



POLICY NO. CP 5.3.13 RE-HOMING OF UNCLAIMED DOGS - CITY OF GOSNELLS POUND

PURPOSE To reduce the number of impounded dogs euthanased, by working proactively with a recognised dog rescue group/s to re-home those animals.

POLICY

The City, as part of its commitment to reducing the number of dogs euthanased will, with the exception of dogs with known behavioural issues, dogs declared dangerous in accordance with section 33E of the *Dog Act 1976*, and restricted breed dogs in accordance with the Dog Regulations 2014 s4, make available free of charge impounded, unclaimed dogs to a recognised dog rescue group/s for the purpose of re-homing.

In determining suitable organisations for the purpose of effecting the re-homing of impounded dogs, the following issues will be taken into consideration:

- Every effort will be made to ensure the bona fides and commitment of the dog rescue group/s
- Preference will be given to one rescue group as the service provider to ensure a consistent transparent process and for ease of administration
- The rescue group/s providing a formal commitment to the City that all dogs provided will be given a health check, sterilised and vaccinated as part of the re-homing process.

No objection will be raised if the nominated rescue group/s, having met the above criteria, elects to place dogs with other agencies or recognised rescue groups in their endeavours to find suitable and appropriate homes for the animals.

GOVERNANCE REFERENCES

Statutory Compliance	Dog Act 1976, Section 29 (11) Dog Regulations 2013 s4
Industry Compliance	Nil.
Organisational Compliance	Nil.
Process Links	1.04 Ranger Services Procedure

POLICY ADMINISTRATION

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3.	OCM 409/25/08/2009	Amended to correct spelling.			
4.	OCM 375/23/08/2011	Reviewed and amended.			
5.	1 September 2014	Reviewed with administrative changes only.			
6.	OCM 305/11/09/2018	Reviewed with no amendments			
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