



Dog and Cat Management Policy

Reference Number:	4.22
Type:	Council
Category:	Safety & Community
Relevant Community Plan Outcome:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In our City no one gets left behind; everyone has access to quality resources, services, programs, information and social infrastructure to fully participate in their community• A well-designed urban environment that is adaptive to a diverse and growing City• Our values, leadership and collaborative approach are bold and courageous and enables us to deliver value for our Community and create a leading liveable City
Responsible Officer(s):	Manager Public Health & Safety
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Next Review Due:	February 2026
Applicable Legislation:	Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 Dog and Cat Management Regulations 2017 Dog and Cat Management (Miscellaneous) Amendment Act 2016 South Australian Public Health Act 2011 Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016 By law No. 5 – Dogs and Cats
Related Policies:	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 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 By law No. 5 – Dogs and Cats ([By-Laws-2021-Register](#)) 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 Team 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 owned 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, humanely train and immunise their pets.

4. Definitions

Nil