



Dog and Cat Management Policy

Reference Number:	4.22
Type:	Council
Category:	Safety & Community
Relevant Community Plan Outcome:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide accessible social infrastructure and services that engage our diverse community.• An urban environment that is adaptive to a changing and growing City.• Be bold and innovative in our practices, leadership and decision making.
Responsible Officer(s):	Manager Public Health & Safety
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Last Reviewed:	April 2019
Next Review Due:	April 2021
Applicable Legislation:	Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 and Regulations Dog and Cat Management (Miscellaneous). Amendment Act 2016 Public Health Act Bylaw No. 5 – Dogs and Cats
Related Policies:	Urban Animal Management Plan
Related Procedures:	N/A

1. Purpose

The City of Charles Sturt recognises the value and pleasure dogs and cats can bring to individuals and families within its community and has developed an Urban Animal Management Plan to address this. However, this must be balanced with the need to effectively and efficiently manage dogs and cats within the City to ensure the safety of the general public and to reduce public and environmental nuisance caused by dogs and cats.

The Dog & Cat Management Act 1995 and associated Regulations and Council's Bylaw No. 5 – Dogs and Cats https://www.charlessturt.sa.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/By-Laws_Register.pdf specifies the legal obligations for Council in this area and sets the framework for Council's dog and cat management activities.

2. Scope

This policy is intended for use by the Community Safety Unit who is responsible for the management and enforcement of animal related matters within the City.

3. Policy Statement

The City of Charles Sturt will encourage responsible dog and cat ownership and endeavour to increase public safety through the reduction of public and environmental nuisances that can sometimes be caused by dogs and cats. This includes dogs wandering at large, barking excessively, attacking or harassing people and other animals and defecating in public places and cats wandering, meowing, fighting, and spraying or defecating on both public and private properties.

Council recognises the importance of promoting the welfare of both dogs and cats in our community and will encourage, through education and promotion, owners to desex, microchip and immunise their pets.

4. **Definitions**

Nil.