

MEETING OF URBAN ANIMAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
CONFERENCE ROOM 2, JOONDALUP CIVIC COMPLEX  
31 AUGUST 2000, COMMENCING AT 5.06PM.

ATTENDANCES

Cr Tanya Barnett	Chairperson
Cr Carol Mackintosh	
Cr Stephen Magyar	
Cr John Hollywood	from 5.50PM
Ms Amber Perrin	Environmental Health Officer
Mr Dennis Cluning	Manager Operations Services
Mr Mark Stanton	Manager Leisure and Ranger Services
Mr Rick Richardson	Canine Association of WA
Mr Peter Dunn	Special Projects Officer

APOLOGIES

Cr Andrew Nixon	
Jeremy Edwards	Team Leader Ranger Services

MINUTES OF MEETING, 27 JULY 2000

**Moved** Cr Magyar **Seconded** Cr Mackintosh that the minutes of the meeting of the Urban Animal Management Committee held 27 July 2000 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**Carried**

**CANINE ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (Inc)**

Cr Barnett welcomed Rick Richardson and invited him to provide an outline of the Canine Good Dog Programme conducted by the Association. The main aims of the Association are as follows:

- 1 To educate dog owners regarding the responsibilities and enjoyment of having a dog as a member of their family;
- 2 To give support to local Councils in their task of administering the Dog Act; and
- 3 To ensure the community is able to appreciate and contribute to the important recreational and therapeutic role dogs play in the lives of many people.

The Canine Association conducts on a regular basis free of charge the Canine Good Companion Programme. This is a six week course plus enrolment and assessment weeks.

The programme has been operating in Ocean Reef for a number of years without significant Council involvement. The programme also is conducted in the City of Gosnells.

Discussion then ensued on opportunities for the City to work with the Canine Association of WA and other dog obedience clubs as well as other initiatives to promote good dog management. Opportunities identified include:

- 1 Withdrawal of infringement notices for 1<sup>st</sup> dog offence if owner elects to participate in a recognised dog obedience course;
- 2 Discount on dog registrations if owner is able to demonstrate recent participation in a recognised dog obedience course;
- 3 Conduct Responsible Dog Ownership seminars;
- 4 Promotion of dog obedience courses available in the City of Joondalup;
- 5 Visits to schools by Rangers to talk about dog management issues;
- 6 Distribution of dog ownership pamphlets;
- 7 Distribution of dog bags through leisure centres, libraries and other locations;
- 8 Improve signage on foreshore reserve regarding good dog behaviour;
- 9 Issue dog bags to owners who have attended a recognised dog obedience course on receipt of dog registration;
- 10 Implementation of City's Good Dog Ownership Programme;
- 11 Working with Pet Shop owners to promote dog obedience courses; and
- 12 Distribution of Dog Fact Sheets by Rangers

Cr Hollywood entered the room at 5.50PM.

It was agreed that a report be prepared for consideration by the Committee outlining mid term objectives for community education initiatives for the management of dogs.

### **MANAGEMENT OF CATS**

Amber Perrin to contact the RSPCA, Cat Haven and the Cat Sterilisation Society to obtain any information these groups have regarding control of cats for consideration by the Committee.

### **CITY OF JOONDALUP - ANIMAL LOCAL LAW**

Discussion ensued concerning the local law in relation to the management of pigeons.

It was agreed that the Committee would defer any further consideration of issues regarding pigeons until the implementation of initiatives to enhance dog management in the City is well advanced.

### **FENCED DOG AREAS - CITIES OF STIRLING AND CAMBRIDGE**

Dennis Cluning reported that the fenced dog areas in these municipalities had not originally been constructed for this purpose. They had evolved into being used as dog exercise areas and were not being managed for that purpose.

Discussion ensued on potential sites within the City of Joondalup that would be suitable for use as fenced dog areas.

Dennis Cluning was requested to review reserves that may be suitable for this purpose and playgrounds that may be suitable for fencing in conjunction with the current assessment of dry parks.

#### **DRAFT URBAN ANIMAL ACTION PLAN**

The draft Urban Animal Management Action Plan was discussed. It was resolved that the plan should be finalised and submitted to Council for consideration.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

It was agreed that it would be useful to hear first hand difficulties being experienced by others in the community in relation to dogs and invite a School Principal whose school was experiencing problems with dogs to the next meeting of the Committee

#### **MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 7.10pm.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

5.00pm, Thursday 28 September 2000, Conference Room 2, Joondalup Civic Centre.