



POLICY No: WSC018

POLICY FOR MANAGEMENT OF FERAL ANIMALS

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A. POLICY SUMMARY

- A1 To minimise the risk to staff by reduced handling of feral animals.
- A2 To comply with RSPCA standards with regard to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. & the Companion Animals Act.

B. POLICY STATEMENTS

Jurisdiction

- B1 This Policy covers all elected members of Council, all personnel employed by Council, any person or organisation contracted to or acting on behalf of Council, any person or organisation employed to work on Council premises or facilities and all activities of the Council.
- B2 This policy does not confer any delegated authority upon any person. All delegations to staff are issued by the General Manager.

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- B3 Observe and assess the behaviour of the companion animal/s to determine if it/they are feral.
- B4 Examine each animal for identification in the form of a collar, identification tag or microchip.
- B5 In the case of a cat where a form of identification is found, the animal must not be considered to be feral. The owner of the animal must be formally notified by way of a Seizure Notice and the animal kept for a minimum of 14 days.
- B6 In the case of a cat that has no form of identification and is wild, showing no signs of domestication, the cat will be deemed to be feral. The cat shall be placed within a standard cage separate from the general cat population for disease control purposes.
- B7 At the earliest opportunity where practicable, a health and temperament evaluation undertaken by a registered veterinarian for the feral cat will be euthanized by intravenous injection only.
- B8 In every case, details of each feral animal shall be recorded in the appropriate registers in accordance with Council's policy and procedures.

C. POLICY IMPLEMENTATION - PROCEDURES

- C1 This policy should be read in conjunction with the Wyong Council Code of Conduct.
- C2 It is the personal responsibility of all Council employees and agents thereof to have knowledge of, and to ensure compliance with this policy.
- C3 Associated documents
 - a) Wyong Council Code of Conduct
 - b) Companion Animals Act 1998