

**MEETING OF URBAN ANIMAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE ROOM 2, JOONDALUP CIVIC COMPLEX
19 JULY 2000, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM.**

ATTENDANCES

Cr Tanya Barnett	Chairperson
Cr John Hollywood	
Cr Stephen Magyar	
Cr Carol Mackintosh	
Mr Jeremy Edwards	Team Leader, Ranger Services
Mr Mark Stanton	Manager Leisure and Ranger Services

APOLOGIES

Cr Andrew Nixon

URBAN ANIMAL MANAGEMENT MEETING

Cr Tanya Barnett declared the meeting open at 7.30pm.

Jeremy Edwards gave an overview of the draft report regarding the RSPCA conducting Dog Pound Services on behalf of the City of Joondalup. The following issues were discussed at length by the committee members.

The below table outlines the actual charge to the ratepayers under the proposed option of utilising the services of the RSPCA:

Category	Current arrangement	RSPCA
Caution 1 st Offence	No	Yes
Fine	\$100	\$100
Impounding fee	\$30	\$80
Daily Sustenance	\$5	Nil
Total 1 st Offence	\$135	\$80

Note that the daily sustenance fee under the current arrangements will go up by \$5.00 per day. Under the arrangement with the RSPCA the impounding fee will remain the same no matter how long the animal is in the pound.

Some additional benefits for the proposed RSPCA model include:

Category	Current arrangement	RSPCA
Opening Hours	7 hours per week	40.5 hrs per week
No of Kennels	22	Unlimited
Exercise area	No	Yes
Veterinary care	At cost and limited	At cost +10% unlimited

The following outlines the current cost structure that the City is paying under the current and proposed arrangement:

Category	Current - Wanneroo	Proposed - RSPCA
Cost per day per dog	\$10.20	\$12.00
Surrender	\$21.00	\$30.00

Under the current arrangement an animal would stay in the pound for average of 5 days (\$51.00) and on some occasions up to 10 days(\$102.00). During this time as the purchaser of the service we are paying an average of \$10.20 per day per dog to the City of Wanneroo. Under the proposed agreement an animal is only kept for the minimum of 72 hours and we are paying an average of \$12.00 per day per dog (maximum of \$36.00). After this 3 day (72 hour) period the animal is placed in a re-homing program at the RSPCA for a period of ten (10) days. During this ten day period the owner can still claim the dog and pay only the \$80.00 impounding fee regardless of the amount of days that the animal has been at the shelter.

Cr Mackintosh queried the dog owner notification process that the City currently conducts and the advantages and disadvantages of introducing microchip technology to aid in the control and management of dogs.

Jeremy Edwards stated that owners are contacted at the first available opportunity if their dog has a registration disc and or tags to identify ownership. As a last resort a letter is sent to the last recorded address. Microchips have been around for a long period of time and have never really taken off. There are a number of reasons, some being:

- Expense;
- Duplication of statutory requirements and obligations;
- Limitations as to who can do the implants; and
- Not convenient and limited accessibility for reading.

General discussion ensued on the proposed holding yard facility at the Winton Road Depot site and the current Council procedures for caring for injured animals.

Moved Cr Magyar **Seconded** Cr Mackintosh that the Urban Animal Management Committee recommend to Council that Council:

1. negotiates a 12 month contract with the RSPCA to conduct Dog Pound Services on behalf of the City of Joondalup as outlined in the draft report to Council;
2. approves the establishment of a temporary kennel establishment at the Winton Road works depot if required; and
3. promotes this initiative as a major enhancement of the City's animal welfare procedures.

CARRIED

There being no further business the was closed at 8.30pm