

MEDIA RELEASE

COMMUNITY TO HAVE INPUT INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF DOGS AND CATS

The City of Port Lincoln is seeking input from the community on the management of dogs and cats in the local Council area to help develop a new Animal Management Plan for the city for the next five years.

Community comment, ideas and feed back regarding the management of dogs and cats is invited by completing an on-line survey, also available in hardcopy form from the Council Office, Level One, Civic Centre, 60 Tasman Terrace, Nautilus Arts Centre, 66 Tasman Terrace and Port Lincoln Library, 2 London Street and Visitor Information Centre, 3 Adelaide Place, Port Lincoln. A written submission can also be made by letter or email to plcc@plcc.sa.gov.au.

The submissions received will guide the preparation of the Animal Management Plan where Council will then prepare a Draft Animal Management Plan that will be put to the community for further comment.

“Now is the time for the community to provide their comments on the management of dogs and cats in our community. The information received will shape the new Animal Management Plan”, said Mayor Bruce Green.

New laws for cats, dog owners and breeders will be introduced in South Australia this year. The changes are designed to improve dog and cat management and welfare and are the result of years of planning and public consultation by the Dog and Cat Management Board.

Dog and Cat Microchipping will be compulsory over a certain age from 1 July 2018 and all new generations of dogs and cats (born after 1 July 2018) are to be desexed (exemptions apply for working dogs, registered breeders etc). More information about the new laws can be found at www.dogandcatboard.com.au.

As of 1 July 2017 the dog registration process will be simplified to just two categories:

- **Standard Dog:** A dog that is both desexed and microchipped; and
- **Non-standard Dog:** all other dogs, even if they are exempt from the new desexing or microchipping, rules.

Any media enquires can be directed to Acting Executive Director Development & Environment, Mr Theo Theodosiou on 8621 2318 or email plcc@plcc.sa.gov.au.

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