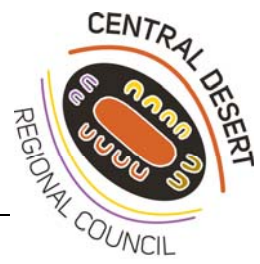


# Council Policy



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## PURPOSE

To improve the health and control of dogs and other animals in a culturally sensitive way; and, to achieve and maintain a long term reduction in animal numbers with regular veterinarian visits and educational programs. Council recognises that companion animals form part of the Central Desert Regional Council community, contributing to the general quality of life.

## SCOPE

This policy applies to community residents; including staff and Council members who live on community.

## DEFINITION AND TERMS

**CDRC** – Central Desert Regional Council.

**Council Member** – Any person that is elected or appointed to Council, a Local Authority or a Council committee.

**Management** – For the purposes of this policy includes all people who are responsible for the workplace and includes anyone who supervises staff.

**Staff**– Includes Council employees, apprentice or trainee, students gaining work experience, volunteers, contractors or subcontractors, employees of a contractor or subcontractor or an employee of a labour hire company.

**Customer** – A person who directly accesses Central Desert Regional Council goods, services or advice.

## LEGISLATION AND REFERENCE

This document should be read in conjunction with the following documents;

Document	Description
NT Local Government Act 2008	Council's legislative obligations, including but not limited to section 195 of the Local Government Act
Central Desert Regional Council Regional Plan 2018-22	Incorporates all mandated planning requirements.

Document	Description
Northern Territory Animal Welfare Act	An Act to provide for the welfare of animals, prevent cruelty to animals and for related purposes.
Northern Territory Public and Environmental Health Act	Improve public and environmental health outcomes.
RSPCA Australia policies	Responsible for facilitating and promoting the interests of animal welfare with Government and Industry.
Central Desert Regional Council Work Health and Safety Procedures	Ensure that Council meets its commitment to providing a healthy and safe workplace for employees and visitors.

## POLICY STATEMENT

CDRC will develop and implement a Dog Management Program for the care and management of dogs to protect the health, safety, and environment of the community. This program will include:

- Delivery of twice yearly vet visits to each community, town and outstation in the CDRC local government area.
- Educational programs within schools on responsible pet ownership
- Education delivered to each community – animal health, welfare, management including benefits of de-sexing.
- Community consultation and education where required in relation to animal control issues

The Dog Management Program will have the following key performance indicators, with a baseline to be measured during 20-19:

- reduce the negative impacts (including dog attacks, menace and nuisance) by companion animals in the community and the environment;
- the incidence of dog created health infections to reduce; and
- achieve an acceptable level of dog numbers and health in communities and outstations, with an initial goal of no more than four dogs per household.

Council does not allow the keeping or presence of animals in the following Animal Restriction Areas: Council offices, landfill sites, libraries, Council depots and visitor accommodation.

Staff are restricted to not more than two dogs per household, which will be reflected in a housing lease; and are not permitted other pets.

All residents who have dogs must maintain sound fencing around their property, and keep gates closed so that dogs do not wander without supervision.

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Contractors, and other short term visitors to communities, are not permitted to bring pets onto the community.

## REVIEW HISTORY

Date	Details
08/10/2008	First Adopted
03/02/2012	Revised (CRN 268/2012)
07/02/2014	Revised Previously known as Dog Management Policy ( CRN 695/2014)
29/03/2019	Revised to strengthen as Council not proceeding with bye-laws at this stage (CRN OC020/2019)