

Animal Management

Systematic Inspection Program



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1. Inspection Program

1.1 Program Name

The inspection program for cat and dog registrations will be known as the Animal Management Systematic Inspection Program 2019 - 2020 (the Program).

2. Requirement for an Inspection Program

2.1 Purpose and Rationale

The *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* provides for the identification of cats and dogs, the registration of dogs, and promotes the responsible ownership of cats and dogs.

The purpose of *Local Law 2 (Animal Management) 2015* (the Local Law) made under authority of the *Local Government Act 2009* is to regulate and manage the keeping and control of animals in the local government's area. The local law requires cats over 12 weeks of age to be registered in the local government area.

The *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* and *Local Law 2 (Animal Management) 2015* imposes an obligation on each person to register their cat or dog with the local government.

Section 113 of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*, and section 134 of the *Local Government Act 2009* provides for the establishment of a systematic inspection program. The Systematic Inspection program is to ensure animal registration compliance is achieved.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Determine the accuracy of Council's cat and dog registration records;
- Obtain new cat and dog registrations;
- Follow up on overdue cat and dog registrations
- Undertake enforcement action on cat and dog owners who fail to register or re-register their cat or dog.

3. Powers of authorised persons

3.1 Entry of place

The *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* and the *Local Government Act 2009* provides that authorised persons appointed under both Acts may, at reasonable times, enter a place situated in an area to which a systematic inspection program applies, to take any action authorised by the program. It is usual procedure for authorised persons to enter private property to gain access to the front door of the dwelling, and to all business premises by way of normal public access.

The systematic inspection program will occur between the hours of 8.00am and 5.00pm Monday – Friday (except public holidays).

4. Authorisation of a systematic inspection program

Redland City Council resolved to authorise the Animal Management Systematic inspection program on 17 July 2019.

4.1 Area affected by the program

The program will apply to the Redland City Council local government area.

4.2 Commencement and duration of the program

The systematic inspection program relating to cats will commence on 19 August 2019 to 18 November 2019 (program 1) and 2 December 2019 to 1 March 2020 (Program 2).

The systematic inspection program relating to dogs will commence on 19 August 2019 to 18 February 2020.

The Systematic Inspection Program will be available on Council's webpage and available for inspection at any Redland City Council customer service centre.

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