

Animal Management Plan 2026-2031

The Domestic Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Plan 2026–2031 is Livingstone Shire Council's five-year roadmap to promote responsible pet ownership, improve animal welfare, protect wildlife, and create safe, welcoming public spaces for everyone.

As Livingstone Shire grows, so do the needs of pet owners, non-pet owners and our natural environment. The Plan provides a modern approach that supports:

- Responsible pet ownership
- Healthy, happy pets
- Safe shared spaces
- Protection of native wildlife

Our Vision - People, pets and places thriving together.



Responsible Pet Ownership

Being a responsible pet owner means:

- Registering and microchipping your pet
- Keeping pets under effective control
- Preventing roaming
- Cleaning up after your dog
- Keeping pets healthy and well cared for
- Following local animal laws
- Council's preferred approach is education first, with enforcement used when necessary to protect community safety.

Three priority areas:

Educated and informed community

Council will help residents better understand responsible pet ownership by:

- Delivering education campaigns
- Hosting community events
- Providing easy-to-access online information
- Working with local animal welfare organisations

Happy Healthy Pets

Healthy pets are less likely to roam, become lost or create nuisance issues.

Council will:

- Promote registration and microchipping
- Support reduced-fee desexing programs
- Work with local shelters
- Encourage pet adoption through "Adopt Not Shop"
- Promote responsible pet care

Safe, Inclusive Places

Council wants parks, beaches and public spaces to be enjoyable for everyone.

The Plan focuses on:

- Reducing dog waste
- Managing roaming animals
- Encouraging responsible behaviour
- Protecting wildlife
- Balancing pet-friendly and pet-free spaces

Council officers will continue proactive patrols to educate residents, encourage compliance and enforce local laws where required.

Find out more

Visit www.livingstone.qld.gov.au and search "Animals and Pets" for information about:

- Pet registration
- Animal laws
- Responsible pet ownership
- Dog parks
- Animal management services

Together, we can foster a community where people, pets
and places thrive harmoniously.

