

## Animal Management By-Laws Consultation

Have your say on animal management in Palmerston

Please read the [Animal Management By-Laws Discussion Paper](#) on our website before completing this survey. It contains the information you need to provide informed responses, including the reasons for Council's proposed changes to the animal management by-laws.

To request a hard copy of the document and survey:

Email [palmerston@palmerston.nt.gov.au](mailto:palmerston@palmerston.nt.gov.au) or,

Call 08 8935 9900.

### Background

City of Palmerston is committed to providing quality animal management services to our community. A set of by-laws govern the way we manage animals in our municipality and a review is needed to improve our service delivery and meet the growing and changing needs of the Palmerston community.

Council's current animal management by-laws were enacted in 1999 and have had no significant change since their enactment. While they have served their purpose, they are no longer reflective of the community's needs or modern legislative drafting.

Council has identified an update of the current animal management by-laws to meet community expectations as a priority action. In order to do this, there is a process we need to follow, including consulting with community to understand people's views, opinions and appetite for change.

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### About you

The purpose of this survey is to gather information from the community for City of Palmerston's review of its Animal Management By-Laws. All data collected for this survey will remain confidential and be provided in an aggregated format that does not identify individuals. Your personal details will not be used in any way except as specified in the survey and will not be made available to any other party.

1. Age

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Under | <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65+   |
| <input type="radio"/> 35-44    |                                |

2. What Suburb do you live in?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Farrar              | <input type="checkbox"/> Driver        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Durack        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Johnston            | <input type="checkbox"/> Marlow Lagoon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zuccoli             | <input type="checkbox"/>               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moulden             | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodroffe     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bellamack           | <input type="checkbox"/> Bakewell      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gunn                | <input type="checkbox"/> Rosebery      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gray                | <input type="radio"/> Durack Heights   |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) |  |



3. Are you a City of Palmerston rate payer?

- Yes
- No

4. Do you have any pets?

Yes, dog/s

Yes, cat/s

Yes, bird/s or poultry

No

Yes, other (please specify)

[Redacted]

5. Contact information for receiving updates on City of Palmerston's animal management by-laws

Name

[Redacted]

Email Address

[Redacted]

Phone Number

[Redacted]

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### 4.1 Dog Barking

The following questions relate directly to the sections listed in the Animal Management Discussion Paper. Reading this document before completing the survey will give you all the information you need to answer these questions. You can use the section numbering below to correlate it to the information in the Discussion Paper.

6. Do you agree with Council having the ability to implement additional enforcement measures for nuisance barking listed below?

	Yes	No	Unsure or neutral
Council should have power to order the installation of a barking monitoring device	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The number of dogs allowed to be kept on a property / dwelling should correlate to the lot size	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amended registration conditions for nuisance barking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cancelled registration for nuisance barking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Compulsory animal education attendance for nuisance barking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## 4.2 Dog Attacks/Menaces

7. Do you agree there should be a ‘sliding fine scale’ used for dog attacks to reflect the severity of the incident i.e. \$250-1000?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure or neutral

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### 4.2 Dog Attacks/Menaces

8. Do you support Council having the ability to implement the additional penalties listed below if a dog is declared as dangerous?

	Yes	No	Unsure or neutral
Officially registering the dog as a Declared Dangerous Dog with conditions attached such as wearing a muzzle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ordering the owner to remove their dog to a different jurisdiction – in other words, to find the dog a new home in another community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Euthanizing the dog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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### 4.3 Declared Dangerous Dogs

9. Do you agree Council should be able to declare dogs as dangerous?

Yes

No

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10. Do you agree with Council having the ability to implement the specific controls listed below for dangerous dogs?

	Yes	No	Unsure or neutral
Being desexed and microchipped	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Confined to a special enclosure within the owner's property	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Undertaking behaviour modification and/or training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wearing a muzzle and lead when being exercised	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Yes

No

Unsure or neutral

Affixing a visible 'dangerous dog' sign to their property	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mandatory notification to Council if the owner intends to keep the dog at a different location for an extended period of time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Compulsory reporting to Council if the dog has attacked or been involved in an attack	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Compulsory notification to Council if the dog is missing, dies or if	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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ownership is transferred	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Prospective purchasers to be informed of the dog's status	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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11. Do you agree that owners should pay more for initial and ongoing registration of dogs who have been declared dangerous?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

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12. Do you agree that in some instances more than one penalty should apply i.e. a fine in line with the attack severity and registering the dog as a declared dangerous dog?

Yes

No

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### 4.4 Nuisance Animals

13. Have you experienced problems relating to cat noise?

Yes

No

14. Have you experienced problems relating to bird/poultry noise?

Yes

No

15. Have you experienced problems relating to offensive odours from domestic animals, nuisance noise or unhealthy conditions causing pest and vermin issues?

Yes

No

If yes, please specify the type of animal and problem you have experienced

[Redacted area]

16. Would you be prepared to pay additional rates to cover the expansion of this service?

Yes

No

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### 4.5 Licensing

17. Should the applicant's size of property be a key consideration in whether a licence should be granted to home between 2-6 dogs?

Yes

No

18. Should the applicant's dwelling type be a key consideration in whether a licence should be granted?

Yes

No

19. Should a licence holder have to reapply if they move properties?

Yes

No

20. Should licensing provisions be extended to cats?

Yes

No

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### 4.6 Animals at Large (stray cats)

21. Do you think the animals at large offence should also include cats?

Yes

No

22. Do you think any other category of animal should be included in an at large by-law provision?

Yes

No

If yes, please specify what animals you think should be included

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### 4.7 Registration of Cats

23. Do you think cat registration should be introduced?

Yes

No

24. Would you be prepared to pay additional rates to cover the expansion in this service?

Yes

No

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### 4.8 Microchipping

25. Do you think microchipping should be compulsory for dogs prior to registration?

Yes

No

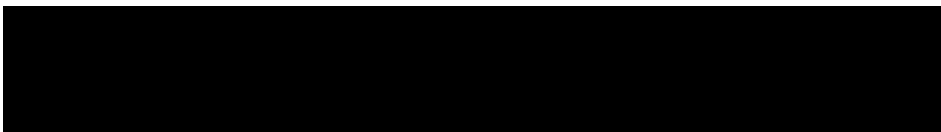
26. Do you think microchipping should be compulsory for cats if they were required to be registered within the municipality?

Yes

No

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27. Do you have any other comments you would like to make about Council's animal management by-laws?

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