



Naracoorte Lucindale Council

*Better by Nature*

*Plan of management relating to  
dogs and cats*

*2018-2023*



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## 1. Executive Summary

The Naracoorte Lucindale Council, established in 1998, encompasses an area of 452,013 hectares and a population of 8,390 residents. The district is located in the centre of the Limestone Coast approximately 300 kilometres from Adelaide and 450 kilometres from Melbourne.

Naracoorte is the location for Council's principal office and the main service centre for the Council district. The district also contains the smaller communities of Lucindale, Hynam, Kybybolite and Frances.

The Council area contains prime agriculture land characterised by reliable rainfall and accessible underground water. The district is home to a thriving and vibrant rural economy and is central to some of Australia's most famous wine producing areas.

The district is home to the World Heritage Listed Naracoorte Caves, the Bool Lagoon Game Reserve and Hacks Lagoon Conservation Park which are Ramsar Wetlands of International Significance and the South East Field Days, the largest event held in the Limestone Coast.

Council's vision for the community is:

*"The best place in regional South Australia to live, work, do business, raise a family and retire. Created by having a Prosperous Community with Healthy Landscapes, Liveable Neighbourhoods and a focus on Harmony and Culture."*

Council's vision as an organisation is to be known for:

*"Progressive Leadership with strong community connections, efficiently managing our shared assets, services and natural resources."*

Dog ownership in the district ranges between 2000 to 2300 per annum. Statistical data for cats is not retained by the Naracoorte Lucindale Council.

## 2. Background

The Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 (the Act) provides for the management of dogs and cats in South Australia. The Act requires councils to prepare a five year plan relating to the management of dogs and cats within its area. This plan will operate from 2018 until 2023. Council has had a Management Plan in place since 2005 which was reviewed as required in 2013.

The objectives and strategies in this plan are consistent with theme 5 of Council's Strategic Plan 2016-2026, Progressive leadership - a well led and managed district supported by a professional approach to managing infrastructure, and the delivery of projects and services to the community.

This Plan outlines how Council will manage dogs and cats as required by the Dog and Cat Management Act and Council strategies to:

1. Encourage responsible dog and cat ownership
2. Ensure public safety by reducing public and environmental nuisance caused by dogs and cats
3. Effectively manage dogs and cats by meeting all legislative requirements

## Current statistics and figures

	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014
Registered Dogs	2012	2090	2313
Dog Impounds	56	60	95
Dogs Returned to owner after Impounding	43	45	74
Dog Attacks/Harassment	2	7	7
Cat Cage hire	11	34	29
Income Registrations	\$45,690	\$40,634	\$40,018
Income from Expiations	\$4,712	*\$1,331	*\$1,393
Expenditure	55,923	\$40,960	\$54,109
DCMB Contribution (10%)	4,569	\$4,063	\$4,001

\* Includes DCMB Contribution

## 3. The Law / Guidelines

The Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 sets out Council's responsibilities for managing dogs and cats. The objects of the Act are:

- To encourage responsible dog and cat ownership
- To reduce public and environmental nuisance caused by dogs and cats.
- To promote the effective management of dogs and cats (including through the encouragement of de-sexing of dogs and cats)

The Act prescribes the Council's responsibilities for managing dogs and cats relating to:

- Registration and identification of dogs
- Dog attacks
- Dogs that are wandering at large
- Excessive barking
- Defecation of dogs in public places
- Specific duties relating to certain dogs
- Seizure and detention of dogs
- Cats in remote or fragile areas and unidentified cats in other areas
- Requirements in relation to the preparation of the Dog and Cat Management Plan
- The power of Councils to make by-laws for the control or management of dogs or cats within its area

In July 2016 the Dog and Cat Management Amendment Bill was passed with implementation dates set for the 1 July 2017 and 1 July 2018. The main changes to the Act include:

- Dog registration - Registration categories of 'Standard Dog' and 'Non-Standard Dog', replacing the rebates for desexing, microchipping and training
- Microchipping - introducing the requirement for all dogs and cats over three months of age to be microchipped
- Desexing - introducing the requirement for all new generations of dogs and cats over six months of age to be desexed
- Breeder registration - introducing a requirement for anyone who breeds dogs and cats for sale to register as a breeder with the Dog and Cat Management Board (the Board).
- Selling requirements - Sellers must provide certain information in advertisements and to the buyer
- Council powers - councils to have greater powers to administer and enforce the Act including increases in some expiations and penalties

## The delegation of responsibility

Utilising the powers contained in Section 44 of the Local Government Act 1999 Council has delegated powers, functions and duties under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1994 to the person occupying the office of Chief Executive Officer of the Council. The Chief Executive Officer has sub-delegated some powers, functions and duties to other officers of the Council.

## Council's allocated resources

On 25 October 2011, pursuant to the provisions of Section 26(1) of the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995, Council's CEO, Dr Helen Macdonald was appointed Registrar of Dogs (resolution 221/12)

Council's General Inspector is the main contact point for the management of dogs and is Council's full-time dog management officer for the purposes of the Act. Other dog management officers are appointed to meet Council's needs.

Council's responsibilities with respect to dog and cat management are enforced by the Planning and Compliance department with some support provided by the Operations department. The collection of fees is managed by the Corporate Services department.

## 4. Revenue

### DCM Act requirements of expenditure

Money received by a council under section 26(3) of the Act must be expended in the administration or enforcement of the provisions of the Act relating to dogs and cats.

As required by the Act, Council keeps separate accounts of money received under this Act and of money expended in the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this Act relating to dogs. Council pays into the Dog and Cat Management Fund the percentage fixed by regulation of the dog registration fees received by the council.

Expenditure for the administration and enforcement of the Dog and Cat Management Act is derived from:

- dog registration
- expiation fees and fines for breaches of the Act and
- general rate revenue

Dog registration fees are set by Council and expiation fees are set under the Act, fines are applied as a result of court action.

As of 1 July 2017 expiation fees and levels of fines for breaches of the Act will increase significantly.

The revenue from both expiation fees and fines (imposed through successful court action) are retained by the Council. Council also sets other fees relating to the management of dogs and cats such as the hire of equipment, administration fees and pound fees.

## 5. Council's Management of Dogs

### Dog Registration

From 1 July 2017, as required by the Act, there will be two mandatory registration fee categories.

1. 'Standard' (mandatory legislated rebate) - this applies only to a dog that is both desexed and microchipped. All Councils are required to provide a mandatory percentage rebate off the 'non-standard' fee, for a 'standard' dog registration.
2. 'Non-standard' (full fee) - this applies to all other kinds of dogs, even if they are exempt from the requirement to desex or microchip (eg. working livestock dogs).

Council's registration fees may be viewed on our website at: -

<https://www.naracoortelucindale.sa.gov.au/feesandcharges>

The following registration fees are set annually by Council and align with the Dog & Cat Management Board's direction:

- Non-Standard Dog
- Standard Dog (desexed & microchipped)
- Working Dog
- Concession Card Holder (applies to non-standard & standard dogs only)
- Business Registration (per dog)

Rebates are usually set for dogs which are desexed and microchipped or for working dogs.

Other fees set by Council are

- Change of ownership
- Transfer of registration
- Replacement registration disc
- Late Fee
- Part Year Fee (new dogs only)
- Permit to Keep More than 2 Dogs (within townships) - gst exempt
  - Initial Application
  - Annual Charge Thereafter
- Pound Charges
  - Seizure and Impounding Fee
  - Pound Fee

### Arrangements for the detention dogs seized

Council has a facility in Naracoorte where seized dogs are detained. The facility has been approved by the Dog and Cat Management Board for the purpose of detaining dogs.

### By-laws

Council's By-law No. 5, Dog By-Law limits the number of dogs that may be kept on premises and for the management and control of dogs in the Council's area.

## Partnerships established with community organisations

Council has a working with both the Animal Welfare league – Mount Gambier and the Naracoorte Veterinary Clinic and assist in the rehoming of both dogs and cats.

## 6. Council's Management of Cats

### Cat Registration

Council does not maintain a register of cats. From 1 July 2018 the Dog and Cat Management Board is introducing a centralised registration system, 'Dogs and Cats Online' (DACO).

From July 2018, all cats in South Australia are required to be microchipped and cats born after 1 July 2018 to be desexed.

### Arrangements for the detention cats seized

Identified cats seized by Council are delivered to the Naracoorte Veterinary Clinic. Un-identified cats seized by Council are usually euthanized, occasionally a cat may be rehomed.

The Naracoorte Veterinary Clinic will contact the owner of identified cats. Cats not able to be reunited with their owner or unidentified cats may be rehomed if assessed as being friendly and well cared, if rehoming is not possible, the cat will be euthanised. This will occur within a 24-hour period.

### Services available from council

Cat traps are available for hire from Council for a minimal fee to help with managing un-owned cats.

Council has an arrangement with the Naracoorte Veterinary Clinic to care for impounded cats. An identified cat caught or trapped must be released immediately. Unidentified cats caught or trapped can be taken to the Naracoorte Veterinary Centre, 82 Stewart Terrace.

Residents experiencing problems with un-owned cats are advised not to feed or encourage strays, but ask neighbours if they own the cat.

### By-laws

Council does not currently have a Cat By-Law. If Council was to make a by-law for the control or management of cats within its area, it would consider the following:

- limiting the number of cats that may be kept on any premises;
- fix periods during cats must be effectively confined to premises occupied by a person who is responsible for the control or entitled to the possession of the cat;
- require cats to be identified in a specified manner or in specified circumstances;
- require cats to be effectively controlled, secured or confined in a specified manner or in specified circumstances;

## 7. Objectives and Strategies

Council's objectives with respect to dog and cat management are to:

1. Encourage responsible dog and cat ownership
2. Ensure public safety by reducing public and environmental nuisance caused by dogs and cats
3. Effectively manage dogs and cats by meeting all legislative requirements

Resources for dog and cat management are allocated annually in Council's Annual Business Plan and Budget. Animal control is primarily managed by Council's General Inspector with support from the Operations Department as required.

## 7.1. Encourage responsible dog and cat ownership

### Actions

- Educate the community on responsible dog and cat ownership by:
  - Attending the South East Field Days annually
  - Utilising publications available from the Dog and Cat Management Board
  - Utilising Council communication tools to communicate key messages from the Good Dog and Good Cat programs
- Every effort is made to reunite a seized dog with its owner as Council's first option, if this is not possible and the dog is suitable for rehoming then Council will promote its Adopt-a-dog Program. The last resort is to euthanise the dog. As well as providing public notification as required by the Act, Council also utilises its Facebook page and website to advise people of seized dogs and dogs available for rehoming. Council's Facebook page has been very effective in reuniting dogs with their owners or to find a suitable new owner. Council's adopt a dog programme provides 12 months' free registration, worming tablets and free micro chipping.
- Registration of dogs is usually promoted annually in a Council newsletter and as required utilising other Council communication tools. An article on the new requirements is being included in Council's Winter 2017 newsletter and further articles will be included as needed.

## 7.2. Ensure public safety

### Actions

- Dogs excessively barking can be disruptive. Excessive barking allegations are processed in the following way:
  - The owner of the dog is approached and advised of the complaint and advice is given on the cause of excessive barking.
  - If there is a secondary complaint in relation to excessive barking a door knock of surrounding properties is undertaken to ascertain if the complaint is substantiated. If the complaint is substantiated the following may occur be issued a warning notice, control orders or probation order.
  - Citronella collars are available from Council to manage dogs which bark excessively
- Council's By-Law 5 - Dogs, limits the number of dogs that may be kept on premises, and provides for the management and control of dog exercise areas, dog on leash areas, dog prohibited areas and requires the possession of a bag or other suitable container for the collection and lawful disposal of any faeces that the dog may deposit.
- In Council's 2017-2018 Annual Business Plan and Budget there are provisions for the establishment of a dog park at Council's Market Square precinct in Naracoorte.
- To reduce un-owned cat populations cat traps are available for hire from Council for a minimal fee.
- All parks and reserves in the Council area have been allocated with one of the following categories:
  - On leash area - areas that include playground equipment and sporting ground area.
  - Off leash area - owners can allow their dogs to exercise off leash in these areas but must still keep their animal under effective control.

- Prohibited - areas that are heavily used for sporting activities or where dogs may cause a safety issue or environmental damage
- Further all dogs must be on leads (no longer than 2 metres in length) in streets, roads and all public places. Council has provided Memorial Oval, in Naracoorte as a designated area to exercise dogs off leash. Council reminds dog owners that when exercising their “dog off leash” they need to ensure their dog is well behaved and that it is the dog owner’s responsibility to ensure their dog has the right temperament and social skills to interact with other dogs and members of the public.

### 7.3. Meet all legislative requirements

#### Actions

- Council conducts patrols of the district to ensure compliance with the Act
- If a complaint is received relating to a dog Council may decide to issue a penalty or fine. If the offence is more serious or repeated a dog control or destruction order may be issued or a summons for the owner to appear in Court to answer to a criminal charge.
- Council’s General Inspector provides a monthly report to Council report on impounded, seized, wandering and barking dogs, actions undertaken relating to cats and any animal welfare matters that have been followed up.
- All reported instances of conflict with any companion animal will be recorded together with the circumstances leading up to the conflict and consequently an assessment of the cause of the conflict, the degree of control and the animal and, the severity of any injuries.
- Dog attacks or harassment are a major concern and given a high priority. Council has an emphasis on prevention and education as well as reacting to incidents and prosecution of offences. Dog attacks or harassment are dealt with in the following way:
  - All reports of dog attack are attended to immediately
  - Harassment complaints are investigated with 24 hours
  - Serious injury to a person or animal may result in a destruction order
  - Offences of a lesser nature may result in a control order including
  - Adequate fencing to confine the animal
  - Locked access to the area where the dog is held
- Reports of wandering dogs, received during office hours, are investigated and followed up as a matter of priority. Council provides a 24 hour, 7 days a week service for reporting and following up dog attacks. Council does not provide a service for picking up dogs wandering at large out of business hours
- Council will support all Breeders of Dogs and Cats located in its area to be recorded in the Register of Breeders with the Dog and Cat Management Board by 1 July 2018.
- Council will undertake education activities to ensure registered breeders understand their obligation to adhere to a code of practice developed by the Department of Energy Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) as required under the new provisions in the Animal Welfare Act. The code establishes the basic minimum standards required for breeding facilities, including access to clean water, sanitation and enclosed construction material.
- Dog management
  - Owner Compliance
    - Dog Registration

- Mandatory Microchip Identification
- Mandatory Desexing
- Wandering at Large
- Faeces management
- Barking dogs
- Owner Responsibility
  - Attack and harassment reported
  - Exercise and Enrichment of dogs
- Cat management
  - Owner Compliance
    - Mandatory Microchip Identification
    - Mandatory Desexing
  - Owner Responsibility
    - Limits on cats
    - Curfew
    - Confinement/control/enrichment
    - Nuisance and wandering at large
  - Cat trap hire
    - Council offers a cat trap hire and disposal service to the Community. Traps can be hired from the Council Office on DeGaris Place, Naracoorte. A cat trapped is taken to the local service provider. The minimal fee is charged for the hire of the cat trap (hire period seven days). If the cat has a microchip or identified by a collar and tag, it is returned to the owner at which time the owner is reminded of their responsibility to keep their cat from causing a nuisance and will also be provided some cat enclosure literature.
  - Receiving seized cats and Impounding Cats
    - Council does not have the facilities to either receive or impound cats.

## 8. Table of on-leash and off-leash parks

A 'park' is defined in the Act as: *“a park, garden, reserve or other similar public open space, or a foreshore area, within the area of a council”*.

### ON-LEASH PARKS / NATURE PARKS

Location/Address	Comments
North Nature Parklands, Moore Street, Naracoorte	Dogs must be on-leash at all times
South Nature Parklands, Cedar Avenue, Naracoorte	Dogs must be on-leash at all times
Naracoorte Town Square, Smith Street, Naracoorte	Dogs must be on-leash at all times
Centenary Parklands, Musgrave Ave, Lucindale	Dogs must be on-leash at all times
Naracoorte Sporting Complex, Stewart Terrace, Naracoorte	Dogs must be on-leash at all times
Frances Sporting Complex, East Terrace, Frances	Dogs must be on-leash at all times
Kybybolite Sporting Complex, East Terrace, Kybybolite	Dogs must be on-leash at all times
Lucindale Sporting Complex, Oak Avenue, Lucindale	Dogs must be on-leash at all times
Other parks on Local Government Land	Dogs must be on-leash at all times

## OFF-LEASH PARKS

Location/Address	Comments
Memorial Oval / Parklands, Memorial Drive Naracoorte	Dogs permitted off-leash while under effective control for the purpose of exercising a dog
Market Square, MacDonnell Street, Naracoorte within the confines of the designated dog park (once construction is complete)	Dogs permitted off-leash while under effective control for the purpose of exercising a dog

## DOG PROHIBITED AREAS

Location/Address	Comments
Naracoorte Swimming Lake, Moore Street, Naracoorte	Dogs prohibited at all times
All children's playgrounds on Local Government Land	Dogs prohibited at all times

## 9. Adoption and Review

The Dog and Cat Management Plan was approved by the Dog and Cat Management Board on 15 November 2017 and adopted by the Naracoorte Lucindale Council on 26 September 2017 (Resolution 55/18)

The Plan comes into effect on 1 January 2018.

The Management Plan must cover 5 year periods and must be prepared and presented at least 6 months before it is to take effect. The review will occur during 2022.

Key actions undertaken in relation to dog and cat management are reported in Council's Annual Report.

## 10. Related Documents

- Strategic Plan 2016-2026 <https://www.naracoortelucindale.sa.gov.au/strategicplan>
- By Law 5 - Dogs <https://www.naracoortelucindale.sa.gov.au/policiesandbylaws>
- Annual Business Plan and Budget <https://www.naracoortelucindale.sa.gov.au/annualbusinessplanandbudget>
- Annual Report <https://www.naracoortelucindale.sa.gov.au/annualreports>

## 11. APPENDIX - OBJECTIVES/STRATEGIES/MEASURES (KPI)

### PLAN OF MANAGEMENT RELATING TO DOGS AND CATS

COUNCIL OPERATIONS			
a) Council authorised persons have capacity to administer and enforce the Dog and Cat Management Act			
	Objective	Strategies	Measures
i.	Appropriately Trained Workers	Staff undertake training, as required, relating to new legislative provisions under the Dog and Cat Management Act.	Type and number of training sessions attended
b) Education of the community			
	Objective	Strategies	Measures
i.	Greater knowledge of the dog and cat legislative provisions	Promotion of the need for breeders to be registered with the Dog and Cat Management Board	Number of promotional activities undertaken Number of Naracoorte Lucindale Council breeders registered with the DCMB
ii.		Promotion of introduction of legislation requiring all new generations of dogs and cats over 6 months of age to be desexed.	Number and types of promotional activities undertaken Number of new generation dogs and cats de-sexed annually
iii.		Promotion of introduction of legislation requiring dog and cats three months of age to be microchipped.	Number and types of promotional activities undertaken Number of dogs and cats three months of age microchipped annually
iv.	Proactive education of pet owners to ensure they are aware of their responsibilities	Implement various campaigns, such as Wandering Dog Campaign, to highlight various issues relating to responsible pet ownership.	Number and type of campaigns undertaken annually. Annual reduction in Dog Wandering at Large. Annual reduction in dogs found not microchipped or desexed.
v.		Participate at community events to promote dog and cat ownership and encourage positive behaviours of pets and their owners.	Events participated in and target audience.
vi.		Provide educational material for display and circulation to membership, clients etc. to promote responsible pet ownership to Veterinary Clinics, Library, Dog Club, Local Rescue Group, Schools,	Number of pamphlets/brochures circulated.

vii	Ensure up-to-date promotional materials available.	Regularly review and update promotional material to ensure it is accurate	Types and promotional material provided.
<b>effective Reporting and Management Structures</b>			
	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Measures</b>
i.	Maintain appropriate reporting mechanisms for all reporting requirements under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 to ensure timely reporting to the Board.	Implement reporting system for compliance with regulatory provisions	Reporting System developed and implemented Number and type of reports generated.
ii.	Maintain a schedule of accredited persons who can accredit Assistance Dogs.	Establish a schedule of all local accredited persons.	Schedule developed and maintained.
<b>c) Community awareness of pet ownership benefits and responsibilities</b>			
	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Measures</b>
i.	Encourage Responsible Pet Ownership	Undertake community awareness activities, using various communication mediums, to highlight the benefits and responsibilities of pet ownership.	Number of activities completed. Types of communication mediums used to advertise.
ii.	Provide links on Council's Website to other appropriate websites for easy access to relevant services.	Links to other animal websites provided to ensure community aware of services available to them	Number of links listed on Council Website and names of Groups/Services.
iii.	Community adequately informed of Dogs On- Leash, Off-Leash and Prohibited areas.	Review and update the Dogs On-leash, Off-leash and Prohibited areas.	Schedule of On-Leash, Off-Leash and Prohibited areas reviewed and attached to Animal Management Plan and advertised on Council's Website.
<b>d) Visitor Information/Facilities</b>			
	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Measures</b>
i.	Provide relevant information to various services within Naracoorte Lucindale to ensure visitors are aware of Dog and Cat Management services that are available.	Supply Brochures to accommodation facilities including caravan/cabin parks on dog on-leash, off-leash and prohibited areas within Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Number of facilities provided with brochures.
<b>e) Registration of Dog Breeders</b>			
	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Measure</b>
i.	Promote the new legislative requirements for all breeders to be registered with the Dog and Cat Management Board	Actively investigate any pup litters identified for sale and ensure that the owners are registered with the Dog and Cat Management Board.	Number of breeders registered with the Board from Naracoorte Lucindale Area.
ii.		Promote the requirement for all owners having to be registered with the Board if their dog has a litter of pups.	Number of promotional activities undertaken. Number of expiation notices issued for breach of the Act. Number of breeders registered with the Board the Naracoorte Lucindale Area.

<b>DOG MANAGEMENT</b>			
<b>a) Dog Registration</b>			
	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Measures</b>
i.	High level of dog registration achieved	Promote dog registrations annually	Annual reduction in dogs not registered.
ii.	Increased knowledge of legislative provisions around registration by	Undertake door knocks to identify and ensure any unregistered dog is registered	Number of Door Knocks undertaken and number of dogs identified and registered as a result.
<b>b) Mandatory Microchip Identification</b>			
	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Measures</b>
i.	Provide incentives to the community to assist in microchipping programs	Partner with Council's local service provider to offer discounted microchipping days	Annual reduction in the number of dogs found not to be microchipped.
<b>c) Mandatory De-sexing</b>			
	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Measures</b>
i.	Provide incentives to the community to assist in desexing programs	Partner with Council's local service provider to offer discounted de-sexing days	Annual reduction in the number of dogs found not to be desexed.
ii.	Increase awareness of benefits of de-sexing	Encourage Council's local service provider to promote the benefit of dog desexing	Promotional material provided by Council.
<b>d) Wandering At Large</b>			
	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Measures</b>
i.	Reduced number of dogs wandering at large	Respond to complaints regarding wandering dogs to ensure safety of the public	Number of reports followed up regarding wandering dogs
ii.	Identification of Dogs Wandering at Large	Continue to conduct random patrols of all public places and detain dogs found to be wandering at	Number of dogs seized.
iii.	Return of registered or identified dogs found wandering at large to their owners	Use all avenues available to identify and return dogs wandering at large to owners	Number of dogs return to owners.
iv.	Advertise events where fireworks, or weather could impact on numbers of dogs wandering at large	Proactively promote events and other activities as a reminder to pet owners to secure their pets, as necessary	Types of advertising undertaken.
<b>e) Faeces Management</b>			
	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Measure</b>
i.	Pet owners remove all faeces from public places when exercising their	Provide and promote facilities to ensure collection of faeces in public spaces by pet owners	Types of facilities provided. Reduction in fines issued for faeces breaches.
<b>f) Barking Dogs</b>			

	Objective	Strategies	Measures
i.	Reduction in the number of complaints regarding barking dogs.	Provide information to owners of dogs where a complaint has been received regarding their pet barking and highlight various methods to control	Number of complaints received and resolved. Identify number of reoffending complaints.
g) Attacks and harassments reporting			
	Objective	Strategies	Measure
i.	Decrease in dog attacks	Promote the consequences of dog attacks and prevention strategies	Number of dog attack reports Types of prevention strategies information provided.
ii.	Dog attacks and harassment as reported and acted upon	Promote and encourage the reporting of all dog attacks and harassment whether in a public place or on private property.	Number of attacks reported.
h) Exercise and enrichment of dogs			
	Objective	Strategies	Measure
i.	Provide effective management and a suitable environment for dogs within the community	Establish a working party to further investigate dog park/s within the Naracoorte Lucindale Area.	Working Party established and recommendation to Council in regard to dog park options.
i) Impounded Dogs			
	Objective	Strategies	Measures
i.	Continue to promote the rehoming program	Advertise any dogs for rehoming through Councils rehoming program if seized and not claimed.	Number of Dogs successfully rehomed.
j) Dog By-law			
	Objective	Strategies	Measure
i.	Dog By-law outlines a number of provisions for the control and	Review Council's Dog By-Law.	By-Law review completed.

<b>CAT MANAGEMENT</b>			
<b>a) Mandatory Microchip Identification</b>			
	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Measures</b>
i.	Support microchipping programs	Partner with service providers offering microchipping	Reduction in the number of cats not microchipped.
<b>b) Mandatory De-sexing</b>			
	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Measures</b>
i.	Support desexing programs	Partner with service providers offering de-sexing	Reduction in the number of cats desexed.
ii.	Increase awareness of benefits of de-sexing	Encourage Council's local service provider to promote the benefit of cat desexing	Promotional material provided by Council.
<b>c) Owner responsibility</b>			
	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Measures</b>
i.	Appropriate surrender of kittens	Promote the surrender of kittens to Councils service provider, which will be free of charge provided that the mother cat is desexed at the time of surrender.	Number of kitten litters surrendered annually.
ii.	Increased awareness of owner responsibility and types of enclosures available to reduce wandering cats	Pamphlets provided to owners of seized cats to enable them to consider an appropriate enclosure to secure their pet onsite	Number of pamphlets issued.
<b>d) Cat Trap Hire</b>			
	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Measures</b>
i.	Proactively manage feral and wandering cat issues within the townships	Cat Traps are available for hire as required	Number of cat traps hired annually. Number of cats
ii.		Cat Traps made available, at authorised officers discretion where feral cat infestation is high.	Number of cat traps provided free of charge
<b>e) Receiving seized cats and impounding Cats</b>			
	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Measures</b>
i	Appropriate management of cats trapped	Council has an agreement with the local service provider who will endeavor to identify the cat and either return, rehome or euthanize the animal as determined on a case by case basis	Number of cats trapped. Number of cats returned, rehomed or euthanized annually
<b>f) Cat By-Law</b>			
	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Strategies</b>	<b>Measures</b>
i.	Investigate Cat By-law.	Review other Councils' Cat By-Law.	Information provided to Council