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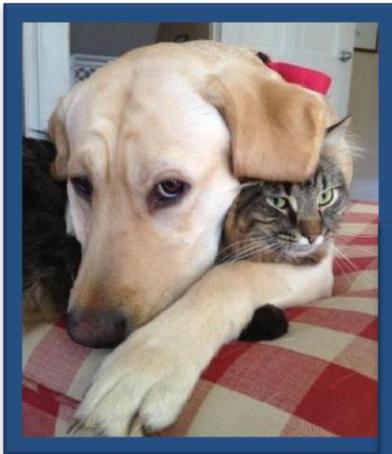


Pyrenees Shire Council

Domestic Animal

Management Plan

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1. DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLANS OVERVIEW

Under Section 68A of the Domestic Animals Act 1994 (The Act), every Council must prepare a domestic animal management plan, as follows:

68A Councils to prepare domestic animal management plans

- (1) Every Council must, in consultation with the Secretary (*of the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources*), prepare at 4 year intervals a domestic animal management plan.

- (2) A domestic animal management plan prepared by a Council must—
 - a) set out a method for evaluating whether the animal control services provided by the Council in its municipal district are adequate to give effect to the requirements of this Act and the regulations; and
 - b) outline programs for the training of authorised officers to ensure that they can properly administer and enforce the requirements of this Act in the Council's municipal district; and
 - c) outline programs, services and strategies which the Council intends to pursue in its municipal district—
 - i. to promote and encourage the responsible ownership of dogs and cats; and
 - ii. to ensure that people comply with this Act, the regulations and any related legislation; and
 - iii. to minimise the risk of attacks by dogs on people and animals; and
 - iv. to address any over-population and high euthanasia rates for dogs and cats; and
 - v. to encourage the registration and identification of dogs and cats; and
 - vi. to minimise the potential for dogs and cats to create a nuisance; and
 - vii. to effectively identify all dangerous dogs, menacing dogs and restricted breed dogs in that district and to ensure that those dogs are kept in compliance with this Act and the regulations; and
 - d) provide for the review of existing orders made under this Act and local laws that relate to the Council's municipal district with a view to determining whether further orders or local laws dealing with the management of dogs and cats in the municipal district are desirable; and
 - e) provide for the review of any other matters related to the management of dogs and cats in the Council's municipal district that it thinks necessary; and
 - f) provide for the periodic evaluation of any program, service, strategy or review outlined under the plan.

- (3) Every Council must—
 - a) review its domestic animal management plan annually and, if appropriate, amend the plan; and
 - b) provide the Secretary with a copy of the plan and any amendments to the plan; and
 - c) publish an evaluation of its implementation of the plan in its annual report.

2. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Domestic Animal Management Plan (the Plan) is to provide the Pyrenees Shire with a strategic framework that delivers policy direction and action plans for animal management over the next 4 years.

The Plan integrates the developing expertise in domestic animal management with Council's own investigations to produce a program of action to be undertaken over the next four years (2017-2021). Relevant issues include those prescribed under relevant legislation and local laws as well as the generally understood notion of responsible pet ownership.

The Plan is confined to Council's management of dogs and cats under the Domestic Animals Act 1994.

Pyrenees Shire – A Snap Shot

Pyrenees Shire is located in the central west of Victoria, 130 km North West of Melbourne; it covers an area of approximately 3500 square kilometres. The Shire is bounded by the following Shires: City of Ballarat, Golden Plains, Corangamite, Rural City of Ararat, Northern Grampians, Central Goldfields and Hepburn.

Pyrenees Shire includes the towns of Beaufort, Avoca, Lexton, Snake Valley, Waubra, Amphitheatre, Landsborough, Moonambel, Evansford, Raglan, Crowlands and Redbank.

The Shire's population is approximately 7238, including 3673 households.

The Pyrenees Ranges dominate to the north, comprising of steep hills and ridges; the high peak being Mount Avoca. The Great Dividing Range passes east west through the central portion of Pyrenees Shire and includes, Mt Lonarch, Ben Major with the apex being Mt Cole.

Statement of Purpose

Our GOALS for animal management are:

- To create an environment where people and pets can peacefully co-exist within the community;
- To inform and educate the community about the needs of companion animals and promote responsible pet ownership.
- To promote the welfare of companion animals; and
- To protect people and animals (pets, livestock, wildlife) from attack by dogs and cats;

KEY ISSUES for the delivery of animal management services in the Pyrenees Shire are:

- Unregistered dogs and cats.
- Dogs wandering at large
- Dog attacks on livestock.
- Nuisance cats and occasional feral cats.
- Limited resources.
- The large size of the Shire.

Strategic Directions

The Plan is based on the following priorities for the delivery of Council's animal management services:

- Authorised Municipal Officer training and development
- Responsible pet ownership
- Compliance and enforcement
- Registration and Identification
- Confinement of dogs and cats
- Prevention of animal attacks and risk to the community
- Animal welfare
- Domestic animal businesses

Council's Current Animal Management Programs and Services

- Provide information to animal owners which may assist with animal keeping.
- Make available *Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources* website links and electronic fact sheets on various topics such as-
 - Pet registration
 - Choosing a pet
 - Responsible pet ownership
 - Care and welfare
 - Training and behavioural problems
 - Desexing your pet
 - Cats/dogs in the community
 - Children and pets
 - Dog attacks, dangerous and menacing dogs
 - How to build cat proof fencing and cat enclosures
- Make available the various mandatory codes of the Domestic Animals Act 1994 and Prevention of Cruelty of Animal Act 1986 relating to keeping of domestic animals, and boarding, breeding and training establishments.
- Advice to help with issues such as barking dogs and nuisance cats
- Pick up of stray or wandering and lost/found dogs
- Supply of cat traps and pick up of trapped cats
- Continuing support from South West Authorised Officer's Group

Role of Other Stakeholders

The **Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources** (DEDJTR) has a range of responsibilities associated with the administration and enforcement of provisions of the Act. It also undertakes or facilitates research and educational programs relating to dog and cat management.

Veterinarians are an important point of contact especially in a pet's early years. They have an important role to play in maintaining the health of pets and educating pet owners. The Pyrenees Shire has one Veterinary Practice located at Beaufort with a vet available by appointment. The Beaufort practice is owned and operated by the (neighbouring) Ararat Veterinary Clinic. The Northern areas of the Shire are serviced by the Maryborough Veterinary Practice, St Arnaud Veterinary Clinic and Stawell Veterinary Clinic. There are also several veterinary practices located in neighbouring Ballarat.

Domestic Animal Businesses including breeders, veterinary behaviourists, private dog trainers, dog walkers, kennels and catteries and pet shops are important stakeholders in providing services to dog owners that may assist them to be responsible pet owners. Council currently has 0 registered Domestic Animal Businesses. Any Domestic Animal Business which may be registered in future will be monitored as required under the DAA.

The **local media** can assist Council with media coverage to promote responsible pet ownership.

Neighbouring councils have many common interests and issues. Council will consider ways of extending the responsible pet ownership message more efficiently and effectively through increased dialogue and collaboration.

Pet owners themselves have a role to play in choosing an appropriate pet to suit their lifestyle, in training and socialising their dog, and by adhering to Council requirements.



3. CURRENT SITUATION

	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17
Council Population (ABS data or Council Annual Report data)	6552	6669	6669	6822	6979	7238
Council Area (square kilometres)	3500	3500	3500	3500	3500	3500
Number of Authorised Officers (effective full time)	1	1	1	1	1	1
Registered Dogs (total number)	2463	2452	2313	2156	2119	2451
Registered Cats (total number)	621	581	559	525	502	591
No. of registered declared dogs	2	2	2	2	2	2
No. of prosecutions	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of successful prosecutions	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of impoundments (dogs)	99	102	88	73	69	65
No. of dogs returned to owner	44	36	30	25	35	27
No. of impoundments (cats)	65	45	69	82	52	60
No. of cats returned to owner	2	2	3	4	3	2

4. TRAINING OF AUTHORISED OFFICERS

Actions in this section address Section 68(A)(2)(b) of the Domestic Animals Act by outlining programs for the training of authorised officers to ensure that they can properly administer and enforce the requirements of this Act in Pyrenees Shire Council.

Authorised Officers/Local Laws Officers are supervised by Council’s Manager Planning and Development. The Local Laws team consists of two part-time officers working a combined 1 FTE. Each officer is authorised by Council to carry out roles and responsibilities as defined in relevant and Council’s Local Laws.

Duties of officers include responsibilities under a large variety of legislation. Domestic Animal Management services forms only a part of each role. These responsibilities includes Local Laws administration, livestock control, parking enforcement, production of Local Law permits, preparation of infringement and offence prosecutions, administration of fundraising and events, issuing of fire prevention notices and subsequent works and litter control.

Our Plans

Objective 1: Ensure all staff involved in animal management has the knowledge and skills necessary to carry out their work.

Activity	When	Evaluation
Conduct annual performance reviews.	Annually	Completion of Annual Review is monitored by HR.
Officers to attend training conducted by DEDJTR and Bureau of Animal Welfare periodically.	As offered	Annual Review to include review of attendance with training register.
New officers will be trained in Certificate IV in Government .	ASAP after commencement	Annual Review of successful completion of course.
New officers will be trained in Certificate IV in Animal Control and Regulation.	ASAP after commencement	Annual Review of successful completion of course.
Review qualifications and training requirements for Council’s animal management staff.	Ongoing	As part of Annual Review.
Encourage AMO’s to undergo further training and study.	As offered	Annual Review to include review of attendance with training register.

Objective 2: Develop and maintain a training register for individual officers detailing completed and proposed training.

Activity	When	Evaluation
Maintain a training record for individual officers detailing completed and proposed training.	Ongoing	A training register is maintained by Pyrenees Shire Council Human Resources Department – this register is reviewed as part of council’s annual review process.

5. REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION

Actions in this section address sections 68A(2)(c)(v) and 68A(2)(a),(c)(i),(c)(ii), (d), (f) by outlining services and strategies to encourage the registration and identification of dogs and cats.

Our Data

- Animal registration data updated in 2017 following a shire-wide domestic animals audit.

Our Orders, Local Laws, Council Policies and Procedures

- Annual registration renewal and reminder notices.
- We enforce the legislative requirements of the Act and a Local Law regarding mandatory desexing of cats.
- Legislative requirement for registration of dogs and cats at age of three months.
- Legislative requirement for microchipping of all newly registered dogs and cats.
- Local Law review and new laws to be in place by April 2018.

Our Current Education/Promotion Activities

- Use of local media / website to promote registration requirements.
- Regular media releases / articles in local newspapers regarding responsible pet ownership issues.
- Provide a range of education materials / brochures for the community.
- Use of Council website as a promotional tool including links to other agencies and useful websites.
- Annual registration renewal notices.

Our Compliance Activities

- Issue Notice to Comply and Infringement Notices.
- Investigate complaints.
- Patrols conducted upon request.
- Regular cat trapping program.
- Prosecutions for breaches of the Domestic Animals Act when appropriate.

Summary

Council will endeavour to maximise the number of registered and identifiable domestic animals – in order to aid compliance activities and to help reunite lost pets with their owners.

It is anticipated that the municipality will continue to experience population growth, and subsequently an increase in dog and cat population. Council will require an improved ability to effectively manage the registration database and extract useful statistics that inform decisions in the future.

Since doing regular cat trapping in problem areas and education of cat owners to desex their cats the number of unowned cats has decreased.

A new initiative being considered as part of this plan is to investigate the benefits and costs of returning registered, microchipped animals home, rather than impounding pets their first time they are found at large. This service would only apply in certain circumstances and the decision would be made at the Authorised Officer's discretion in regard to whether it's an aggressive animal or repeat offender.

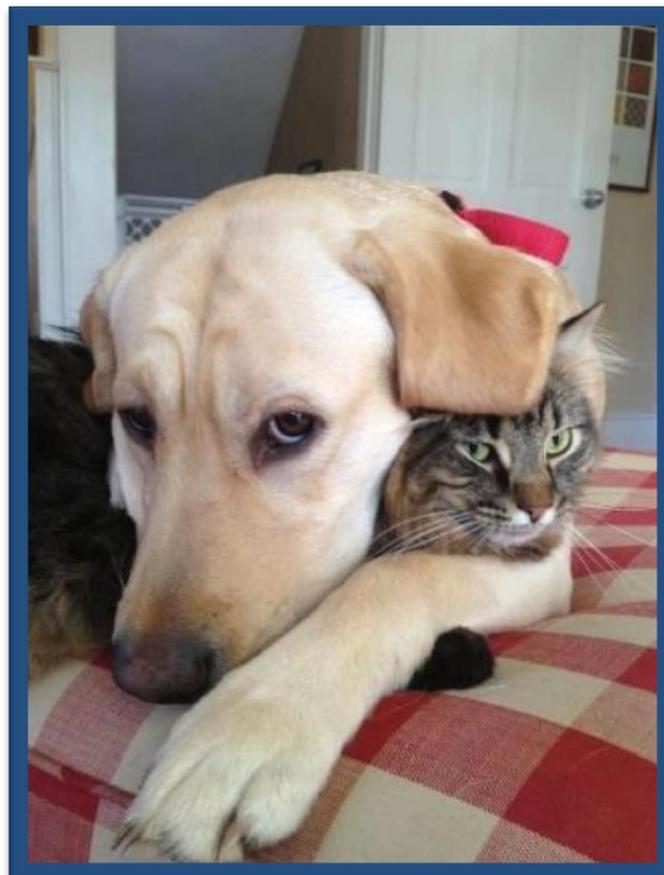
Our Plans

Objective 1: Ensure all dogs and cats are registered and identified as required.

Activity	When	Evaluation
Investigate the opportunity for Authorised Officers to undertake training to implant microchips.	ASAP	Annual Review to include review of whether training has been completed.
Use local newspapers, community newsletters and Pyrenees website to promote and advertise registration requirements prior to the 10 th April renewal date.	Feb/Mar/Apr each year	At least one article to be submitted before renewal date.
Council's website to provide information to residents on when and how to register to their pets.	Annually	Review annually before the registration renewal period begins.

Objective 2: Return Animals Home.

Activity	When	Evaluation
Registered, microchipped cats and dogs found at large by Council Officers may be returned home instead of impounded. This may be subject to a release fee and may only allow the animal to be returned home once before being impounded. Dangerous and aggressive pets will be dealt with at the discretion of the Authorised Officer.	ASAP	An Annual review of statistics for impound and reclaimed pets should reflect whether this has been successful.



6. NUISANCE

Actions in this section address sections 68A(2)(c)(vi) and 68A(2)(a), (c)(i), (c)(ii), (d), (f) by outlining programs, services and strategies to minimise the potential for dogs and cats to create a nuisance.

Our Data

- Barking dogs make up the majority of Pyrenees Shire Council's nuisance complaints, followed by stray cats and wandering dogs.
- We advise people who complain about barking dogs to keep a detailed diary logging times and duration of nuisance barking. Owners of barking dogs are advised of strategies to minimise excessive barking.

Our Orders, Local Laws, Council Policies and Procedures

- Local Law regulation as to maximum numbers of cats or dogs.
- Cat curfew introduced 2009. Cats to be contained between sunset and sunrise in all townships.
- Dogs must remain on leash within business precincts and signed areas around schools and kindergartens.
- Person in charge of a dog must remove and dispose of excrement deposited in public places. Person must also carry poo scoop / bag or similar for effective removal of poo.
- Poo bag dispensers were introduced to Pyrenees Shire Council townships in 2011.
- Mandatory desexing of cats
- Legislative requirement under the Act for registration of dogs and cats at age of three months.

Our Education/Promotion Activities

- Animal Management Officers offer advice to pet owners as to suitable breeds or types specific to their needs.
- Range of pet ownership educational brochures available to the community.
- Encourage cat owners to consider purchasing or building their own cat enclosure. Information brochures are available for cat owners regarding cat enclosures.
- Council's website has important information to inform animal owners as to their pet care obligations.
- Continue to encourage and promote desexing of dogs.

Our Compliance Activities

- Infringement notices issued to repeat offenders.
- Surveillance camera (visual and audio) may be used to monitor properties where there is alleged nuisance barking.
- Intensive cat trapping program year round (15 traps)
- Complaints investigated and acted upon.
- Objection notices may be issued to owners whose cats or dogs trespass on private property
- Council's website contains Domestic Animals Act legislation information including on the spot fines.

Summary

We strive to encourage people to manage their pets in a way that protects the health and welfare of the animals, maximises the companion benefits of their pets and minimises potential for nuisance or harm to others.

Our Plans

Objective 1: Reduce cat nuisance complaints

Activity	When	Evaluation
Continue to enforce cat curfew.	Ongoing	Keep a register of nuisance complaints – should result in less cat nuisance complaints.
Continue to promote desexing of cats.	Ongoing	Continual promotion.
Provide education material about cat enclosures and nuisance.	Ongoing	Annual Review of website content and brochures available at Shire Office and Information Centres.
Use social media as a tool to promote responsible cat ownership.	Mar/Apr each year	At least once a year posts on social media platforms should promote responsible cat ownership – especially around renewal time.

Objective 2: Reduce dog nuisance complaints

Activity	When	Evaluation
Make available information about how to address barking dogs for both owners and neighbours and how to go about solving nuisance issues.	ASAP	Increased advice and information about should result in less complaints. Keep a register of nuisance complaints.
Utilise Council's on hold message facility, website and social media as a promotional tool.	Ongoing	Continual promotion of responsible pet ownership – annual review of content.
Continue to promote desexing of animals via website and social media.	Ongoing	Continual promotion of responsible pet ownership - annual review of content.
Review signage and placement of dog faeces bag dispensers in municipality. Increase numbers in areas that require them.	Ongoing	Increased availability of bag dispenser should result in less complaints about dog faeces in public places.



Objective 3: Inspect and audit all declared dog premises annually to ensure that they are following the keeping requirements.

Activity	When	Evaluation
Liaise with Council's Planning Department in regard to animal keeping planning permit applications.	Ongoing	Animal owners compliance with legislation.

7. DANGEROUS, MENACING AND RESTRICTED BREED DOGS

Actions in this section address sections 68A(2)(c)(vi) and 68A(2)(a), (c)(i)(c)(i), (c)(ii), (d), (f) by outlining programs, services and strategies to effectively identify all dangerous dogs, menacing dogs and restricted breed dogs in the district and to ensure that those dogs are kept in compliance with this Act and the regulations.

Our Data

- Pyrenees Shire Council has one restricted breed dogs on register and two declared dangerous dogs.

Our Orders, Local Laws, Council Policies and Procedures

- As per Domestic Animals Act and Regulations.
- As per Victorian Declared Dog Registration (VDDR) details.

Our Education/Promotion Activities

- Keep dangerous, menacing and restricted breed dog owners aware of current legislation.

Our Compliance Activities

- Annual inspections dangerous / restricted breed dogs for compliance.

Summary

We endeavour to minimise the risks of dog attacks to the community and animals from menacing, dangerous and restricted breed dogs.

Our Plans

Objective 1: Identify and register all Declared Dogs in the municipality

Activity	When	Evaluation
Enforce restricted breed dog laws as per DAA.	Immediately	Restricted breed dog laws enforced.
Cross-reference microchip database information with current council registration database for potential restricted breed dogs.	Ongoing	Review information annually.
Educate the community about what is a declared dog and the risks of dog attacks.	Ongoing	Promote on website to Improved public awareness – review annually.

Objective 2: Effectively inspect and audit all declared dog premises annual to ensure they are following the keeping requirements.

Activity	When	Evaluation
Annual premises inspection of all properties with a declared dog to ensure owners of Dangerous Dogs are aware of their legal obligations and are compliant.	Annually	Send annual reminder to owners about requirements.

8. DOG ATTACKS

Actions in this section address sections 68A(2)(c)(iii) and 68A(2)(a), (c)(i), (c)(ii), (d), (f) by outlining programs, services and strategies to minimise the risk of attacks by dogs on people and animals.

Our Data

- Being a rural Council the majority of dog attacks in our municipality occur on stock with an occasional attack on a person.

Our Orders, Local Laws, Council Policies and Procedures

- Policies relating to response time to attend dog attacks.
- Designated on leash areas.
- Rangers checklist to use when following up on dog attacks.

Our Education/Promotion Activities

- Occasional media coverage to raise awareness.
- Provide a range of educational material to the public.
- Offer desexing vouchers for the pets of applicable clients (low income earners).

Our Compliance Activities

- Use of dog trap.
- Patrols of known hot spots for wandering dogs.
- Declare dog as menacing or dangerous as per DAA.

Summary

We make every effort to prevent dog attacks and investigate and prosecute where appropriate.



Our Plans

Objective 1: Reduce attacks by dogs and cats on people, livestock, pets and wildlife.

Activity	When	Evaluation
Review procedures for dealing with dog attacks and complaints.	2017/18	Annual review.
Ensure any dangerous and restricted breed dogs are properly identified and managed by their owners.	Annually	Conduct annual audit of properties containing dangerous and restricted breed dogs.
Ensure all dogs declared by Council are recorded on the Victorian Declared Dog Register.	Annually	Audit completed annually.
Publicise key dog attack prevention messages (eg confinement of dogs to property, leash laws etc) through media articles, mail outs, website info.	Ongoing	Publicity campaign completed at least once annually.

Objective 2: Increase reporting of dog attacks in the community.

Activity	When	Evaluation
Improve public awareness of what a dog attack is and importance to report immediately.	Ongoing	Record statistics of dog attacks – should see a decrease in attacks if message is getting through.
Enforcement of DAA as required, including destruction of dogs found at large where livestock are kept.	As required	Educate dog owners as to their rights and responsibilities.



9. OVERPOPULATION AND HIGH EUTHANASIA

Actions in this section address sections 68A(2)(c)(iv) and 68A(2)(a), (c)(i), (c)(ii), (d), (f) by outlining programs, services and strategies to address any over-population and high euthanasia rates for dogs and cats.

Our Data

- Cat trapping program has reduced the number of stray / unowned cats.
- Mandatory desexing of cats has significantly reduced the number of kittens being surrendered to council.

Our Orders, Local Laws, Council Policies and Procedures

- Mandatory desexing of cats unless exempt under 10B of Domestic Animals Act (DAA).
- Local Law relating to maximum numbers of cats and dogs.
- Legislative requirements under Domestic Animals Act (DAA) adhered to.

Our Education/Promotion Activities

- Encourage responsible pet ownership by promoting desexing of cats (mandatory) and dogs (optional).
- Encourage the public to report suspect illegal breeding establishments (Domestic Animal Business).
- Discuss the option of surrender to residents who have excess animals.

Our Compliance Activities

- Cat trapping
- Investigate reports of animal hoarding
- Issue official warnings
- Issue infringement notices
- Prosecution as appropriate

Summary

Since the introduction of compulsory desexing of cats in 2009 Pyrenees Shire Councils impound rate of owned cats has decreased substantially.

Pyrenees Shire Council does not operate its own shelter for cats and dogs, therefore does not have control over euthanasia rates.

Our Plans

Objective 1: Reduce percentage of registered dogs and cats that are currently entire and not part of a Domestic Animal Breeding Business each year.

Activity	When	Evaluation
Desexing vouchers for pets of low income earners via agreements with local vet clinics.	Ongoing	Assists owners to achieve compliance and responsible pet ownership.
Continue to promote desexing of pets.	Ongoing	Responsible pet ownership.

Objective 2: Raise awareness about semi-owned cat population

Activity	When	Evaluation
Awareness campaign highlighting the operation of illegal cat breeders and feeders of strays.	Ongoing	Reduces the incidence of stray and nuisance cats.
Educate people of the consequences of feeding stray cats.	Ongoing	Impound cat or adopt cat as own and care for it as required.

Objective 3: Identify and close down all illegally operating Domestic Animal Breeding establishments in the municipality

Activity	When	Evaluation
Undertake education campaign to promote awareness about illegally operating Domestic Animal Breeding establishments in municipality.	Annually	Education.
Identify and Audit every Domestic Animal Breeding establishment for compliance.	Annually	Identify non-compliance.
Encourage the public to report suspected illegal breeding establishments.	Ongoing	Compliance with legislation and animal welfare best practice.
Improve database of impounded animals by use of photographs.	Ongoing	Effective and accurate identification.

10. DOMESTIC ANIMAL BUSINESSES

Actions in this section address sections 68A(2)(c)(ii) and 68A(2)(a), (c)(i), (d), (f) by outlining programs, services and strategies which the Council intends to pursue in its municipal district to ensure that people comply with this Act, the regulations and any related legislation.

Our data

We currently have 2 boarding kennels, 12 breeders and 0 Domestic Animal Businesses in the Shire.

Our Orders and Council Policies and Procedures

We enforce the legislative requirements of the Domestic Animals Act (DAA).

Our Education/Promotion Activities

Supply and distribute information regarding Domestic Animal Businesses and relevant Codes of Practice.

Our Compliance Activities

Domestic Animal Businesses are audited annually.

Investigation of complaints / enforcement action for non-compliance.

Summary

We work together with domestic animal businesses to achieve council's Domestic Animal Business goals including best practice and adequate standards of animal welfare.

Our Plans

Objective 1: Ensure all Domestic Animal Businesses operate in accordance with statutory requirements and community expectations.

Activity	When	Evaluation
Identify non-registered Domestic Animal Business by monitoring social media, local advertising boards and newspapers in the municipality (or similar, including online sites) identify businesses selling pets / products and services.	Ongoing	Achieve compliance.
Audit all domestic animal businesses and breeders within the municipality.	Annually	Keep register and review annually that all domestic animal businesses and breeders have been audited.

Objective 2: Identify and register all Domestic Animal Businesses in the municipality.

Activity	When	Evaluation
Identify new Domestic Animal Businesses following recent changes to legislation.	Ongoing.	Achieve compliance.

11. OTHER MATTERS

Actions in this section address Section 68A(2)(e) by providing for the review of any other matters related to the management of dogs and cats in the Council’s municipal district that it thinks necessary.

Our Plans

Objective 1: Ensure relevant and current information available.

Activity	When	Evaluation
Provide brochures in relation to pets in emergencies.	Current	Completion of brochures.

Objective 2: Ensure all aspects of Animal Management Officers role are undertaken effectively.

Activity	When	Evaluation
Continued Professional Development.	Ongoing	Allow Animal Management Officers to be more proactive in their position.
Develop new policies and procedures as required.	Ongoing	More effective workflow.

12. ANNUAL REVIEW OF PLAN AND ANNUAL REPORTING

68A(3) Every Council must—

- a) review its domestic animal management plan annually and, if appropriate, amend the plan
- b) provide the Department of Primary Industries’ Secretary with a copy of the plan and any amendments to the plan
- c) publish an evaluation of its implementation of the plan in its annual report.

Pyrenees Shire Council will continue to review its Domestic Animal Management Plan annually as required under the Domestic Animals Act (DAA).