

DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE A PET, YOU CAN HAVE YOUR SAY

Melton City Council is preparing its new Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) and invites you to get involved. The DAMP will provide the framework for animal management services for the next four years.

HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU MIGHT LIKE TO TALK ABOUT...

- How important are pets to you and your family?
- Do you think Melton City Council provides a friendly, helpful and reliable animal management service?
- Do we need to do more to manage issues associated with the overpopulation of cats and undesexed cats?
- Do we need a night cat curfew for the safety of both cats and wildlife?
- Do we need to encourage better behaved dogs?
- Are there issues or challenges about owning a cat, dog or other domestic animal in the City of Melton?
- Do you have any issues about the welfare of cats, dog and other pets?
- Do you want or need more... different... better information about pets?
- Do we, as a community, need to do more to support vulnerable pet owners and their pets... such as families facing domestic violence
- Are there tourism and economic development opportunities relating to pets?
- Do we need to acknowledge pets other than cats and dogs?
- Do we need to acknowledge the value of pets more?
- Are there enough off lead areas for dog owners and their dogs?
- What can Council do better in relation to their Animal Management Service?



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

COMPLETE OUR SURVEY BY FRIDAY 2 APRIL

- Complete an online survey by visiting research.net/r/MeltonDAMPSurvey
- Request an emailed copy of the draft DAMP by emailing: animals@melton.vic.gov.au OR phoning 9747 7200.
- Hard copies are available at Council's Customer Service Centres and libraries.

SEND A SUBMISSION BY FRIDAY 2 APRIL

- Write an online submission by visiting research.net/r/MeltonDAMPSubmission
- Mail your submission to:
Animal Management DAM Plan
Melton City Council
PO Box 21, Melton VIC 3337
- Email your submission to animals@melton.vic.gov.au

ATTEND OUR ONLINE DISCUSSION FORUM, WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH, 7PM

- Register at research.net/r/DAMPOnlineForumRegistration.
If numbers exceed limits additional forums may be scheduled.
The forum will consider priorities for animal management services for the next 4 years.
You will receive a link to the forum after you have registered.

SPEAK WITH OUR CONSULTANT

Email our project consultant, Lesley Humphreys, at lesley@lmhconsulting.com.au to arrange a time to speak about the project.

DID YOU KNOW...?

- 61% of households have a pet and there is an estimated 5.1 million dogs and 3.8 million cats in Australian households
- Of pet owners[1], approximately
 - 94% are likely to be concerned about puppy farms and unscrupulous breeders
 - 93% are likely to be concerned about the abandonment of pets
 - 66% are likely to be concerned over the high euthanasia rate of cats
- Pet owners are likely to say[1]:
 - their pets are part of the family (90%)
 - pets give them great comfort in times of need (80%)
 - they talk to more people because they have a pet (80%)
 - they make holiday choices based on pet friendly accommodation (55%)

NEED MORE INFORMATION ?

Please contact Jamie Love, Co-ordinator Animal Management at jamiel@melton.vic.gov.au if you would like additional information on the project.

[1] 2021 respondents Paws4Play community surveys