



Dog and Cat Management Plan 2024-29

KAURNA

Acknowledgement



We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners of the land on which we stand, the Kurna People of the Adelaide Plains. It is upon their ancestral lands that the Port Adelaide Enfield Council meets. It is also the Place of the Kardi, the Emu, whose story travels from the coast inland.

We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging. We respect their spiritual beliefs and connections to land which are of continuing importance to the living Kurna people of today. We further acknowledge the contributions and important role that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to play within our shared community.

Colleen Raven (2024), *Ngapartji Ngapartji*, © NHARLA. 'Ngapartji Ngapartji' roughly translates to 'I give, you give'.

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INTRODUCTION

Everything we do at the City of PAE is shaped by our City Vision 2024–34 (City Vision), which has four goals. Each of the four goals within the City Vision are underpinned by a corresponding strategy as follows:

A welcoming, livable City: Made by people			
Thriving Community	Prosperous Economy	Clean And Green City	Places For People

See Appendix 1 for a copy of the City Vision and Appendix 2 for a copy of the Thriving Community Strategy.

Thriving Community Strategy	Strategic statements aligned to key objectives of the City Vision
Dog and Cat Management Plan	A suite of commitments and actions that describe how we will implement the relevant strategic statements from the Thriving Community Strategy

The Dog and Cat Management Plan 2024–29 defines the roles that the council will play in delivering the following strategic statements of the Thriving Community Strategy:

- *Deliver services, programs and opportunities that support health, wellbeing and connection*
- *Support people to be and feel safer in their community*

PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN

We are required under Section 26A of the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 (‘the Act’), to develop a new Dog and Cat Management Plan every five years.

The Dog and Cat Management Plan 2024–29 is informed by our research, knowledge of, and engagement with the PAE community. This plan sets out the additional actions that the council will take beyond the Act over the next five years. It also provides guidance for PAE’s broader approach to the management of dogs and cats for the same period.

We will continue to deliver our obligations under the Act, which is currently under review. We will also review the plan in the future, in line with any changes to the Act that result from the review.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DOG AND CAT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Pets can enrich our lives, provide physical and mental health benefits and companionship, and help facilitate social interactions within the community. In other words, they support us to live active and healthy lives by supporting health, wellbeing and connection. The council plays an important role by providing services and programs that support responsible and safe pet ownership.

Some of the new and/or expanded activities that we have identified in the plan include:

- Developing a holistic Cat Management Framework
- Undertaking a review of the council's subsidised scheme for microchipping dogs and cats
- Reviewing the council's barking behavioural program
- Reviewing common messaging about responsible dog ownership across shared council boundaries

Appendix 3 provides a list of on-leash, off-leash and dog prohibited areas in the City of Port Adelaide Enfield.



THRIVING COMMUNITY STRATEGY OBJECTIVE:

We support and encourage people to live active and healthy lives.



Strategic Statement

Deliver services, programs and opportunities that support health, wellbeing and connection.

What we will do:

- Deliver services and programs that facilitate responsible pet ownership**

Actions	Output Indicators
• Deliver an unregistered, non-microchipped and non-desexed dog program	Number of known non-complying dogs followed up, per year
• Monitor identified locations to encourage responsible dog ownership	Number of patrols of identified locations
• Support and promote breeder obligations	Updates provided to breeders
• Review the council's dog barking behavioural program	Program reviewed
• Develop a holistic cat management framework	Framework developed
• Review the council's subsidised voucher scheme for microchipping and desexing dogs and cats	Scheme reviewed

What we will do:

- Partner with neighbouring councils, service providers and other stakeholders on animal management initiatives**

Actions	Output Indicators
• Review alignment of common messages about responsible dog ownership across shared council boundaries	Review completed
• Support and promote microchipping and desexing for dogs and cats	Number of initiatives supported/promoted by the council
• Support the delivery of dog education programs	Number of programs promoted
• Promote the benefits of dog training and offer information about dog training providers	Number of activities/actions in which dog training is promoted, per year

THRIVING COMMUNITY STRATEGY OBJECTIVE:

We support and encourage people to live active and healthy lives.



Strategic Statement

Support people to be and feel safer in their community.

What we will do:

- **Provide community information and education to encourage responsible pet ownership**

Actions	Output Indicators
• Educate owners to raise awareness about the causes and effects of dogs wandering	Number of contacts with the public, per year
• Educate owners to raise awareness about the causes and effects of dogs barking	Number of contacts with the public, per year
• Educate owners to raise awareness about the causes and effects of poor dog behaviour and aggression	Number of contacts with the public, per year
• Continue to inform dog owners about events that may cause dogs to escape, e.g. fireworks	Number of dog owners informed about events we have identified which may impact dogs
• Support and promote relevant updates to the Dog and Cat Management Act	Updates provided following changes to the Act

APPENDIX 1:

City Vision

Our City Vision and the four strategies that underpin the City Vision's four goals shape everything we do at PAE.

The City Vision sets our long-term aspirations (over the next 10 years) and our guiding principles for decision making. It identifies key goals and objectives, which in turn inform our other strategies and plans.

VISION	A welcoming, liveable City: <i>made by people.</i>			
GUIDING PRINCIPLES	Equity and belonging • Building a better future for all Participation • Listening to the community and involving them in our decision making Sustainability • Managing our environment responsibly and sustainably Integrity • Making informed decisions honestly, transparently and accountably Transformative • Showing courage, foresight and innovation			
GOALS	 Thriving Community <i>A City where people have the opportunity to connect and flourish</i>	 Prosperous Economy <i>A City with a thriving economy that enriches its local community</i>	 Clean And Green City <i>A City that values its natural environment</i>	 Places For People <i>An accessible City where people love to be</i>
OBJECTIVES	We promote community capacity, connection and participation in civic life We encourage cultural expression and recognise people's history, stories and connection to place We support and encourage people to live healthy and active lives	We participate in the economy with the community in mind We support local businesses, big and small, to grow, innovate and succeed We invest in our local economy to benefit current and future generations	We reduce the city's adverse environmental impact and participate in a circular economy We shape the city to tackle the challenges of a changing climate We protect and enhance the city's natural environment	We walk together on Kaurua country We shape the city to be attractive and liveable and care for our cultural and built heritage We bring places to life through community events, culture, design and the arts
ENABLERS	Organisational Capability • Our diverse workforce is resourced to deliver meaningful outcomes • Our systems, processes and tools are contemporary and reflect leading practice • Our assets and finances are managed with good stewardship			

APPENDIX 2:

Thriving Community Strategy

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The Thriving Community Strategy (below) picks up five objectives: three from the Thriving Community Goal and two from the Places for People Goal.

The Dog and Cat Management Plan focuses on two strategic statements under the Thriving Community Goal.

THRIVING COMMUNITY GOAL:

A city where people have the opportunity to connect and flourish.

GOALS	Thriving Community		
OBJECTIVES	We promote community capacity, connection and participation in civic life	We encourage cultural expression and recognise people's history, stories and connection to place	We support and encourage people to live healthy and active lives
STRATEGIC STATEMENTS	Provide opportunities and remove barriers for people to participate in community and cultural life	Recognise, respect and champion the contributions, histories, stories and celebrations of diverse cultures and communities	Deliver services and programs and opportunities that support health, wellbeing and connection
	Equip communities with tools and resources for community-led initiatives		Support community resilience in the face of social, economic and environmental change
	Support people to be and feel safer in their community		Facilitate opportunities for people of different backgrounds, ages and abilities to build social wellbeing and resilience
	Provide access to resources, information, services and programs that support literacy, learning, connection and cultural experiences		

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Thriving Community Strategy

GOALS	Places for People	
OBJECTIVES	We walk together on Kurna Country	We bring places to life through community events, culture, design and the arts
STRATEGIC STATEMENTS	Equip communities with knowledge and understanding of the sovereignty, culture and living heritage of First Nations Peoples	Facilitate and contribute to a thriving arts, heritage and cultural ecosystem
	Facilitate opportunities for social and workforce participation for First Nations Peoples	



APPENDIX 3:

On-Leash, Off-Leash and Dog Prohibited Areas

DEFINITIONS

On-leash areas

If a dog is required to be on-leash the leash must be no more than 2m in length.

Off-leash areas

If a dog is off-leash the owner must have the dog under effective control at all times.

Effective control means a dog must be:

- Return under a command (or cue)
- In close proximity to the person responsible, and
- Be able to be seen by the person responsible at all times (By-Law No. 5) or
- Physically restrained by a leash

Dog prohibited areas

Dogs are prohibited within an enclosed children's playground or within 5m of an unenclosed children's playground (By-Law No. 5).

There are four parks/reserves in the City of Port Adelaide Enfield where dogs are prohibited. Dogs are prohibited because these areas are conservation zones.

SPECIFICS

Dog prohibited areas

PARK/RESERVE	ADDRESS	SUBURB
Barker Inlet Wetlands	Salisbury Highway	Wingfield
Magazine Creek Wetlands	Whicker Road	Gillman
Range Wetlands	Hanson Road North	Wingfield
Folland Park	Turnbull Road	Enfield
T K Shutter Reserve (artificial playing surface only)	Fourth Avenue	Klemzig
Regency Park Oval (artificial playing surface only)	South Road	Regency Park

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Dog on-leash areas

PARK/RESERVE	ADDRESS	SUBURB
Dingley Dell Reserve	Athol Avenue	Blair Athol
Glanville Par 3 Golf Course	Park Avenue	Semaphore South
Northgate Reserve	Folland Avenue	Northgate
R B Connolly Reserve	Grose Crescent	North Haven
Regency Park Golf Course	South Road	Regency Park
Roy Amer Reserve	Sir Ross Smith Boulevard	Oakden
Stockade Park	Hoods Road	Northfield
T K Shutter Reserve	Fourth Avenue	Klemzig
Torrens Linear Park	Various	Various
Valley View Par 3 Golf Course	Grand Junction Road	Valley View
Walkley Heights Reserve	Creekview Drive	Walkley Heights
Yitpi Yartapuultiku	Old Port Road	Port Adelaide

Dogs must be on-leash in any park or reserve when organised sport is being played (By-Law No. 5).

Dog on-leash areas (time-share arrangements)

PARK/RESERVE	ADDRESS	SUBURB
Thomas Turner Reserve On-leash area between: 8.30am – 6.30pm (weekends) 4.30pm – 5.30am (weekdays)	Corner Grand Junction and Nelson Roads	Valley View
Beach <i>Daylight Savings (October – March):</i> - Between 8pm and 10am – off-leash and under effective control - Between 10am and 8pm – on-leash no more than 2m in length <i>Non-Daylight Savings (April – September):</i> - Off-leash and under effective control	Along the Lefevre Peninsula	Various

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Dog off-leash areas (at all times):

- All other parks or reserves are off-leash at all times except for those identified as dog prohibited, or on-leash (at all times and time-share) areas
- Off-leash at all times includes the council's three off-leash fenced dog parks

Fenced dog parks – council owned

PARK	ADDRESS	SUBURB
Jack Watkins Reserve, Dog Park	Churchill Road	Kilburn
L J Lewis Reserve, Dog Park	Off Grand Junction Road	Northfield
Roy Marten Park, Dog Park	Military Road	Taperoo

There is also another dog park within the council but it is owned and maintained by Adelaide Brighton Cement, located at the corner of Hargrave and Alfred Streets, Birkenhead.

