



FACTSHEET

Draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy

Pets are an important part of Darwin's lifestyle and are often loved members of a family. However owning a pet is a big responsibility. We want to make sure people can enjoy the benefits of pet ownership whilst ensuring the health and wellbeing of all residents.

Did you know...
There are over 9000 dogs registered in Darwin

In 2016 there were....over 350 barking and nuisance complaints & 215 dog attack complaints

The Draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy 2017-2021 will guide City of Darwin and the community towards the goal of responsible animal ownership and management.

Do you own a dog or cat? Do your neighbours own a dog or cat?

Find out about City of Darwin's plans for managing dogs and cats and provide your feedback!



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**Did
you know...**
There are over
1000 cats registered
in Darwin

**There
were over
1200 complaints
of animals at
large in 2016**

What is the Strategy about?

The Strategy provides information and initiatives for four key areas:

- Responsible dog and cat ownership
- Pets in public places
- Pound operations
- Improvements in animal management operations

What will the Strategy achieve?

The key aims of the Strategy are:

- To support and facilitate the benefits of animal ownership and companionship
- Ensure standards of animal welfare are maintained
- Minimise local nuisance and maximise residential amenity
- Ensure the keeping of animals does not compromise acceptable standards of public health

Responsible Pet Ownership Guide

The Strategy is supported by a Responsible Pet Ownership Guide to provide practical tips and advice to help pet owners with the management of their pets.

We want to hear from you

We want to know your views on the Draft Dog and Cat Management Strategy 2017-2021. To view the full Draft Strategy and provide your feedback go to darwin.nt.gov.au/dogandcatstrategy

Consultation closes Friday 21 July



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