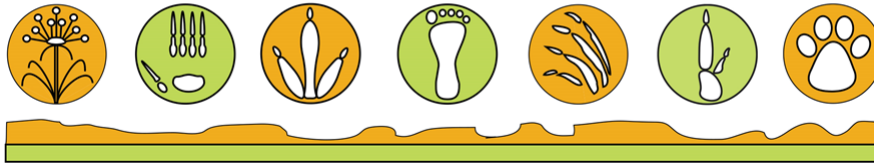


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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Supporting responsible pet ownership across the Barkly

For many years Barkly Regional Council has worked with community members, service organisations and veterinarians to promote responsible pet ownership and help keep our pets safe and healthy.

Last week Council met with a number of interested parties, including NT Government representatives and community members, to discuss how best to support the continued provision of veterinary services for our local communities in Tennant Creek and across the Barkly. Council will continue to support and contribute funding for veterinary services in 2022-23.

Later in the month, Council will host an Animal Management Forum, bringing together organisations from across the Barkly to commence planning for Council's broader animal management activities over the coming years. This will also be an important opportunity to identify the contributions that others in the community can make to ensure our pets and other animals are safe and healthy, and our community is able to continue to enjoy the benefits animals can bring us, but also manage the risks that can arise.

Council will continue to work with the Barkly Vet practice, AMRRIC (Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities) and other community partners to deliver services including responsible pet ownership education, de-sexing programs, encouraging pet registration, disease control programs, managing roaming dogs, returning pets to their owners and pet re-homing programs.

Council will also develop an Animal Management Plan to guide this work into the future, with the support of key community partners, and will make the draft Plan available for community feedback before it is adopted by Council later in the year.

For further information about Council's animal management activities and plans, please contact Scott Spurling, Local Laws Manager, or Karen Legge, Strategic Planner on 08 8962 0000.

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