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<p>All public playgrounds and land within ten metres of public playgrounds (excluding Dog Free areas):</p> <p>Various locations</p>	<i>Dogs must be on-leash at all times.</i>
<p>All land within fenced areas associated with public playgrounds (excluding Dog Free areas):</p> <p>Various locations</p>	<i>Dogs must be on-leash at all times.</i>
<p>All land within twenty metres of the Tusmore wading pool:</p> <p>25C Stirling Street, Tusmore</p>	<i>Dogs must be on-leash at all times.</i>
<p>All land on and within ten metres of organised sporting ovals, pitches, courts, and fields (unenclosed) during such time as there is organised sport being carried out and during such time as there is organised training for sports being carried out.</p> <p>Various locations</p>	<i>Dogs must be on-leash at all times.</i>
<p>All land used as the external dining area associated with the George Bolton Swimming Centre Kiosk/Café and all land outside the perimeter of the pool area, which is within ten metres of the outer edge of the external dining area associated with the George Bolton Swimming Centre Kiosk/Café</p> <p>Hazelwood Park Reserve – Greenhill Road, Hazelwood Park</p>	<i>Dogs must be on-leash at all times.</i>

<b>OFF-LEASH PARKS</b>	
<b>Location/Address</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<i>All Council-owned reserves not listed elsewhere in this Appendix.</i>	<i>Dogs are permitted off-leash at all times.</i>
<i>Note: State Government Reserves are subject to State laws and State management</i>	

<b>DOG PROHIBITED AREAS</b>	
<b>Location/Address</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<i>Within the fenced play space at Glenunga Reserve (east of the Community Hub Building)</i>  L'Estrange Street, Glenunga	<i>Dogs are prohibited at all times.</i>
<i>Within the Tusmore Wading Pool</i>  25C Stirling Street, Tusmore	<i>Dogs are prohibited during sporting events.</i>