



PUBLIC NOTICE

Animal Management

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

Animal management is one of the most emotive issues that local governments all over Australia are required to manage. It is common for Councils to be criticised for doing too much and too little at exactly the same time. While Council is committed to reviewing and improving its services, this needs to be balanced with residents doing their best to meet their obligations as pet owners.

OBLIGATIONS OF PET OWNERS

As a pet owner, you have an obligation to care for the health and well-being of your animal. Owning a pet can provide great joy and companionship but it does come with responsibility. As a pet owner, you are responsible for your pet's actions. You have a duty to ensure your pet's activities do not interfere with your community or the environment.

This is particularly important in the context of new legislation passed by the State Government, with "tougher penalties for irresponsible dog owners introduced": <https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/99166>

REGISTRATION AND MICROCHIPPING

In accordance with Council's local laws, all dogs in the Cloncurry township must be registered with the Council before they are over twelve (12) weeks old or within 14 days of moving to the Cloncurry Shire. The Queensland Government requires all pets to be microchipped before they are 12 weeks old. Registration and microchipping help reunite lost pets with their owners, identify deceased animals, manage environmental risks and more.

COUNCIL'S LOCAL LAWS OFFICER

Council's Local Laws Officer is an authorised person for Council, investigating and enforcing Council's local laws and state legislation. The Local Laws Officer engages with animal owners, property owners and residents of the community to provide enforcement and education on local laws and compliance that improve the amenity and liveability of the region.

Council would like to recognise the Local Laws Officer for the positive, diverse and often difficult duties they undertake in our community.

REPORTING AN ANIMAL MANAGEMENT ISSUE

Understandably any issue involving your pet is emotional. Council endeavours to resolve any animal management issues as efficiently and effectively as possible, within the bounds of local laws and state legislation.

All animal management issues that require Council's support, must be reported to Council in person, or at 07 4742 4100 or council@cloncurry.qld.gov.au. These contact details are the most efficient way to reach Council's Local Laws Officer, during opening and after hours. Issues reported to private Council employee phone numbers or raised on Facebook will not be addressed.

When responding to an animal management issue, whether you are the reporter or reported, we implore you to be respectful of Council employees. Local laws and state legislation clearly step out procedures they must follow when managing such issues. Any threatening or harmful behaviour directed at Council employees will be recorded and reported to the police if necessary.

For more information about animal management, please visit our website or contact Council.

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