

Let's talk about cats and dogs



Dog and cat management snapshot

Managing dogs and cats in the Adelaide Hills is an important matter for our residents. As we draft a new Animal Management Plan, we are asking for your comments and considerations about responsible dog and cat management.

How do you think dogs and cats should be managed in the hills?



In the Adelaide Hills Council area there are 8,677 dogs registered. And 57% of households have at least one registered dog.

What's the most popular dog breed?

- Cavoodle (287)
- Labradoodle (185)
- Border Collies (652)
- Labrador Retriever (520)
- Kelpie (464 registered) and Kelpie Cross (454)
- Golden Retriever (305)

Who are our biggest dog lovers? (Most dogs per township)

- Verdun – 66%
- Bradbury – 33%
- Kenton Valley – 32%

Where do most dogs live?

- Aldgate (729)
- Bridgewater (681)
- Stirling (567)

*Have dogs been misbehaving? **

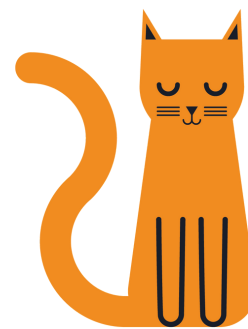
- 132 dog attacks (on humans and other animals)
- 41 Dog off leash offenses
- 495 wandering at large offences

**Over the last 5 years*

Did you know we have 40 dog poo bag dispensers across the Council area and in the two previous years we spent approx \$12,000 on dog poo bag rolls?



There are 1,376 cats registered in the Council area and 9% of households have at least one registered cat.



What's the most popular cat breed?

- Domestic short hair (718 registered)
- Domestic medium hair (181)
- The Ragdoll (87 registered)
- The Burmese (60 registered)

Where do most cats live?

- Bridgewater (137)
- Aldgate – (125)
- Stirling – (113)

***Who are our biggest cat lovers?
(Most cats per township)***

- Marble Hill – 7%
- Castambul– 6%
- Chain of Ponds – 5%

In South Australia, the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 (the Act) provides for the management of dogs and cats in the community.

The objectives of the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 are to:

- Encourage responsible dog and cat ownership.
- Reduce public and environmental nuisance caused by dogs and cats.
- Promote the effective management of dogs and cats.

Section 26A of the Act, requires all Councils to produce a Plan of Management relating to dogs and cats within their local area every five years.

Adelaide Hills Council is now reviewing its Animal Management Plan (AMP) to build on Council's 2018-2022 AMP and ensure a framework for the activities, services and programs that Council will deliver to support and encourage responsible dog and cat ownership over the next five years.

Share your thoughts about how dogs and cats are managed in the Adelaide Hills Council Area

Feedback closes 2 May 2023

- Use any or all of the online tools including the online feedback form and map tool at engage.ahc.sa.gov.au
- Send an email to engage@ahc.sa.gov.au
- Write a letter to Community Engagement Coordinator Adelaide Hills Council 63 Mount Barker Road Stirling SA 5152
- Call us 8408 0400
- Collect a hardcopy feedback form from any Council Service Centre or Library at Stirling, Gumeracha or Woodside
- Register for one of our online Q&A webinars or face to face opportunity.

All feedback provided at each phase of this project will be considered and will help build the draft Animal Management Plan for presentation to Council.

