

Council Policy Name: Rehoming of Impounded Dogs and Cats

Responsible Directorate: Planning and Development Services

Version: Current

## 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. The purpose of this policy is to establish a framework for the rehoming of impounded dogs and cats in accordance with the relevant legislation and established Memorandums of Understandings.

## 2. SCOPE

- 2.1. This Policy applies to dogs or cats that have been impounded into the City's Animal Care Facility and who have not been claimed within the period prescribed by the applicable Act (Dog Act 1976 or Cat Act 2011).

## 3. DEFINITIONS

Term	Meaning
Animal Care Facility	The facility located at 306 Queen Elizabeth Avenue Vasse
Memorandums of Understanding	Understandings entered into with approved animal rescue and welfare organisations.
Policy	This City of Busselton Council policy entitled "Rehoming of Impounded Dogs and Cats"

## 4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- 4.1. This policy links to Key Goal Area 6 - Leadership, of the City's Strategic Community Plan 2017 and specifically Community Objective 6.1: Governance systems, processes and practices are responsible, ethical and transparent.

## 5. POLICY STATEMENT

- 5.1. The City supports the rehoming of suitable impounded and unclaimed dogs and cats and will facilitate this through the establishment and use of Memorandums of Understanding.
- 5.2. Any Memorandum of Understanding entered into will contain obligations requiring the rescue and/or welfare organisation to ensure that dogs and cats are sterilised, microchipped and vaccinated prior to rehoming.
- 5.3. The Council acknowledges that organisations entering into Memorandums of Understanding are not-for-profit and volunteer based, and as such will consider waiving registration fees for a maximum of 12 months for dogs and cats under the immediate care of foster carers representing the organisation; conditional on the animal being both microchipped and sterilised.

## 6. RELATED DOCUMENTATION / LEGISLATION

- 6.1. Dog Act 1976.
- 6.2. Cat Act 2011.

## 7. REVIEW DETAILS

<b>Review Frequency</b>		3 yearly		
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