

25th September 2023

Mayor & Councillors,
Coorong District Council
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RE: Draft 2024-2029 Animal Management Plan

Animal Care Australia is writing to you to commend Council on your Animal Management Plan.

The mission statement and vision and the Plan looks to have a terrific balance between supporting and encouraging pet ownership, education and responsibility for animals and compliance as the very last option.

In general Animal Care Australia is against annual fees but it does appear the standard yearly fee of \$25 per animal is being used well to implement your policy.

Animal Care Australia notes dogs are returned swiftly with rangers all having scanners. There is a good balance between stray and wandering pet cats, dog parks are well controlled.

Animal Care Australia supports Councils free or subsidised microchip and desexing initiatives. Some of our members have provided us with great feedback on your facility at Talem Bend and applaud Council for working with the community.

Community education and support of each other is often lacking in many councils across Australia, and we applaud Council for recognising the importance of pet ownership and setting a Plan that allows residents to keep pets.

Animal Care Australia does wish more councils would follow your lead when it comes to developing, implementing, and maintaining animal management plans.

As a national based animal welfare organisation, we welcome the opportunity to provide feedback or consult on animal keeping concerns, and request that you include us in your key animal stakeholder contacts. Also, please do not hesitate to make contact if we can assist you in the future.

We can be contacted at: aca@animalcareaustralia.org.au

Kind regards,



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About Animal Care Australia

Animal Care Australia (ACA) is a national incorporated association established to consult with government in advocating for real animal welfare by those who keep, breed and care for animals. Our goal is to promote and encourage high standards in all interactions with the animals in our care.