

REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOYDER

	CAT MANAGEMENT POLICY & PROCEDURE	Department	F&A
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1. PREAMBLE

1.1 Background

The Regional Council of Goyder recognises that while many residents enjoy the pleasures of cat ownership there are times when cats cause problems in the community and require a cat management response. These times would be reduced by increased responsibility by cat owners and intervention by Council.

1.2 Purpose

The policy describes the Regional Council of Goyder's position with regard to the management of cats within the region.

1.3 Scope

Due to the absence of any funding mechanism in the legislation the Regional Council of Goyder's involvement in cat management is limited to the following:

- a. Provision of cat traps (free of charge; refundable deposit applies).
- b. Provision of educational/promotional information on responsible cat ownership generally and to neighbourhoods experiencing cat related problems.
- c. Working in partnership with Cats Assistance to Sterilize (C.A.T.S) or other similar organisations.
- d. Working with community members to remove excess cats from properties.

1.4 Principals

- 1.4.1 Where an excessive number of cats associated with a property are causing offensive conditions to the extent it is assessed as being in an insanitary condition under the *South Australian Public Health Act 2011*, the Regional Council of Goyder's Environmental Health Officer will take the necessary steps to have the owner or occupier of the property reduce or remove the insanitary conditions.
- 1.4.2 Where appropriate, Council will co-operate with agencies such as the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA), the Animal Welfare League (AWL) and local rescue agencies to deal with specific cat related problems.
- 1.4.3 Cats are to be identified in the manner stipulated in the Regulations under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*.

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- a. As of 1st July 2018 it became mandatory for all cats born before 1st July 2018 to become microchipped and all cats born after 1st July 2018 to be microchipped and desexed.
- b. It is considered desirable for cats to be identified so that if a cat is found or causes problems it can be traced back to the owner; there is no requirement for registration.

2. REFERENCES

- Dog and Cat Management Act 1995
- Local Government Act 1999
- South Australian Public Health Act 2011

3. RECORDS

All records should be kept confidential and be treated in accordance with Local Government GDS40.

4. REVIEW

This document shall be reviewed by the Council within two (2) years of Issued Date, (or on significant change to legislation or aspects included in this policy that could affect the health and safety of workers).

5. REVIEW HISTORY

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