

# BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



## AGENDA

### Animal Management Advisory Committee MEETING

**Thursday 24 April 2025**

Barkly Regional Council's Animal Management Advisory Committee Meeting  
will be held  
in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek  
on Thursday 24 April 2025 at 1:30 pm.

**Chris Kelly**

Chief Executive Officer

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#### The Way We Will Work

**We will make it happen!**

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**We will aggressively pursue additional funding from both levels of government to improve the standard of living of people across the region. We need to be realistic, transparent, and accountable.**

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## 1 OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

### 1.1 Committee Members Present

Local Government Act 2019 (NT) Section 98 - Procedure at meeting.

(2) A quorum at a meeting of a Council committee consists of a majority of its members holding office at the time of the meeting.

#### **Animal Management Advisory Committee Members**

- Sid Vashist – BRC Mayor
- Noel Hayes – BRC Deputy Mayor
- Cr Sharen Lake
- Cr Lennie Barton,
- Cr Zacieus Long.
- Representative - Barkly Vet Practice
- Chris Kelly - BRC Chief Executive Officer
- Tim Hema - Acting Chief Operations Officer - Chairperson

### 1.2 Staff Members and Visitors Present

### 1.3 Apologies

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### 1.4 Absent Without Apology

Section 47 (1) (o) of the Act - Disqualification.

A person is disqualified from office as a member of a council if the person is absent, without permission of the council in accordance with the regulations, from 2 consecutive ordinary meetings.

### 1.5 Disclosure of Interest

Section 115 the Local Government Act 2019 (NT) provides - Disclosure of interest.

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## 2 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

### Confirmation Of Committee Meeting Minutes

**ITEM NUMBER:** 2.1

**TITLE:** Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**Author** Lauren McDonnell (Executive Assistant to the CEO and Mayor)

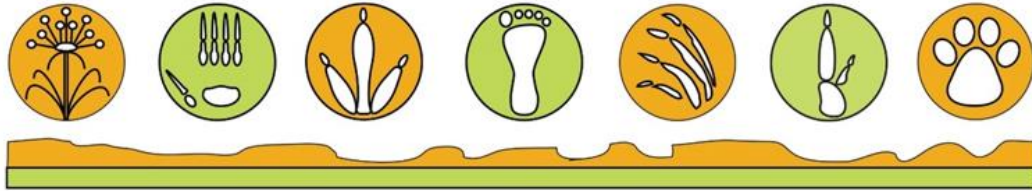
#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee receives and confirms the minutes from the Animal Management Committee meeting of council held on 27 February 2025.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Animal Management Committee Minutes [2.1.1 - 4 pages]
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## MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Council Chambers, 41 Peko Road, Tennant Creek on Thursday 27 February 2025 at 1:00 pm.

### **Ian Bodill**

Chief Executive Officer

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The meeting commenced at 1:32 PM with Brody Moore as chair.

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5. Cr Zacieus Long.
6. Representative - Barkly Vet Practice
7. Chris Kelly - BRC Chief Executive Officer
8. Brody Moore - BRC Chief Operations Officer - Chairperson

- Sid Vashist (BRC Mayor)
- Chris Kelly (BRC CEO)
- Cr Sharen Lake
- Shanai Fitz (BVP)
- Brody Moore (BRC COO) Chairperson

### 1.2 Staff Members And Visitors Present

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There were no declarations of interest at this Animal Management Advisory Committee Meeting.

## 2 OFFICERS' REPORTS

**ITEM NUMBER:** 2.1  
**TITLE:** Animal Management Report

### SUMMARY

This report provides the Animal Management Committee with draft copies of;  
Animal Management Strategy 2025-2028  
Barkly Regional Council Pound Procedure  
Barkly Regional Council By-Laws (related to Animal Management)  
Remote Community Vet Program 2025  
Remote Veterinary Servicing Report - February  
MOU with Barkly Vet Practice and Dan Murphy Veterinary Services

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### MOTION

- A. That the Committee note, accept and recommend Barkly Regional Council adopt the;



**Animal Management Strategy 2025-2028  
Barkly Regional Council Pound Policy  
Barkly Regional Council – Animal Related By-Laws.**

- B. Notes the following documents to be provided during the meeting.**  
**Remote Community Vet Program**  
**Remote Veterinary Servicing Report – February**  
**MOU – Barkly Regional Council and Barkly Vet Practice, Dan Murphy Veterinary Services.**

**RESOLVED**

**Moved: Cr. Sharen Lake**

**Seconded: Chris Kelly**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Resolved ARC-25\1*

**Key Note**

Documents mentioned in Recommendation B above was not presented to members as it was still under review.

**3 GENERAL BUSINESS**

*Nil*

**4 CLOSE OF MEETING**



### 3 OFFICERS' REPORTS

#### Officers' Reports

**ITEM NUMBER:** 3.1  
**TITLE:** Animal Management Report

**Author** Lauren McDonnell (Executive Assistant to the CEO and Mayor)

#### SUMMARY

This report provides the Animal Management Committee with the following information:

- Animal Management Strategy 2025-2028.
- Barkly Regional Council Pound Policy.
- Barkly Regional Council Control of Animal By-Laws.
- Email from Barkly Vet Practice.
- Revised proposal from Barkly Vet Practice.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

- I. Notes and endorses the attached email from Barkly Vet Practice for council approval.
- II. Accepts and recommends that Barkly Regional Council adopt the:
  - a. Animal Management Strategy 2025-2028.
  - b. Barkly Regional Council Pound Policy.
  - c. Barkly Regional Council Control of Animal By-Laws.
- III. Notes the revised proposal until the EOFY at \$51,000.
- IV. Note the proposal for the next FY (part C of the BVP proposal) at \$199,000 – noting this does not cover Alpururulam as Dan Murphy currently covers this community from Mt Isa.

#### CONSULTATION & TIMING

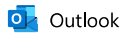
Chief Executive Officer, Barkly Regional Council.

Mayor, Barkly Regional Council.

Barkly Vet Practice.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

1. Email 05.04.25 from Barkly Vet Practice [3.1.1 - 4 pages]
  2. Animal Management Strategy 2025-2028 [3.1.2 - 7 pages]
  3. BRC Pound Policy [3.1.3 - 4 pages]
  4. Control of Animal By- Laws [3.1.4 - 36 pages]
  5. PROPOSAL BVP Veterinary Services to BRC - Part B - 1 March 2025-30 June 2025 REVISED [3.1.5 - 7 pages]
  6. Barkly Veterinary Practice Veterinary Services Proposal [3.1.6 - 11 pages]
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Re: AMAC Meeting schedule

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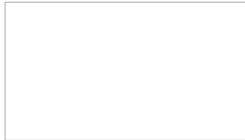
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Chris, I've copied Dr Kelsey Fyffe into this email, as she will be taking over the clinic and Barkly Veterinary Practice after July 1 this year. Please include Kelsey in further updates and correspondence related to ongoing animal management activities from next financial year. I do hope that the collaboration between BRC and BVP in regard to animal health, welfare and management can continue with a high degree of certainty, to the benefit of all.

Kind regards,  
Dave

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On Fri, Apr 4, 2025 at 1:15 PM Chris Kelly <[chris.kelly@barkly.nt.gov.au](mailto:chris.kelly@barkly.nt.gov.au)> wrote:

Thanks all.

Dave,

We have provided you with the approved works until the end of the year and that is all we can provide within the budget.

In regard to next FY, we are working with the funding bodies as we speak to understand what funding will be provided.

We will revert back to you as soon as we can.

Regards,

**Chris Kelly**

Chief Executive Officer

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Thanks, Lauren.

Perhaps Sid or Chris could consider a special meeting a bit sooner, as Barkly Vet staff are uncertain as to where we stand with the usual, and long-standing, AMP activities and remote community work.

We view it as unwise to wait wondering until July, as the AMP situation can rapidly go backwards if the work stops. A past experience confirms this.

I do hope that BRC has a plan for ongoing AMP funding, but has just overlooked communicating back to us.

I'll await a call

Kind regards,

Dave

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On Fri, Apr 4, 2025 at 10:58 AM Lauren McDonnell <[Lauren.McDonnell@barkly.nt.gov.au](mailto:Lauren.McDonnell@barkly.nt.gov.au)> wrote:

Dave,

Thank you for your email, the next Animal Management Committee is on 24/04/25. I have sent out calendar invites for all of the committee meetings, and they are also on our calendar on the website. For information the meetings are on the following dates:

24/04/25 - 1.30pm-3.00pm in the Council Chambers

19/06/25 - 1.30pm-3.00pm in the Council Chambers

28/08/25 - 1.30pm-3.00pm in the Council Chambers

30/10/25 - 1.30pm-3.00pm in the Council Chambers

11/12/25 - 1.30pm-3.00pm in the Council Chambers

Regards,

Lauren McDonnell | Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

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Hi Lauren,

Could you please send through the schedule for Animal Management Advisory Committee meetings?

I have the feeling that the next scheduled meeting is April 17.

I'm wondering whether the meeting should be brought forward, in the light of recent AMP funding cuts, BRC executive staff losses, and lack of confirmation of funding for AMP after the end of June this year.

There is a degree of urgency regarding continuation of animal management activities. I believe we need forward planning now.

Kind regards,

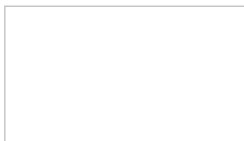
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## Companion Animal Management Strategy 2025 -2028



### Introduction

The **Barkly Regional Council Companion Animal Strategy 2025–2028** establishes a comprehensive framework for responsible pet ownership, compliance with relevant legislation, and recognition of the deep cultural connection between Aboriginal communities and animals, particularly dogs and the concept of **Dog Dreaming**. This strategy aims to promote animal welfare, public safety, and environmental harmony while respecting traditional Indigenous knowledge and cultural practices.

### Guiding Principles

- **Cultural Respect and Recognition:** Acknowledging Aboriginal cultural perspectives on animal relationships, particularly Dog Dreaming.
- **Responsible Pet Ownership:** Encouraging pet care education and accountability among owners.
- **Community Safety:** Ensuring safe public spaces while accommodating companion animals.
- **Animal Welfare and Wellbeing:** Promoting humane treatment, health, and management of companion animals.
- **Legislative Compliance:** Adhering to federal, state, and local animal management regulations.

### Key Goals

- Promote responsible pet ownership within the Barkly Regional Councils Local Government Area.
- Establish a framework for effective animal management and regulatory compliance. Encourage the microchip identification and registration of cats and dogs to assist in the prompt return to their owners if lost or found wandering at large.
- Enhance the Barkly region as a safe environment for members of the community.
- Advocate for the welfare and safety of companion animals.
- Ensure efficient and effective response to complaints of aggressive or dangerous dogs.

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## Companion Animal Management Strategy 2025 -2028



- Ensure adequate resources and training of Council staff in the areas of animal management and regulatory compliance.
- Increase pet registration and compliance rates by 25% by 2028.
- Reduce animal-related complaints (barking, roaming, aggression) by 20%.
- Develop Indigenous-led community programs on responsible pet ownership.
- Strengthen partnerships with Traditional Owners and animal welfare organisations.
- Expand de-sexing, vaccination, and microchipping initiatives across the region.

### Legislation

- **Animal Welfare Act 1992 (Commonwealth)** – Establishes a framework for animal welfare across the country.
- **Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 2015** – Manages risks associated with animal diseases and invasive species.
- **Competition and Consumer Act 2010** – Covers fair trading aspects related to the sale of animals.
- **Criminal Code Act 1995** – Contains provisions on animal cruelty under federal offences.
- **Animal Protection Act 2018 (NT)** – Outlines animal welfare requirements and penalties for cruelty and neglect.
- **Local Government Act 2019 (NT)** – Provides Councils with the power to regulate pet ownership and management.
- **Public and Environmental Health Act 2011 (NT)** – Covers animal-related public health concerns.
- **Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1976 (NT)** – Regulates the protection of native wildlife, including interactions with domestic animals.
- **Pounds Act 2009 (NT)** – Governs the management of impounded animals, outlining responsibilities for Councils and animal owners.
- **Biosecurity Act 2015 (Commonwealth)** – Enforced at the state level for disease prevention and control.
- **By-Laws (2025) Barkly Regional Council** – Related to animal management.

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## Companion Animal Management Strategy 2025 -2028



### Areas of Focus

- **Pet Registration and Microchipping** – Ensuring all dogs and cats are registered and microchipped.
- **De-sexing and Population Control** – Supporting responsible breeding and implementing de-sexing programs.
- **Community Education and Engagement** – Collaborating with Elders and Indigenous organizations for culturally relevant pet care education.
- **Public Spaces and Off-Leash Areas** – Designating appropriate areas for pet exercise while ensuring safety and hygiene.
- **Pound and Rehoming Operations** – Enhancing rehoming programs to reduce euthanasia rates.
- **Partnerships with Indigenous Communities** – Incorporating traditional knowledge into animal management strategies.

### Implementation Strategies

#### Encourage Responsible Pet Ownership.

- a. Provide education and material to residents and visitors to the Barkly Regional Council.
- b. Enforce the provisions of the Barkly Regional Council By-Laws and relevant legislation.
- c. Invite regular feedback regarding animal management issues from interested stakeholders, community groups and the Animal Management Committee.

#### Provide effective management and a suitable environment for domestic / companion animals within the community;

- Barkly Regional Council Animal Management Officers and those engaged in animal management to operate within the provisions of the Animal Protection Act 2018 and other relevant legislation.
- Encourage Microchipping and animal registrations.

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## Companion Animal Management Strategy 2025 -2028



- Minimise wandering or at large animals.
- Report all aggressive dogs and animal attacks.
- Identify and promote suitable on/off leash dog park areas.
- Maximise the communities understanding of Councils role in animal management and enforceable actions.
- Limit the number of dogs and cats per dwelling.
- Maintain and analyse animal management data and feedback to ensure animal management community needs are being addressed'
- Education and awareness, develop and distribute bilingual materials on responsible pet ownership, incorporating Indigenous perspectives and culture.
- Regulation and enforcement; Strengthen By-Laws and compliance measures to ensure responsible pet ownership.
- Incentives for responsible ownership; Offer discounted registration fees for de-sexed and microchipped animals.
- Use of technology; Implement digital pet registration systems and real-time tracking for lost animals.
- Indigenous-led Animal Programs; Establish partnerships with local Aboriginal organisation to create community-driven pet management initiatives.
- Training for Animal Management Officers; Provide cultural competency training for council officers to enhance engagement with Aboriginal communities and groups.

### **Reduce Public and Environmental Nuisance Caused by Animals.**

- Reduce the detrimental impacts of dogs eg. Barking dogs, aggressive dogs, harassment, dog waste in public spaces.
- Reduce the detrimental impacts of animals eg. Nuisance caused by animals in public spaces and destruction of wildlife.
- Reduce the detrimental impacts of other animals eg. poultry, livestock and fauna.

### **Provide for the Welfare and Safety of Pets**

- Identified wandering / impounding dogs and cats to be returned to their owners as soon as practical.
- Impounded animals have clean, safe facilities whilst impounded.

### **Acknowledge the Importance of Pets in Society**

- Provide up to date information regarding the benefits of responsible pet ownership.

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## Companion Animal Management Strategy 2025 -2028



### Minimise Public Risk

- Conduct regular patrols of all towns and communities within the Barkly Regional Councils Local Government Area.

### Protect Native Fauna and Flora from the Impacts of Domestic / Companion Animals

- Clearly define areas unsuitable for dog and cat recreation and exercise.
- Make available education and educational material on the detrimental effects of domestic animals on native flora and fauna.

### Expenditure of Registration Fees in the Administration or Enforcement of the provisions of Council By-Laws and Applicable Legislation

- Conduct regular reviews of income and expenditure to ensure best practice with available funds.

### Provide Professional and Culturally Appropriate Veterinary Services to the Barkly Regions Communities to control population and communicable disease

- Three (3) community Veterinary servicing visits per calendar year.
- Community and school based educational sessions related to responsible pet ownership and communicable diseases.

### Monitoring and Evaluation

- Increase in pet registration and compliance rates.
- Reduction in roaming, barking, and dog attack incidents.
- Improved community education and engagement.
- Stronger partnerships with Indigenous groups and animal welfare organizations.
- Growth in adoption and rehoming success rates.

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## Companion Animal Management Strategy 2025 -2028



### Key Performance Indicators

Objective	Action	KPI
Provide effective management and a suitable environment for companion animals within the community	<p>Ensure that Officers of Council operate within the provisions of the Animal Protection Act 2018, and all relevant animal management legislation.</p> <p>Encourage education for animal owners.</p> <p>Maximise animal registrations.</p> <p>Minimise wandering dogs.</p> <p>Enforce animal identification</p> <p>Encourage reporting of aggressive dogs and attacks</p> <p>Provide suitable on and off leash activity areas</p> <p>Maximise the publics understanding of Animal Management Officers, By-Laws and Councils role</p> <p>Limit the number of animals per dwelling</p> <p>Strengthen data collection to better understand animal management issues</p>	<p>Staff performance reviews and appraisals</p> <p>Regular audits of the Animal Management Strategy 25-28</p> <p>Compare registrations and compliance from previous periods</p> <p>Collect data regarding dogs impounded without registration</p> <p>Compare aggressive / dog attack reports with previous reporting periods</p> <p>Review By-Law compliance</p> <p>Review collected data</p>

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Objective	Actions	KPI
Encourage responsible pet ownership	Provide educational material to residents, visitors and schools  Enforce the provisions of the Animal Protection Act and relevant legislation	Collate information regarding educational material distributed to residents and visitors
Increase public safety through the reduction of public and environmental nuisance caused by dogs and cats	Reduce the following detrimental impacts of dogs and cats; Barking dogs, dog attacks and harassment, dog waste in public spaces and nuisance caused by cats	Data collection and analysis
Provide for the welfare and safety of dogs and cats	Ensure that impounded dogs and cats are returned to owners as soon as practicable. Ensure that all impounded dogs and cats have clean and safe facilities whilst impounded	Data collection and analysis compared to previous reporting periods  Review Pound Procedures.
Acknowledge the importance of dogs and cats within the community	Provide residents and visitors with up to date information regarding the benefits of responsible dog and cat ownership	Review information provided to residents and visitors to the Barkly region.
Ensure public safety and amenities in relation to companion animals	Conduct regular patrols to ensure compliance with legislative requirements  Invite regular input regarding dog and cat management issues from interest groups throughout the community	Data collection and analysis of warnings compared with previous years  Review input from interest groups
Protect native fauna and flora from the impacts of domestic animals	Clearly define areas unsuitable for domestic animal recreation and exercise	Conduct risk analysis of areas unsuitable for domestic animals
Ensure the expenditure of registration fees addresses the needs of pet owners as well as domestic animal management	Conduct regular reviews of income and expenditure to ensure that Council is utilising best practice with available funding	Audit conducted by the Finance Department

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## **Barkly Regional Council: Animal Intake and Pound Procedure**

**Purpose:** To ensure that all animals are handled humanely and in compliance with federal and Northern Territory legislation on animal management. This procedure outlines the intake and care processes for animals brought into the Barkly Regional Council pound.

**Scope:** This procedure applies to all staff involved in the intake, care, and management of animals at the Barkly Regional Council pound, including animal control officers, pound attendants, and any other personnel involved in animal welfare.

### **1. Legislative Compliance**

Barkly Regional Council's Animal Intake and Pound Procedure will be in line with:

- The Northern Territory Animal Welfare Act 2000
- The Northern Territory Animal Management Act 2008
- The Commonwealth Animal Welfare (General) Standards and Guidelines
- Relevant local council by-laws and regulations for animal management.

All staff are required to be familiar with these regulations to ensure that animals are managed in accordance with legal standards.

### **2. Animal Intake Process**

#### **2.1 Receiving Animals**

- **Authorised personnel:** Only authorised animal control officers or pound staff may receive animals into the pound.
- **Documentation:** Upon intake, the animal's details must be recorded in the pound's intake register, including:
  - Species, breed, colour, and size
  - Age (if known)
  - Identification (microchip, collar, or tattoo if applicable)
  - Description of any visible injuries or health conditions
  - Date and time of intake
  - Reason for impoundment (e.g., stray, abandoned, seized due to non-compliance with regulations)

#### **2.2 Initial Health Check**

- A basic health assessment will be conducted by trained pound staff, noting any signs of illness, injury, or distress.

- Veterinary assessment: If the animal requires more thorough examination or treatment, the animal will be referred to a registered veterinarian as soon as possible.
- Animals that are injured or in immediate distress should be treated as a priority and placed in separate, quiet areas for recovery.

### **2.3 Identification and Microchipping**

- Animals should be scanned for microchips or other forms of identification immediately upon intake.
- If an animal is microchipped, efforts will be made to contact the owner using the details from the microchip database.
- If no identification is found, the animal will be logged as a stray and efforts to locate the owner will begin.

### **2.4 Notice to Owner (if applicable)**

- If the animal is identified as belonging to a known owner, a formal notice will be issued, informing the owner of the impoundment.
- The notice will include details of how and when the animal can be claimed, as well as any applicable fees for reclaiming the animal.

## **3. Pound Care and Welfare**

### **3.1 Sheltering and Feeding**

- Animals will be provided with adequate shelter, fresh water, and nutritious food, in accordance with the standards set by the Animal Welfare Act 2000.
- Separate enclosures will be used for different species, sizes, and temperaments to reduce stress and potential conflict.
- Animals will be monitored regularly to ensure their welfare and cleanliness of enclosures.

### **3.2 Medical Care**

- Any animal requiring medical treatment will be referred to a qualified veterinarian.
- Records of any medical treatment or care will be maintained in the animal's file.

### **3.3 Handling and Socialisation**

- Animals will be handled gently to minimise stress. Aggressive or fearful animals will be handled by experienced personnel to ensure safety for both the animal and staff.
- Socialisation programmes may be implemented for animals that are not severely distressed, to improve their adoptability and mental well-being.

#### **3.4 Animal Enrichment**

- Enrichment activities (toys, exercise, interaction) will be provided where possible to promote the animal's physical and mental health.
- Regular walks and playtime will be provided for suitable animals to reduce stress and improve behavioural outcomes.

#### **4. Releasing or Rehoming Animals**

##### **4.1 Claiming Animals**

- Owners will have the right to claim their animals within a reasonable timeframe, as per the Animal Management Act 2008. The notice issued upon impoundment will specify this timeframe.
- Proof of ownership may include a microchip, registration, or a detailed description of the animal.
- Owners will be informed of any fines, fees, or penalties related to the impoundment.

##### **4.2 Rehoming and Adoption**

- Animals not claimed by their owners within the required period will be evaluated for adoption.
- Adoption will be prioritised for animals that are social and healthy. Those not suitable for adoption may be transferred to reputable rescue organisations or rehoming programmes.
- The pound will maintain records of any animal that is adopted, including the adopter's details.

##### **4.3 Euthanasia**

- In cases where an animal is deemed unfit for rehoming due to severe illness, injury, or aggression, and no suitable rehabilitation is possible, euthanasia may be performed. This decision will only be made following a veterinary assessment and in compliance with the Animal Welfare Act 2000.
- Euthanasia will be carried out humanely by a registered veterinarian.

#### **5. Public Education and Awareness**

Barkly Regional Council will engage in community outreach to educate the public about responsible pet ownership, microchipping, and animal welfare. This includes:

- Promoting the benefits of pet registration and identification.
- Encouraging responsible pet management and proper containment to prevent animals from becoming lost or stray.

#### **6. Records and Reporting**

All records of animal intake, medical treatment, and release will be kept securely and be accessible for audits and inspections. Reports on the number of animals impounded, claimed, rehomed, or euthanised will be provided to the relevant local authorities as required by the Animal Management Act 2008 and other applicable legislation.

#### **Review and Compliance:**

This procedure will be reviewed annually to ensure compliance with any changes in legislation and best practices in animal welfare. Barkly Regional Council will ensure ongoing training for all staff involved in animal intake, management, and care.

This procedure reflects Barkly Regional Council's commitment to promoting responsible animal management, ensuring the welfare of animals, and complying with all relevant legal standards.



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**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA**

**TENNANT CREEK (CONTROL OF ANIMALS) BY-LAW**

As in force at **Date of Resolution**

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## NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

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### TENNANT CREEK (CONTROL OF ANIMALS) BY LAWS

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#### By-laws under the *Local Government Act 2019*

#### Part 1 Preliminary Matters

##### 1 Title

These By-laws may be cited as the *Tennant Creek (Control of Animals) By-laws*.

##### 2 Commencement

The *Tennant Creek (Control of Animals) By-laws* came into effect on **Date** following public consultation as required under the Local Government Act 2009 ("Act").

##### 3 Purpose

The purpose of these By-laws is to ensure:

- a) The socially responsible ownership of animals;
- b) The protection of animal welfare; and
- c) The protection of the environment and the community

##### 4 Definitions

In these By-laws, unless the contrary intention appears:

**Assistance animal** is defined as a dog or other animal that is trained to assist a person with a disability to alleviate the effects of the disability. This includes guide dogs for people who are wholly or partly blind or deaf, which have been trained by an institution approved by the Council. Assistance animals must wear the identification issued by the issuing authority.

**attack**, in relation to the actions of a dog, means any action which causes injury or damage to any other animal or to any person or property, and includes any physical contact between the dog and another animal or a person or property whether or not any injury or

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damage results from the physical contact.

**cat** means an animal which is of the genus *Felis* and refers to a domestic cat.

**Council** means the Barkly Regional Council.

**dog** means an animal which is of the genus *Canis* and refers to a domestic dog.

**dog-trader or breeder** means a person who buys or sells dogs in the course of their registered business.

**identification device** means a dog or cat tag issued by Council as part of the registration process, and also refers to a permanent electronic subcutaneous implant.

**licence** means a licence granted or renewed under these By-laws.

**livestock** includes honeybees, horses, poultry, crocodiles, cattle, buffalo, camels, sheep, goats, pigs, deer, llamas and alpacas.

**menace**, in relation to the actions of a dog, means an action that creates a reasonable apprehension in a person that the dog is likely to attack the person or another person or an animal owned or in the control of the person or other person, and includes a reasonable apprehension that the dog may escape, or be released from restraint, to attack a person or animal.

**municipality** means the municipality of Tennant Creek.

**oestrus** means when a female mammal is 'on heat'

**pound** means the pound established under these By-laws

**premises** includes land and buildings.

**registered** means registered under these By-laws.

**registered owner**, in relation to a dog, means the person appearing in the register as the owner of the dog.

**veterinarian** means a registered veterinarian within the meaning of the *Veterinarians Act 1994*.

- (1) A reference in these By-laws to the owner (other than a reference to the registered owner) of a dog, unless the contrary intention appears, includes a reference to:

- (a) the person for the time being under whose control the dog is;  
and

- (b) the occupier of premises or a part of premises where the dog

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is ordinarily kept,

but does not include a person controlling or keeping a dog under Part 4 Division 2 or 3.

- (2) A reference in these By-laws to a dog at large is a reference to a dog, other than a dog in the custody of an authorized person or in the pound, which is in a place other than a place owned or occupied by the owner of the dog.
- (3) For the purposes of these By-laws, a dog is under effective control where the dog is:
  - (a) restrained by a leash, cord, chain or similar device, not longer than 2.5m in length, held by a person who has attained the age of 10 years and who is competent to restrain the dog;
  - (b) enclosed in a vehicle; or
  - (c) in a dog exercise area in accordance with the conditions, if any, to which use of that area is subject.

## **5 Application**

Unless the contrary intention appears, these By-laws apply to all areas within the Municipality, and not only within Tennant Creek.

## **7 Application of the Criminal Code**

Part IIAA of the Criminal Code Act 2009 (NT) ("Criminal Code") applies to an offence against these By-laws.

Part IIAA of the Criminal Code outlines the general principles of criminal responsibility, establishes general defenses, and deals with the burden of proof. It also defines, or elaborates on, certain concepts commonly used in the creation of offences.

## **Part 2 Administration**

### **8 Authorised Persons**

The Council appoints the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) as the authorised person for the purposes of these By-laws. The CEO may delegate responsibilities under these By-laws to authorised officers of Council.

### **9 Register**

- (1) The CEO shall keep a register showing the following details:
  - (a) all dogs and cats registered under these By-laws;

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- (b) all licenses granted under these By-laws; and
  - (c) all offences, known to the CEO, against these By-laws or against the Repealed Act:
    - (i) for which a registered owner has been convicted; or
    - (ii) in relation to which a registered owner has paid a sum specified by these By-laws in pursuance of a notice of infringement issued under these By-laws.
  - (2) The CEO shall keep, as part of the register, the register referred to in section 5(d) of the *Dog Act Repeal Act 1991*.
  - (3) The CEO may keep the register in such medium or combination of mediums as the CEO thinks fit including, but not limited to a register on a computer, system or paper.

#### **10 Delegation**

- (4) Subject to this by-law, an authorised Council Officer may, for the purposes of these By-laws, exercise all or any of the following powers:
  - (a) sign, seal or sign and seal notices, orders and agreements which the Council is entitled to issue, sign, seal, revoke or cancel;
  - (b) sign letters, receipts and other documents;
  - (c) do or perform an act, deed or thing necessary, ancillary or incidental to the exercise of the functions of the Council under these By-laws.
- (5) A Council Officer shall exercise a power conferred by clause (1) only on the resolution of the Council and in accordance with the conditions, if any, imposed by the Council.
- (6) A determination under clause (2) may be of a general nature or for a class or classes of cases or be with respect to a particular case.
- (7) A power or function delegated under this by-law, when exercised or performed by the delegate, shall, for the purposes of these By-laws, be deemed to have been exercised or performed by the Council.

#### **11 Council Resolutions**

- (1) The Council must, by resolution, determine the following:
  - a) The process for registering dogs and cats;
  - b) Any grounds for refusing to register a dog or cat;

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- c) Any conditions of registration; and
  - d) Date of expiry of a registration.
- (2) The Council may, by resolution, determine the fee to be paid to register a dog or cat. The fee may vary in respect of matters including but not limited to:
- (a) whether or not the dog or cat is sterilised;
  - (b) the location of the area of the premises on which the dog or cat is normally kept;
  - (c) the manner in which the premises on which the dog or cat is ordinarily kept are fenced or otherwise enclosed;
  - (d) the breed of the dog or cat; and
  - (e) whether or not the owner of the dog or cat is a pensioner.
- (3) The Council may, by resolution, require an application under this by-law to register a dog or cat to be accompanied by a photograph of the dog or cat.

Notice of a resolution made by the Council under these By-laws (other than by-law 8) shall be published in a newspaper circulating in the Municipality not later than 21 days after the making of the resolution.

### **Part 3 Responsible Ownership of Dogs and Cats**

#### **12 Cat and dog registration requirements**

- (1) The owner of a dog or cat that is kept within the local government area of Barkly Regional Council must register it with the Council.
- (2) All dogs or cats (including rural dogs and cats) must be registered with Council within 14 days of the animal reaching 12 weeks of age.
- (3) Subject to these By-laws, the registration of a dog or cat remains in force for a period not exceeding 12 months, specified:
  - (a) on the identification tag issued in respect of the animal, when it is registered; or
  - (b) where the animal is fitted with a permanent electronic subcutaneous implant, in the certificate issued.
- (4) Where an animal is fitted with a permanent electronic subcutaneous implant, the CEO shall, on registering the animal, issue to the person who made the application a certificate stating the period for which the animal is registered.



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- (5) An application for registration of a dog or cat shall be in accordance with **Form 1 – Name of Form** accompanied by:
- (c) the application fee as determined by Council, by resolution;
  - (d) written evidence that the owner of the dog or cat is the owner of the premises on which the animal is or is to be ordinarily kept or, if not the owner of the premises, that the owner of the premises, or that owner's agent, permits the owner of the animal to keep the animal on the premises; and
  - (e) such further information, relevant to the determination of the application, that the CEO requires the owner of the animal to provide.

### **13 Unregistered dogs and cats**

- (1) Subject to these By-laws, a person who keeps an unregistered dog or cat in the Municipality is guilty of an offence.

**Penalty: \$200.**

- (2) An offence under clause (1) is a regulatory offence.
- (3) It is a defense to a prosecution for an offence against clause (1) if the person charged with the offence proves that the dog or cat had not been usually kept within the Municipality for a period of three (3) consecutive months before the date of the alleged offence.
- (4) These requirements do not apply to:
- a) the manager of the pound keeping a dog in the pound;
  - b) the CEO or authorised Council Officer, in the course of the exercise or performance of the CEO's powers or functions under these By-laws;
  - c) a person boarding a dog or cat for the owner of the animal for less than 3 months;
  - d) a dog or cat under the age of 12 weeks;
  - e) the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (N.T.) or a person or organisation who provides animal fostering services; or
  - f) a veterinarian keeping an animal for the purposes of treatment.

### **14 Abandoning dogs or cats**

A person who abandons a dog or cat in the Municipality is guilty of

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an offence.

**Penalty: \$500.**

**15 Determination of application for registration**

- (1) Subject to these By-laws, the CEO shall, not later than 14 days after receiving an application for registration:
  - a) register the animal, either conditionally or unconditionally; or
  - b) refuse to register the animal.
- (2) The CEO may refuse to register an animal if, within the period of three (3) years before the date of the application:
  - a) the owner of the animal has been convicted of more than 2 offences against these By-laws or the Repealed Act; or
  - b) the animal has been impounded under these By-laws or the Repealed Act on more than two occasions.
- (3) The CEO shall refuse to register a dog or cat:
  - a) if the animal is ordinarily kept on premises within an animal restriction area;
  - b) if the owner of the animal fails to provide to Council the written evidence required under these By-laws.
  - c) if Council is satisfied that an animal is destructive, dangerous, vicious or consistently the cause of nuisance to members of the public;
  - d) if the person applying for the registration has not, if required by the Council by resolution, completed a dog obedience course or dog training course referred to in clause (4); or
  - e) if the premises on which a dog is ordinarily to be kept is not fenced in accordance with the manner, if any, determined by the Council.
  - f) If the premises on which a cat is ordinarily to be kept are not suitably enclosed in accordance with the manner, if any, determined by the Council.
- (4) The Council may, by resolution, approve a dog obedience course or dog training course for the purpose of this section.
- (5) The Council may, for the purposes of this section, determine by resolution, the manner of fencing or enclosing

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premises by reference to the size or breed or both the size and breed of animal which is ordinarily to be kept on the premises.

- (6) If the CEO refuses to register an animal or imposes conditions on the registration of an animal under this section, the CEO shall provide the applicant with the reasons for the decision.
- (7) For the purposes of this section, a conviction for an offence includes the payment of a sum specified by these By-laws in pursuance of a notice of infringement issued under these By-laws.

**16 Renewal of registration**

- (1) A person may, before the expiration of the registration period, apply to the CEO for the renewal of the registration in the same manner as an application is made for the registration.
- (2) An application under clause (1) shall be determined by the CEO in the same manner as an application for the registration is determined.

**17 Cancellation of registration by request**

- (1) The CEO may, on application made in writing by the registered owner of a dog or cat, by notice in writing served on the owner or holder:
  - (a) cancel the registration; or
  - (b) vary the conditions to which the registration is subject.

**18 Cancellation of registration other than by request**

- (1) The CEO may, by notice in writing served on the registered owner of a dog or cat, require the owner to show cause why:
  - (a) the registration of the animal should not be cancelled; or
  - (b) the registration of the animal should not be subject to the conditions specified in the notice.
- (2) The CEO may, not less than 14 days after the date of service of the notice under clause (1), by notice in writing served on the registered owner:
  - (a) cancel the registration of the animal; or
  - (b) subject the registration of the animal to conditions specified in the notice.

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**19            Operation of notice of cancellation**

A notice served by the CEO the above sections takes effect at the expiration of 21 days after the service of the notice.

**20            Offence for contravention of condition of registration**

- (1) The owner of a registered dog or cat must comply with any conditions on the registration determined by the Council.
- (2) A person commits an offence if:
  - (a) the person is the owner of a registered dog or cat; and
  - (b) the registration of the dog or cat is subject to a condition; and
  - (c) the owner fails to comply with the condition.

**Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.**

**21            Change of ownership of dogs or cats**

- (1) A person who acquires ownership of a dog or cat and does not, within 14 days of acquiring ownership of the animal, notify the Council of:
  - (a) the person's name and address;
  - (b) the name of the registered owner; and
  - (c) the registration number of theanimal, is guilty of an offence.

**Penalty:            \$50.**

- (2) The registered owner of a dog who changes his or her address and does not, within 14 days of the change, notify the CEO of his or her new address is guilty of an offence.

Penalty:            \$50.

- (3) The CEO, on being notified of a change of ownership under clause (1) or address under clause (2) shall amend the register accordingly.

**22            Identification device**

- (1) The CEO shall, on registering a dog or cat, unless the animal is fitted with a permanent electronic subcutaneous implant, issue to the person who made the application a tag in the form and type

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approved by the Council.

- (2) A registered animal must wear the tag issued by the Council, or approved by an authorised Council Officer, when outside of the premises where the animal is usually kept.
- (3) If required by the Council, a dog or cat must be implanted with a microchip in addition to wearing a tag.
- (4) An implanted microchip must:
  - a) meet the specifications determined by the Council; and
  - b) be designed to store information in a way that can be retrieved electronically without physical contact.
- (5) The owner of a registered dog or cat must ensure that the animal:
  - a) wears the tag issued for it when outside the premises where it is usually kept; and
  - b) is implanted with a microchip if required under this section.

## **23 Offences related to identification device**

- (1) The owner of a registered dog or cat must not:
  - a) allow the animal to be outside the premises where it is kept without wearing the identification device (tag) issued for it; or
  - b) remove from it any microchip implanted under these By-laws.

**Penalty: \$200.**

- (2) A person, other than the owner of the animal, who removes an identification device from a registered animal without reasonable cause is guilty of an offence.

**Penalty: \$200.**

- (3) It may be a defence to a prosecution for an offence against clause (1) if the registered owner proves that the identification device had been removed:
  - (f) by a person without the owner's permission and the owner had not had a sufficient opportunity to replace the identification device; or
  - (g) for a reasonable cause and the cause was still existent.

## **24 Sterilization marks and certificates**

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- (1) A person who sterilizes a dog or cat and who fails to:
- (d) tattoo the left ear of the dog in the manner determined by the Council; or
  - (e) provide the owner of the dog or cat with a certificate in accordance with these By-laws:
- is guilty of an offence.

**Penalty: \$200.**

- (2) A person who tattoos a dog or cat which has not been sterilised with a tattoo referred to in clause (1) is guilty of an offence.

**Penalty: \$200.**

- (3) A dog trader/breeder who, on the sale of a dog:
- a) fails, where the animal has been sterilized, to supply; or
  - b) supplies, where the animal has not been sterilized,
- a certificate in accordance with these By-laws is guilty of an offence.

**Penalty: \$200.**

## **25 Notice of change in address or owner**

- (1) The owner of a registered dog or cat must notify the Council of the following events:
- (a) a change in the owner's address;
  - (b) a transfer of the dog or cat to a new owner.
- (2) The notice must be given in **which form** within 14 days after the day the event occurred and include the following:
- (a) the particulars of the animal;
  - (b) the contact details of the owner;
  - (c) in the case of a transfer of the dog or cat to a new owner – the contact details of both the new and former owners.
- (3) A person commits an offence if:
- (a) the person is the owner of a registered dog or cat; and

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- (b) the person fails to comply with the above requirements.

**Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.**

**26 Proper containment of dogs and cats**

- (1) The owner of a dog or cat must properly contain the dog or cat when it is on the premises where it is kept.
- (2) A person commits an offence if:
- (a) the person is the owner of a dog or cat; and
  - (b) the dog or cat is not properly contained when it is on the premises where it is kept.

**Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.**

- (4) To avoid doubt, the following matters are not relevant to an offence:
- (a) the time during which the dog or cat was not properly contained;
  - (b) the ability of the owner to properly contain the dog or cat.

**27 Keeping dogs and cats under effective control**

- (1) The owner of a dog or cat must ensure that the dog or cat is under effective control outside of the premises where the animal is kept.
- (2) For these By-laws, a dog or cat is taken to be under **effective control** if the dog or cat is:
- a) restrained by a collar and lead, leash or similar device, or is being transported in a closed cage or carrier; and
  - b) is held by a person who is over the age of 12 years and who is competent to restrain the animal; or
  - c) is safely enclosed in a vehicle, or in or on the back of a flat-topped, tray-backed or well-bodied vehicle, in such a manner that no part of the animal is projecting from the vehicle; or
  - d) otherwise appropriately and humanely leashed or restrained and unable to run free.
- (3) For these By-laws, a dog in a dog exercise area is taken to be under **effective control** if:
- a) the dog is complying with the conditions specified as conditions of entry to the area; and
  - b) the dog is immediately responsive to a voice command of its owner; and

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- c) the dog is not a female dog in oestrus; and
  - d) the owner is carrying a collar and leash or similar device.

(4) A person commits an offence if:

- a) the person is the owner of a dog or cat; and
- b) the dog or cat is not under effective control when outside the premises where the animal is kept.

**Penalty: \$200.00**

(4) A person commits an offence if:

- a) a person who, without the consent of the owner of a dog or cat, permits the animal to be in an enclosed field, paddock, yard or other place (other than a place owned or occupied by the person; or the pound) in which an animal owned by another person is confined.

**Penalty: \$200.**

**28 Maximum Number of Dogs and Cats**

- (1) The Council may, by resolution, establish a limit or condition on the maximum number of dogs or cats that may be kept on premises.
- (2) The Council may, by resolution, establish a limit or condition on the breeding of dogs and cats and the suitability of those premises and the impact on neighbours.
- (3) The Council must publish the limit or condition.
- (4) A person must not, without an authorisation, keep dogs or cats on premises contrary to any limit or condition established by the Council on the maximum number of dogs or cats that may be kept on premises.
- (5) An occupier of premises commits an offence if:
  - a) the Council, by resolution, establishes a limit or condition on the maximum number of dogs or cats that may be kept on the premises; and
  - b) the occupier keeps dogs or cats on the premises contrary to the limit or condition; and
  - c) the occupier does not have an authorisation allowing that conduct.

**Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.**

- (6) A person who contravenes clause (5) is not entitled to apply for, or to be granted, an authorisation referred to in that clause for a period of 12 months from the day of the last contravention.



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**29 Application for a licence for additional dogs or cats**

- (1) The occupier of a premises may apply to the CEO for a licence in respect of keeping additional dogs or cats above the amount stipulated by the Council.
- (2) An application under clause (1) shall be in accordance with *Form 3 – Application for Licence/Renewal of Licence* accompanied by:
  - (h) the fee determined by the Council by resolution;
  - (i) written evidence that the applicant is the owner of the premises or that the owner of the premises or the owner's agent permits the applicant to keep the dogs or cats or the number of dogs or cats specified in the application on the premises; and
  - (j) such further information, relevant to the determination of the application, that the CEO requires the applicant to provide.

**30 Requirement for licence**

- (1) The occupier of premises where more than the established number or classes of dogs or cats are kept is guilty of an offence unless the premises are licensed and the occupier is in compliance with the licence.

**Penalty: \$200.**

- (2) It is a defense to a prosecution for an offence against clause (1) if the occupier of the premises proves that the dog or cat in respect of which the alleged offence occurred had, at the time of the alleged offence, not attained the age of 12 weeks.

**31 Determination of application for a licence**

- (1) Subject to these By-laws, the CEO shall, not later than 14 days after receiving an application:
  - (k) grant a licence in respect of the premises, either conditionally or unconditionally; or
  - (l) refuse to grant a licence in respect of the premises.
- (2) The CEO shall, in considering an application, take into account any matter which, in the CEO's opinion, is relevant and in particular:
  - (m) the facilities for controlling dogs and cats at the premises specified in the application;
  - (n) the number of dogs and cats kept or to be kept on the premises; and

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- (o) the likely impact, if the licence is granted, on residents in the locality where the premises are situated.
- (3) The CEO shall not grant a licence if:
- (p) the applicant has not, if so required by the Council by resolution, completed a dog obedience course or dog training course;
  - (q) the premises in respect of which the application relates are not fenced or containment is not in accordance with a determination of the Council under these By-laws; or
  - (r) the applicant fails to provide the written evidence required of Council, in accordance with these By-laws.
- (4) If the CEO under clause (1) refuses to grant a licence or grants a licence subject to conditions, the CEO shall serve on the applicant a statement in writing of the reasons for the decision.
- (5) Subject to these By-laws, a licence remains in force for the period, not exceeding 12 months, specified in the licence.

**32 Conditions of licence to be observed**

- (1) Subject to these By-laws, a person who contravenes or fails to comply with a condition to which the licence of a dog or cat is subject is guilty of an offence.

**Penalty: \$200.**

**33 Cancellation of licence other than by request**

- (1) The CEO may, by notice in writing served on the registered owner of a dog or cat, require the owner to show cause why:
- (a) the licence of the animal should not be cancelled;
  - (b) the licence of the animal should not be subject to the conditions specified in the notice; or
  - (c) the licence should not be suspended for the period specified in the notice.
- (2) The CEO may, not less than 14 days after the date of service of the notice under clause (1), by notice in writing served on the registered owner:
- (a) cancel the licence of the animal;
  - (b) subject the licence of the animal to conditions specified in the notice; or

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- (c) suspend the licence for the period specified in the notice, being a period not longer than the period specified in the first-mentioned notice.

**34 Operation of notice of cancellation**

A notice served by Council under the above sections takes effect at the expiration of 21 days after the service of the notice.

**Part 4 Dog exercise areas and dog restriction areas**

**35 Dog exercise areas**

- (1) The Council may declare an area to be a dog exercise area.
- (2) The Council must publish the location and conditions for using any dog exercise area or class of dog exercise area it declares, for example when female dogs in oestrus are allowed in the area.
- (3) The owner of a dog using a dog exercise area must comply with the conditions for the area.
- (4) The owner of a dangerous dog must ensure the dog does not enter a dog exercise area.

**36 Dog and cat restricted areas**

- (1) The Council may declare an area to be a dog or cat restricted area. For example, prohibiting taking a dog or cat into a market or festival, or restricting classes or numbers of dogs and cats in an area.
- (2) The Council shall, not less than 21 days before declaring an area to be a dog and/or cat restriction area, publish a notice of the proposed dog exercise area or dog restriction area in a newspaper circulating in the Municipality.
- (3) If the Council intends to declare an area to be a dog or cat restricted area, the Council must:
  - a) publish notice of the proposed area at least 21 days in advance; and
  - b) consider any responses to the notice from rate payers.
- (4) An assistance animal is exempt from this By-law.

**37 Special cat control area**

- (1) The Council may declare an area to be a special cat control area to

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protect biodiversity or wildlife vulnerable to predation by cats.

- (2) The Council must publish the location and restrictions on cats in any special cat control area it declares.
- (3) The owner of a cat in a special cat control area must keep the cat inside a building, enclosed cat run or other structure on the premises from which the animal is unable to escape.

**38 Remedial action for contravention of areas related to cats**

- (1) If the owner of a dog or cat fails to comply with the duties of an owner under By-law 28 dog and cat restricted areas or 29 more than once in a 12-month period, the CEO may require the owner to take one or more of the following actions:
  - a) desex the animal at the owner's expense;
  - b) make specified changes to the animal's enclosure or containment area at the owner's expense;
  - c) surrender the animal to the pound.
- (2) If the CEO intends to take action under clause (1), the CEO must give the owner of the cat a notice that:
  - (a) states what action the CEO is proposing under that clause; and
  - (b) states the grounds for taking that action; and
  - (c) invites the owner to show cause, within 14 days, why the action should not be taken.
- (3) After considering any response received within 14 days after the day of the notice, the CEO must decide whether to take action under clause (1).
- (4) As soon as practicable after making a decision under clause (3), the CEO must give a decision notice to the owner of the animal.

**39 Offences related to controlled areas**

- (1) A person commits an offence if the person:
  - (a) owns a dog; and
  - (b) fails to comply with the conditions for a dog exercise area or a dog restricted area under these By-laws.

**Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.**

- (2) A person commits an offence if the person:

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- (a) owns a dangerous dog; and
  - (b) the dog enters a dog exercise area.

**Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.**

- (3) A person commits an offence if the person:

- (a) owns a cat; and
- (b) fails to comply with the conditions for a cat restricted area under these By-laws.

**Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.**

- (4) A person commits an offence if:

- (a) the person owns a cat; and
- (b) the cat is in a special cat control area; and
- (c) the person fails to keep the cat inside a building, enclosed cat run or other structure on the premises from which the cat is unable to escape.

**Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.**

#### **40 Keeping dogs or cats in dog restricted area**

- (1) Subject to these By-laws, a person who keeps a dog or cat in a dog restricted area where the keeping of the animal is prohibited is guilty of an offence.

**Penalty: \$200.**

- (2) It is a defense to a prosecution for an offence against clause (1) if the person charged with the offence proves that the animal at the date of the making of the resolution declaring the restricted area:

- (a) was owned by the person;
- (b) was usually kept at premises in the restricted area; and
- (c) if required by these By-laws to be registered, was registered.

#### **41 Enticement or inducement**

A person who, with intent to commit an offence against these By-laws or to cause such an offence to be committed, entices or induces a dog or cat to enter a place in which it is at large is guilty of an offence.

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**Penalty: \$200.**

## **Part 5 Nuisance, menacing, attacking and dangerous dogs**

### **42 Nuisance dogs**

- (1) A dog is a nuisance if it:
- (a) is injurious or dangerous to the health of the community;
  - (b) creates a noise, by barking or otherwise, which is frequent and produces a noise level greater than 5 dBA above ambient on that part of another property ordinarily used for domestic activities;
  - (c) consistently barks when people or vehicles use a road in the vicinity of the premises where the dog is kept;
  - (d) behaves consistently in a manner contrary to the general interest of the community; or
  - (e) subject to these By-laws, when on a road where there is a constructed curb and gutter, urinates or defecates other than in that gutter.
- (2) The owner of a dog which chases a vehicle (including a bicycle) is guilty of an offence.

**Penalty: \$200.**

- (3) The owner of a dog who permits that dog, either by itself or with other dogs, to become a nuisance is guilty of an offence.

**Penalty: \$200.**

- (4) The owner of a dog is not guilty of an offence against these By-laws, by reason of the dog being a nuisance by defecating in circumstances referred to in clause (3)(e), if the owner immediately removes the faeces and disposes of it in the gutter of the road, a public garbage receptacle or their own property.

### **43 Dog menaces**

- (2) An owner of a dog must ensure that it does not menace a person or another animal.
- (3) For these By-laws, a dog is taken to menace a person or animal if it chases, harasses, rushes at or threatens to bite the person or animal in a manner that causes a reasonable apprehension of

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fear in the person or animal.

- (4) The owner of a dog commits an offence if the owner fails to comply with clause (1).

**Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.**

- (5) An offence under clause (1) is a regulatory offence.

#### **44 Dog attacks**

- (1) The owner of a dog must ensure that it does not behave aggressively resulting in:
- a) physical contact with a person or another animal; or
  - b) damage to anything worn by the person or the animal.
- (2) The owner of a dog commits an offence if the owner fails to comply with clause (1).

**Maximum penalty: 60 penalty units.**

- (3) An offence against clause (2) is regulatory offence.

#### **45 Serious dog attack**

- (1) The owner of a dog must ensure that it does not:
- a) bite a person or another animal causing a puncture or break to the skin; or
  - b) assault a person or another animal resulting in bleeding, bone breakage, sprains, scratches or bruising.
- (2) The owner of a dog commits an offence if the owner fails to comply with clause (1).

**Maximum penalty: 80 penalty units or, for an aggravated offence, 100 penalty units.**

- (3) An offence against clause (2) is a regulatory offence.
- (4) The maximum penalty specified in clause (2) for an aggravated offence applies to the offence if the bite or assault causes or results in substantial injury to, or death of, the person or the other animal.
- (5) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence under this Section if:

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a) another person had, without the defendant's permission,

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caused the dog to menace or attack the person or another animal; or

- b) in the case of another animal being menaced or attacked – the other animal was on premises owned or occupied by the defendant without consent; or
- c) in the case of a person being menaced or attacked – the person was on premises owned or occupied by the defendant without consent.

**46 Enticement or incitement**

- (1) A person must not entice or incite a dog to:
  - a) menace a person or animal; or
  - b) engage in behaviour that is prohibited under these By-laws; or
  - c) attack a person or animal.
- (2) A person commits an offence if:
  - a) the person intentionally engages in conduct; and
  - b) the conduct causes a dog to:
    - i. menace a person or animal; or
    - ii. engage in behaviour that is prohibited by by-law 78; or
    - iii. attack a person or animal; and
  - c) the person is reckless in relation to that result.

**Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.**

**47 Dangerous dog**

- (1) An authorised Council Officer may, by written notice, declare a dog to be a dangerous dog if:
  - a) the dog menaces or attacks a person or an animal; or
  - b) the authorised person believes on reasonable grounds that the dog is destructive, dangerous, savage or a threat to the safety of the community.
- (2) The authorised person must give written notice of the declaration to



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the owner of the dog.

- (3) The written notice of the declaration must be in the approved form and include the following information:
  - a) the day the declaration takes effect;
  - b) the reasons for the declaration;
  - c) the identity of the dog and the owner of the dog.
- (4) The Council must keep a record of the information in clause (3).

#### **48 Duties of owner of dangerous dog**

- (1) This by-law applies to the owner of a dog that is declared to be a dangerous dog.
- (2) The owner must, within 14 days after the day the declaration takes effect:
  - a) desex the dangerous dog, unless it is already desexed, at the owner's expense; and
  - b) provide, to an authorised person, evidence from a veterinarian that the dog is desexed; and
  - c) undergo behavioural or other training with the dog, as specified by the CEO, at the owner's expense.
- (3) The owner must ensure that the containment required under these By-laws is appropriate to the danger posed by the dangerous dog, for example by installing higher and stronger fencing for a large dangerous dog.
- (4) The owner must post signage on the premises where the dangerous dog is kept, with the words **"Warning Dangerous Dog"** clearly visible and legible from the front boundaries of the premises.
- (5) When the dangerous dog is outside the premises where it is kept, the owner must ensure that:
  - a) the dog is kept under the effective control of a person who is at least 18 years of age and competent to restrain the dog; and
  - b) the dog is muzzled and controlled by a suitable leash; and
  - c) the dog does not enter a dog exercise area.

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- ~~(6) If the owner intends to keep the dangerous dog for more than 14 days~~

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at a place other than the premises where it is usually kept, the owner must notify the Council of the address of the place within 24 hours after the dog is relocated.

- (7) The owner must notify the Council of any attack, or alleged attack, by the dangerous dog of a person or animal within 24 hours of the time the owner becomes aware of the attack or alleged attack, whether or not the dog is within the limits of the region or within another local government area.

#### **49 Notice about loss or transfer of dangerous dog**

- (1) The owner of a dangerous dog must notify the Council if a dangerous dog goes missing, is lost, dies or is transferred to a new owner.
- (2) The notice must be given:
- a) within 24 hours after the owner becomes aware the dog is missing; or
  - b) within 14 days after the day of its death.
- (3) If the owner of a dangerous dog intends to transfer ownership of the dangerous dog, the owner must inform the prospective owner that the dog is dangerous.
- (4) In the case of the transfer of a dangerous dog, the owner is required to notify the Council within 24 hours after the transfer.
- (5) A person commits an offence if the person:
- a) is the owner of a dog that is declared to be a dangerous dog; and
  - b) fails to comply with by-law 61 or 62.

**Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.**

- (6) An offence against clause (47) is a regulatory offence.

#### **50 Remedial actions for dangerous dogs**

- (1) If the owner of a dangerous dog fails to comply with the duties of an owner under these By-laws more than once in a 12-month period, the CEO may require the owner to take either or both of the following actions:
- a) undergo further specified behavioural or other training with the dog at the owner's expense; or

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- b) surrender the dog to the pound.
  - (2) If the CEO intends to take action under clause (1), the CEO must give the owner of the dangerous dog a notice that:
    - a) states what action the CEO is proposing under that clause; and
    - b) states the grounds for taking that action; and
    - c) invites the owner to show cause, within 14 days, why the action should not be taken.
  - (3) After considering any response received within 14 days after the day of the notice, the CEO must decide whether to take action under clause (1).
  - (4) As soon as practicable after making a decision under clause (3), the CEO must give a decision notice to the owner of the dangerous dog.
- 51 Court order**
- (1) If a court finds a person guilty of an offence against sections 45, 46, 47 or 48, the court may make one or both of the following orders in addition to, or instead of, the penalty for the offence:
    - a) if the dog is impounded as a result of the offence – an order that the person pay the costs and expenses of, and incidental to, the impounding;
    - b) an order that the dog be destroyed.

## **Part 6 Seizure and impounding of animals**

### **52 Establishment of Council pound**

- (1) The Council shall establish a pound.
- (2) The CEO shall appoint a person to be the manager of the pound, who is an authorised person under these By-laws.
- (3) The pound shall remain open on such days and between such hours as the Council, by resolution, determines.
- (4) The Council will publish the opening days and hours.

### **53 Seizure and impounding**

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- (1) An authorised person may seize:
- (a) a dog or cat that appears to be diseased, injured, savage, destructive, stray or unregistered; or
  - (b) a dog or cat that is at large; or
  - (c) a dangerous dog whose owner is not complying with these By-laws; or
  - (d) any animal that an authorised person believes on reasonable grounds has attacked a person.
- (2) As soon as practicable after seizing a dog or cat, the authorised person must:
- (a) impound the dog or cat in a pound; or
  - (b) take reasonable steps to return the dog or cat to its owner if satisfied that:
    - (i) it is not diseased, injured, savage or destructive; or
    - (ii) in the case of a dangerous dog whose owner is not complying with these By-laws; the owner is willing and able to comply with these By-laws.

#### **54 Notice of impounding**

- (1) The CEO must ensure that reasonable steps are taken to notify the owner of an impounded dog or cat that it is impounded and whether:
- (a) the owner must collect it; or
  - (b) the owner must await a decision regarding the destruction or disposal under these By-laws; or
  - (c) the dog or cat is subject to destruction or disposal under these By-laws.
- (2) The manager of the pound shall, as soon as possible, serve on the registered owner a notice of the impoundment of the animal.
- (3) The owner of an impounded dog or cat who receives a notice under clause (1) must collect the dog or cat within the time specified in the notice.
- (4) A person commits an offence if the person:
- (a) owns a dog or cat; and
  - (b) receives a notice under clause (1) that the owner must collect it; and

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- (c) fails to collect the dog or cat within the time specified in the notice.

**Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.**

- (5) Where an animal that is registered outside the Municipality is delivered to the pound, and the address of the owner of the animal is apparent to the manager of the pound, the manager shall serve an impoundment notice to that person or that address.
- (6) Except in accordance with clause (2), the manager of the pound is not required to give notice that an animal is being impounded.

**55 Animal care while impounded**

- (1) While an animal is being transport to or from, or is impounded in the pound and/or is under the custody of the Council, the manager of the pound is responsible for the appropriate care, including veterinary care, safe and appropriate shelter, food, water and exercise of the animal.
- (2) Such care will be provided in accordance with the *Animal Welfare Act 2007*.

**56 Release from pound**

- (1) Subject to these By-laws, an impounded dog or cat must not be released from a pound unless:
- (a) it is registered and implanted with a microchip in accordance with these By-laws; and
- (b) it is released to its owner or to a person authorised to act on behalf of the owner; and
- (c) the Council receives any fees payable in relation to it.

When collecting a dog or cat from a pound, a person must provide evidence that the person is the owner of the dog or cat or is authorised to act on behalf of the owner.

- (2) The Council may by resolution determine the amount of a daily fee to be paid in relation to the maintenance of an animal in the pound. The Council may charge the owner a fee for:
- (a) the costs incurred by the Council in relation to the impounded dog or cat; and
- (b) delivering the dog or cat from the pound.
- (4) Clause (3)(a) does not apply to a dog or cat that is usually kept outside the Municipality.

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**57                      Diseased dog or cat**

- (1) The CEO must make arrangements for any impounded dog or cat that is suspected of being infected with a contagious disease to be isolated from any other dog or cat in the pound.
- (2) The CEO must take reasonable steps to give the owner of a dog or cat isolated under clause (1) written notice:
  - (a) stating the reasons for isolating it; and
  - (b) warning that it must either undergo a course of treatment specified in the notice; or be destroyed.
- (3) The CEO may, in the notice given under clause (2), require the owner of the dog or cat to have a report prepared and given to the CEO on the condition of the dog or cat and any other animals kept at the same premises.
- (4) If required under clause (3), the owner must:
  - (a) have the report prepared by a registered veterinarian or other person specified in the notice; and
  - (b) give the report to the CEO within the time specified in the notice.
- (5) A dog or cat that is isolated under this by-law may be released from the pound in accordance with these By-laws, subject to any conditions the CEO considers appropriate.
- (6) The cost of treatment reasonably provided by the Council to a diseased dog or cat in the pound infected or at risk of being infected by the diseased dog or cat before it could reasonably be isolated, is a debt payable by the owner of the diseased dog or cat to the Council.
- (7) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these By-laws, the manager of the pound may destroy a dog in the pound:
  - (a) if the dog is so diseased or injured that it is humane to destroy it; or
  - (b) with the approval of a veterinarian.
- (7) An owner of a dog or cat commits an offence if the owner:
  - (a) fails to comply with clause (4); or
  - (b) fails to comply with a condition imposed under clause (5).

**Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.**

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~~(8) An offence against clause (7) is a regulatory offence.~~

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**58                    Destruction of animal**

- (1) The CEO may arrange for an animal to be destroyed if:
  - (a) the animal is in the pound, is seized or abandoned or is found on public land; and
  - (b) the animal is diseased, injured, savage, destructive, unclaimed, unregistered or unwanted; and
  - (c) it is humane to destroy the animal in the circumstances.
- (2) For these By-laws, a dog that bites or assaults as specified in these By-laws is taken to be savage or destructive.

**59                    Destruction or disposal of impounded dogs and cats**

- (1) Subject to this by-law, the manager of the pound may, after a dog or cat is impounded for four (4) business days:
  - a) transfer the dog or cat to an organisation that provides animal welfare services; or
  - b) Seek to foster the dog or cat under any program organised by Council; or
  - c) arrange for the animal's humane destruction.
- (2) The manager of the pound may make arrangements for the transfer of dogs and cats from a pound to a person or organisation that provides animal welfare services.
- (3) The manager of the pound must not destroy an impounded dog or cat because it is savage, destructive, unclaimed, unregistered or unwanted until after the later of the following:
  - (a) if circumstances related to the destruction are being investigated – the end of that investigation;
  - (b) if the destruction is subject to legal proceedings – 14 days after the end of those legal proceedings; or a longer period if in the opinion of the CEO, a longer period of time is required.
- (4) If an offence is being investigated in relation to an impounded dog or cat, it must not be destroyed or disposed of until the investigation is complete.
- (5) The manager of the pound shall not destroy an animal impounded in the pound before the expiration of the number of days or hours determined by the Council by resolution:
  - (a) after the time when the notice sent under these By-laws would

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have been delivered in the ordinary course of post; or

- (b) in the case of any other animal, after the impounding of the animal.

**60 Humane method**

- (1) Any destruction of a dog or cat under these By-laws must be done:
- a) in a manner approved by the Australian Veterinary Association; and
  - b) in a manner that adheres to ethical and human practices; and
  - c) by a veterinarian or another person who is, in the opinion of the CEO, qualified to destroy it; and
  - d) in accordance with specific legal procedures and requirements.

**61 Obstruction of manager of pound**

- (1) A person who obstructs or hinders the manager of the pound in the execution of their duties under these By-laws is guilty of an offence.

**Penalty: \$200.**

- (2) A person who:
- (c) removes or attempts to remove a dog from the custody of an authorized person; or
  - (d) except in pursuance of these By-laws, removes or attempts to remove a dog from the pound,
- is guilty of an offence.

**Penalty: \$200.**

**Part 7 Livestock and Other Animals**

**62 Livestock**

- (1) Livestock are prohibited from being kept in the Municipality except where allowed under these By-laws.
- (2) Honeybees may be kept anywhere in the Municipality.
- (3) Horses may be kept in the Municipality only on the following land:
  - (a) land zoned as RL – Rural Living;



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(b) land zoned as OR – Organised Recreation.

(4) Chickens and roosters may be kept in the Municipality only if:

(a) they are kept only on:

- (i) land zoned as RL – Rural Living; or
- (ii) land used or developed for a single dwelling on a lot greater than 600 m<sup>2</sup>; or
- (iii) land used or developed for a community garden or a school; and

(b) they are properly contained on the premises; and

(c) commencing on 2 October 2024 – they are limited to no more than 20 chickens and 2 roosters on the same premises.

(5) Any livestock, other than honeybees, horses and chickens, may be kept in the Municipality only on land zoned as RL – Rural Living.

(6) In this by-law:

**zoned** means zoned by the Planning Scheme under the *Planning Act 1999*.

The Livestock Act 2008 provides for other measures for livestock.

Premises with livestock must be registered with the Northern Territory Government and obtain a property identification code (PIC), which identifies the property where livestock are kept.

The Planning Scheme also provides rules on animal boarding, intensive animal husbandry and commercial stables.

## **63 Offence related to livestock and prohibited animals**

(1) A person commits an offence if the person keeps an animal in contravention of these By-laws.

**Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.**

(2) An offence against clause (1) is a regulatory offence.

## **64 Injuring or killing animals on public land**

(1) A person must not, without an authorisation, engage in conduct that causes, or is likely to cause, injury or death to an animal on public land.

(2) A person commits an offence if:

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- (a) the person intentionally engages in conduct; and
  - (b) the conduct results, or is likely to result, in injury or death to an animal on public land; and
  - (c) the person is reckless in relation to that result.

**Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.**

**65 Abandoning animals**

- b) A person commits an offence if the person intentionally abandons an animal in the Municipality.

**Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.**

**66 Animal causing nuisance**

- (1) The owner of an animal must ensure that the animal is not a nuisance to people or other animals.
- (2) For these By-laws, an animal is taken to be a **nuisance** if it:
  - (a) is injurious or dangerous to the health of the community or another person or animal; or
  - (b) behaves repeatedly in a manner contrary to the general interest of the community or specific interests of another person; or
  - (c) creates a noise or an odour to a degree or extent that disturbs the reasonable mental, physical or social well-being of a person other than its owner; or
  - (d) defecates to a degree or extent that causes annoyance to a person other than its owner.
- (3) The owner of an animal that defecates in public must immediately remove the faeces and dispose of them in a sanitary manner.
- (4) The owner of an animal must ensure it does not aggressively chase a person or vehicle or another animal.
- (5) The owner of an animal (other than an assistance animal) must not allow the animal to come within 10 metres of the following:
  - (a) a public play structure;
  - (b) a public exercise structure;
  - (c) a public BBQ.

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- (6) A person must not feed a wild or feral animal.

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- (8) A person commits an offence if the person fails to comply with clause (1), (3), (4), (5) or (6).

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

- (9) An offence against clause (8) is a regulatory offence.

## Part 8 Miscellaneous

### 67 False information

A person who knowingly makes a false statement in a document required or information provided or permitted to be made under these By-laws is guilty of an offence.

**Penalty: \$200.**

### 68 Endnotes

#### KEY

Key to abbreviations

amd = amended	od = order
app = appendix	om = omitted
bl = by-law	pt = Part
ch = Chapter	r = regulation/rule
cl = clause	rem = remainder
div = Division	renum = renumbered
exp = expires/expired	rep = repealed
f = forms	s = section
Gaz = Gazette	sch = Schedule
hdg = heading	sdiv = Subdivision
ins = inserted	SL = Subordinate Legislation
lt = long title	sub = substituted
nc = not commenced	

### 69 List of Legislation

#### **Tennant Creek (Control of Dogs) By-laws (SL No. 34, 1992)**

Notified	15 July 1992
Commenced	15 July 1992

#### **Local Court (Related Amendments) Act 2016 (Act No. 8, 2016)**

Assent date	6 April 2016
Commenced	1 May 2016 (s 2, s 2 <i>Local Court (Repeals and Related Amendments) Act 2016</i> (Act No. 9, 2016) and Gaz S34, 29 April 2016)

#### **Local Government Act 2019 (Act No. 39, 2019)**

Assent date	13 December 2019
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Commenced	pt 8.6: 1 July 2022; rem: 1 July 2021 ( <i>Gaz</i> S27, 30 June 2021)
<b>Statute Law Revision Act 2020 (Act No. 26, 2020)</b>	
Assent date	19 November 2020
Commenced	20 November 2020 (s 2)
<b>Dog Repeal Act 1991</b>	
Assent date	7 March 1991
Commenced	3 April 1992
<b>Veterinarian Act 1994</b>	
Assent date	Not sure
Commenced	Not sure
<b>Livestock Act 2008</b>	
Assent date	8 December 2008
Commenced	1 September 2009
<b>Animal Welfare Act 2007</b>	
Assent date	26 November 2007
Commenced	1 July 2008

## 70 List of Amendments (Local Government Act 2019)

bl 3	amd No. 1, 1995, bl 1; Act No. 44, 2005, s 23
bl 21	amd No. 1, 1995, bl 2; Act No. 44, 2005, s 23
bl 29	amd No. 1, 1995, bl 3
bl 42 – 43	amd Act No. 44, 2005, s 23
sch	amd Act No. 44, 2005, s 23; Act No 8, 2016, s 45; Act No. 39, 2019, s 370

# PROPOSAL

## Barkly Veterinary Practice Veterinary Services to Barkly Regional Council

### Part B | 1 March 2025 - 30 June 2025

#### 1. BRC Pound Veterinary Services

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Requested budget: \$1,000 incl GST / month (\$4,000 incl GST total for 1 March 2025 - 30 June 2025)

#### 2. BRC Remote Communities Veterinary Program: Tennant Creek Town & Town Camps

- Dates: March - June 2025 inclusive
- BVP: 1 vet, 1 vet nurse
- BRC: Animal Control staff, CAOWs
- Location: BVP Clinic
- Objectives: Desexing, Microchipping, Parasite Control, Pet Owner Education, Delivery of Training for BRC Companion Animal Outreach Workers (CAOWs) (Appendix A)

Requested budget: \$3,000 incl GST / month (\$12,000 incl GST total for 1 March 2025 - 30 June 2025)

#### 3. BRC Remote Communities Veterinary Program: CAOW Training & Bush Trip

- Dates: 12th May - 30th May 2025 (3 weeks)
- BVP: 1 vet, 1 vet nurse
- BRC: Animal Control staff, CAOWs
- Location/Communities Serviced: Ali Curung, Epenarra, Ampilawatja, Murray Downs, Arlparra, Tennant Creek, Elliott
- Objectives: Delivery of Training for BRC Companion Animal Outreach Workers (CAOWs) (Appendix A), Responsible Pet Owner Education, Assessment of Community Animal Health Status, Desexing, Parasite Control

Requested budget: \$35,000 incl GST

• *Potential Itinerary* for May Program: CAOW Training & Bush Trip

Sunday 11th May		Afternoon: Travel Tennant Creek to Ali Curung
Monday 12th May	Ali Curung	Morning: Ali Curung CAOW Training
		Afternoon: Desexing, Parasite Control
Tuesday 13th May	Ali Curung	Morning: Ali Curung CAOW Training
		Afternoon: Desexing, Parasite Control
Wednesday 14th May	Ali Curung	Morning: School Education
		Afternoon: Desexing, Parasite Control
Thursday 15th May	Murray Downs	All day: Desexing, School Education
Friday 16th May	Ampilawatja	Morning: Ampilawatja CAOW Training, School Education
		Afternoon: Desexing, Parasite Control
Saturday 17th May	Ampilawatja	All day: Desexing, School Education
(Sunday 18th May)		(Rest Day)
Monday 19th May	Arlparra	Morning: Arlparra CAOW Training
		Afternoon: Desexing, Parasite Control
Tuesday 20th May	Arlparra	Morning: Arlparra CAOW Training, School Education
		Afternoon: Desexing, Parasite Control
Wednesday 21st May	Tennant Creek	Travel Arlparra to Tennant Creek Restock
Thursday 22nd May	Epenarra	Morning: Travel Tennant Creek to Epenarra
		Afternoon: Desexing, Parasite Control
Friday 23rd May	Epenarra	Morning: Epenarra CAOW Training, School Education
		Afternoon: Desexing, Parasite Control
(Saturday 24th May)		(Rest Day)
Sunday 25th May		Travel to Elliott
Monday 26th May	Elliott	Morning: Elliott CAOW Training
		Afternoon: Desexing, Parasite Control
Tuesday 27th May	Elliott	Morning: Elliott CAOW Training, School Education
		Afternoon: Desexing, Parasite Control
Wednesday 28th May	Tennant Creek	Morning: Travel Elliott to Tennant Creek
		Afternoon: Intensive CAOW Training - all available CAOWs
Thursday 29th May	Tennant Creek	All day: Intensive CAOW Training - all available CAOWs
Friday 30th May	Tennant Creek	Morning: Intensive CAOW Training - all available CAOWs

<b>1st March 2025 - 30th June 2025 Budget Request</b>		
1. BRC Pound Veterinary Services	1 Mar 2025 - 30 June 2025	\$4,000 incl GST
2. BRC Remote Communities Veterinary Program: Tennant Creek Town & Town Camps	1 Mar 2025 - 30 June 2025	\$12,000 incl GST
3. BRC Remote Communities Veterinary Program: CAOW Training & Bush Trip (3 weeks)	12 - 30 May 2025	\$35,000 incl GST
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$51,000 incl GST</b>



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## PROPOSAL

### **Barkly Veterinary Practice Veterinary Services to Barkly Regional Council**

#### **Appendix A: Companion Animal Outreach Worker (CAOW) Training**

##### **Training Outline**

<i>Training:</i>	BRC Companion Animal Outreach Worker (CAOW) Training
<i>Audience:</i>	BRC Companion Animal Outreach Workers (CAOWs)
<i>Purpose of training:</i>	To equip CAOWs with the knowledge, skills and confidence to perform successfully in their role
<i>Facilitators:</i>	Dr David Hall, BVP veterinarians and staff, BRC Coordinator Local Laws, BRC Local Laws Officer
<i>Delivery:</i>	<p>BVP proposes numerous training delivery options dependent on availability and accessibility for CAOWs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Face-to-face delivery of training to individual CAOW's in Community in conjunction with BRC Remote Communities Veterinary Program/s</li><li>• Face-to-face delivery of training to a group of CAOW's at Tennant Creek</li></ul>





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<i>Assessment:</i>	To be based on satisfactory attendance, participation and fulfillment of both theoretical and practical components of the training.
<i>Follow up:</i>	Ongoing support and mentoring offered to CAOWs by Dr David Hall, BVP veterinarians and staff.

#### Training Content:

<i>Key Topics</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Training Format</i>
Roles and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinator Local Laws</li> <li>Local Laws Officer</li> <li>CAOWs</li> <li>Veterinary teams</li> <li>AMRRIC</li> </ul>	<p>Theory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slideshow presentation</li> <li>Reference booklet</li> </ul>
Common health problems affecting pets in community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diarrhea</li> <li>Skin problems                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mange, scabies, demodex mites</li> <li>Ticks</li> <li>Fleas</li> <li>Ringworm</li> </ul> </li> <li>Worms/internal parasites</li> <li>E canis</li> <li>TVT</li> </ul>	<p>Theory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slideshow presentation</li> <li>Reference booklet</li> </ul> <p>Practical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-community demonstrations</li> </ul>



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Key Topics	Description	Training Format
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wounds</li> <li>Leptospirosis</li> </ul>	
Anti-parasite and animal health products commonly used by COAWs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>De-worming</li> <li>Tick, flea and mite treatment and prevention</li> <li>Types, uses, dosages, administration, safety</li> </ul>	
Exotic diseases to be aware of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rabies</li> <li>Screw worm fly</li> <li>Surra</li> </ul>	Theory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slideshow presentation</li> <li>Reference booklet</li> </ul>
Zoonotic diseases to be aware of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scabies</li> <li>Ringworm</li> <li>Toxoplasmosis</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>	
Basics of the dog and cat breeding cycle		
Benefits of dog and cat desexing		
Animal by-laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What they are and how they apply</li> </ul>	



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Key Topics	Description	Training Format
Animal welfare basics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welfare guidelines and laws</li> <li>Potential animal welfare problems in communities</li> <li>Promoting good animal welfare in community</li> </ul>	
Key animal health contacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinator Local Laws</li> <li>Local Laws Officer</li> <li>BRC management</li> <li>BVP</li> <li>State veterinary contacts</li> </ul>	
Safe handling of dogs and cats in community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessing risk</li> <li>Handler and animal safety</li> <li>Equipment</li> </ul>	<p>Theory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slideshow presentation</li> <li>Reference booklet</li> </ul> <p>Practical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-community demonstrations</li> </ul>
Record keeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recording treatments</li> <li>Recording notable issues</li> </ul>	
Surveillance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducting a community census</li> <li>Providing a summary of overall dog health status in community                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Body condition</li> <li>Skin condition</li> <li>Breeding control</li> <li>Sickness/injury</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	



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# PROPOSAL

## Barkly Veterinary Practice Veterinary Services to Barkly Regional Council

**Part A | 1 Nov 2024 - 28 Feb 2025**

### 1. BRC Pound Veterinary Services

- At request of Local Laws Officer/BRC Animal Management
- Location: BVP Clinic/BRC Pound
- Objectives: Pound cases, Welfare cases, Euthanasias (dangerous dogs, feral cats, dogs unsuitable for rehoming), Rehoming program (if applicable, pending BRC policies & procedures TBA), Weekly veterinary visits to Pound (pending BRC policies & procedures TBA)

Requested budget: \$5,000 incl GST / month

### 2. BRC Remote Communities Veterinary Program: Tennant Creek Town & Town Camps

- Dates: Nov - Feb 2025 inclusive
- Location: BVP Clinic
- Objectives: Desexing, Microchipping, Parasite Control, Pet Owner Education, Delivery of Training for BRC Companion Animal Outreach Workers (CAOWs) (Appendix A)

Requested budget: \$14,000 incl GST (Nov \$4,000, Dec \$3,000, Jan \$3,000, Feb \$4,000)

### 3. BRC Remote Communities Veterinary Program: Bush Trip

- Dates: 30th January - 5th February 2025 (1 week)
- BVP Staff: 1 vet, 1-2 indigenous vet nurses



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- Location/Communities Serviced: Elliott, Ali Curung
- Objectives: Parasite Control, Community Education, Delivery of Training for BRC Companion Animal Outreach Workers (CAOWs) (Appendix A), Responsible Pet Owner Education, Assessment of Community Animal Health Status

Requested budget: \$15,000 incl GST

1st Nov 2024 - 28th Feb 2025 Budget Request		
1. BRC Pound Veterinary Services	1 Nov 2024 - 28 Feb 2025	\$20,000 incl GST
2. BRC Remote Communities Veterinary Program: Tennant Creek Town & Town Camps	1 Nov 2024 - 28 Feb 2025	\$14,000 incl GST
3. BRC Remote Communities Veterinary Program: Bush Trip (1 week)	30 Jan - 5th Feb 2025	\$15,000 incl GST
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$49,000 incl GST</b>



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# PROPOSAL

## Barkly Veterinary Practice Veterinary Services to Barkly Regional Council

### Part B | 1 March 2025 - 30 June 2025

#### 1. BRC Pound Veterinary Services

- At request of Local Laws Officer/BRC Animal Management
- Location: BVP Clinic/BRC Pound
- Objectives: Pound cases, Welfare cases, Euthanasias (dangerous dogs, feral cats, dogs unsuitable for rehoming), Rehoming program (if applicable, pending BRC policies & procedures TBA), Weekly veterinary visits to Pound (pending BRC policies & procedures TBA)

Requested budget: \$5,000 incl GST / month

#### 2. BRC Remote Communities Veterinary Program: Tennant Creek Town & Town Camps

- Dates: March - June 2025 inclusive
- Location: BVP Clinic
- Objectives: Desexing, Microchipping, Parasite Control, Pet Owner Education, Delivery of Training for BRC Companion Animal Outreach Workers (CAOWs) (Appendix A)

Requested budget: \$4,000 incl GST / month

#### 3. BRC Remote Communities Veterinary Program: Bush Trip

- Dates: 12th May - 30th May 2025 (3 weeks)
- BVP Staff: 1 vet, 1 vet nurse



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- Location/Communities Serviced: Elliott, Ali Curung, Epenarra, Ampilawatja, Murray Downs, Arlparra
- Objectives: Desexing, Parasite Control, Community Education, Delivery of Training for BRC Companion Animal Outreach Workers (CAOWs) (Appendix A)

Requested budget: \$36,000 incl GST

#### 4. BRC Remote Communities Veterinary Program: In-Community Training Program

- Dates: 23rd June - 27th June 2025 (1 week)
- BVP Staff: 1 vet, 1-2 indigenous vet nurses
- Location: Elliott, Ali Curung, Epenarra, Tennant Creek
- Objectives: Delivery of Training for BRC Companion Animal Outreach Workers (CAOWs) (Appendix A), Responsible Pet Owner Education, Assessment of Community Animal Health Status

Requested budget: \$15,000 incl GST

1st March 2025 - 30th June 2025 Budget Request		
1. BRC Pound Veterinary Services	1 Mar 2025 - 30 June 2025	\$20,000 incl GST
2. BRC Remote Communities Veterinary Program: Tennant Creek Town & Town Camps	1 Mar 2025 - 30 June 2025	\$16,000 incl GST
3. BRC Remote Communities Veterinary Program: Bush Trip (3 week)	12 - 30 May 2025	\$36,000 incl GST
4. BRC Remote Communities Veterinary Program: In-Community Training Program (1 week)	23 - 27 June 2025	\$15,000 incl GST
Total		\$87,000 incl GST



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# PROPOSAL

## Barkly Veterinary Practice Veterinary Services to Barkly Regional Council

**Part C | 1 July 2025 - 30 June 2026**

### **1. BRC Pound Veterinary Services**

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- Location: BVP Clinic/BRC Pound
- Objectives: Pound cases, Welfare cases, Euthanasias (dangerous dogs, feral cats, dogs unsuitable for rehoming), Rehoming program (if applicable, pending BRC policies & procedures TBA), Weekly veterinary visits to Pound (pending BRC policies & procedures TBA)

Requested budget: \$5,000 incl GST / month

### **2. Veterinary Services to Tennant Creek Town & Town Camps**

- Dates: July 2025 - June 2026 inclusive
- Location: BVP Clinic
- Objectives: Desexing, Microchipping, Parasite Control, Pet Owner Education, Delivery of Training for BRC Companion Animal Outreach Workers (CAOWs) (Appendix A)

Requested budget: \$3,500 incl GST / month

### **3. BRC Remote Communities Veterinary Program: Bush Trip**

- Dates: September/October 2025 (3 weeks)





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- Location/Communities Serviced: Elliott, Ali Curung, Epenarra, Ampilawatja, Murray Downs, Arlparra, ?Alpururulam
- Objectives: Desexing, Parasite Control, Community Education, Delivery of Training for BRC Companion Animal Outreach Workers (CAOWs) (Appendix A)

Requested budget: \$36,000 incl GST

#### **4. BRC Remote Communities Veterinary Program: Bush Trip**

- Dates: ~March 2026 (3 weeks)
- BVP Staff: 1 vet, 1 vet nurse
- Location/Communities Serviced: Elliott, Ali Curung, Epenarra, Ampilawatja, Murray Downs, Arlparra, ?Alpururulam
- Objectives: Desexing, Parasite Control, Community Education, Delivery of Training for BRC Companion Animal Outreach Workers (CAOWs) (Appendix A)

Requested budget: \$36,000 incl GST

#### **5. BRC Remote Communities Veterinary Program: Bush Trip + In-Community Training Program**

- Dates: June 2026 (2 weeks)
- BVP Staff: 1 vet, 1-2 indigenous vet nurses
- Location/s: Elliott, Ali Curung, Epenarra, Tennant Creek
- Objectives: Desexing, Parasite Control, Delivery of Training for BRC Companion Animal Outreach Workers (CAOWs) (Appendix A), Responsible Pet Owner Education, Assessment of Community Animal Health Status

Requested budget: \$25,000 incl GST



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1st July 2025 - 30th June 2026 Budget Request		
1. BRC Pound Veterinary Services	1 July 2025 - 30 June 2026	\$60,000 incl GST
2. BRC Remote Communities Veterinary Program: Tennant Creek Town & Town Camps	1 July 2025 - 30 June 2026	\$42,000 incl GST
3. BRC Remote Communities Veterinary Program: Bush Trip (3 weeks)	TBC Sept/Oct 2025	\$36,000 incl GST
4. BRC Remote Communities Veterinary Program: Bush Trip (3 weeks)	TBC March 2026	\$36,000 incl GST
5. BRC Remote Communities Veterinary Program: Bush Trip + In-Community Training Program (2 weeks)	TBC June 2026	\$25,000 incl GST
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$199,000 incl GST</b>



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#### **Appendix A: Companion Animal Outreach Worker (CAOW) Training**

##### **Training Outline**

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#### Training Content:

<i>Key Topics</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Training Format</i>
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Common health problems affecting pets in community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diarrhea</li> <li>Skin problems                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mange, scabies, demodex mites</li> <li>Ticks</li> <li>Fleas</li> <li>Ringworm</li> </ul> </li> <li>Worms/internal parasites</li> <li>E canis</li> <li>TVT</li> </ul>	<p>Theory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slideshow presentation</li> <li>Reference booklet</li> </ul> <p>Practical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-community demonstrations</li> </ul>



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Anti-parasite and animal health products commonly used by COAWs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>De-worming</li> <li>Tick, flea and mite treatment and prevention</li> <li>Types, uses, dosages, administration, safety</li> </ul>	
Exotic diseases to be aware of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rabies</li> <li>Screw worm fly</li> <li>Surra</li> </ul>	Theory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slideshow presentation</li> <li>Reference booklet</li> </ul>
Zoonotic diseases to be aware of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scabies</li> <li>Ringworm</li> <li>Toxoplasmosis</li> <li>Other</li> </ul>	
Basics of the dog and cat breeding cycle		
Benefits of dog and cat desexing		
Animal by-laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What they are and how they apply</li> </ul>	



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Key animal health contacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinator Local Laws</li> <li>Local Laws Officer</li> <li>BRC management</li> <li>BVP</li> <li>State veterinary contacts</li> </ul>	
Safe handling of dogs and cats in community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessing risk</li> <li>Handler and animal safety</li> <li>Equipment</li> </ul>	<p>Theory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slideshow presentation</li> <li>Reference booklet</li> </ul> <p>Practical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-community demonstrations</li> </ul>
Record keeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recording treatments</li> <li>Recording notable issues</li> </ul>	
Surveillance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducting a community census</li> <li>Providing a summary of overall dog health status in community                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Body condition</li> <li>Skin condition</li> <li>Breeding control</li> <li>Sickness/injury</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

## 4 GENERAL BUSINESS

### General Business

**ITEM NUMBER:** 4.1  
**TITLE:** General Business

**Author** Lauren McDonnell (Executive Assistant to the CEO and Mayor)

#### SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to allow Committee Members the opportunity to debate items raised in general business.

1. Points raised by Councillor Sharen Lake; as per attached email.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Chairperson invites Committee Members to discuss matters listed for general business.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

1. Email from Cr. Lake 15.04.25 [4.1.1 - 2 pages]
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**Re: Animal Management Committee 24th of April 2025 - 1.30pm**

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**From** Sharen Lake <Sharen.lake2@barkly.nt.gov.au>

**Date** Tue 15/04/2025 11:32 AM

**To** Lauren McDonnell <Lauren.McDonnell@barkly.nt.gov.au>; Barkly Vet Practice <barklyvet@gmail.com>; Noel Hayes <Noel.Hayes@barkly.nt.gov.au>; Lennie Barton <Lennie.barton1@barkly.nt.gov.au>; Zacieus Long <Zacieus.Long@barkly.nt.gov.au>; Sid Vashist <Sid.Vashist@barkly.nt.gov.au>; Chris Kelly <chris.kelly@barkly.nt.gov.au>

Hi Lauren,

Can I please add to the agenda:

1. NIAA funded positions, how many positions and structures of program. Does this funded program include delivery of community desexing funding or is this still coming from LA Funding.
2. Program training - who is delivering mentoring and training and is this funded.
3. Animal Management scheduled visits and costings
4. How are AMRICC supporting our programs
5. Barkly Vets our Specialist Service - are we working with and supporting our local vet service as our primary regional service?
6. all needs to be included in drafting up an AMP on the who, where, what and when....

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**Sent:** Monday, April 7, 2025 11:54 am

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**Subject:** Animal Management Committee 24th of April 2025 - 1.30pm

Good morning,

Could you please confirm your attendance to this month's Animal Management Committee Meeting. The Teams link has been sent to your Barkly email and the agenda will be emailed out next week.

If you could let me know if you will be attending either in person or via Teams it would be most appreciated.

Regards,

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