

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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Alice Springs rangers visit Tennant in animal control blitz

Two rangers from Alice Springs joined forces with the Barkly Regional Council (BRC) animal management team this week.

Wayne Davison, senior ranger with Alice Springs Town Council, and ranger Steve Rodgers were asked by BRC to support Dewayne Foster and Scott Spurling with the dog program in Tennant Creek.

“Each day we’ve driven around the community picking up roaming or aggressive dogs,” said Wayne. “We’re here to help educate the community about animal control in partnership with Council staff.”

BRC CEO Edwina Marks said it was great that the two rangers were able to invest time, energy and expertise into animal management in Tennant Creek with Council staff.

“We’re keen to encourage responsible pet ownership in the community,” she said.

“Dogs must be kept on a leash when out on the streets and must be kept securely in their yards, not out chasing vehicles and bikes. Residents also need to know that only two dogs are allowed per household.”

BRC strongly recommends de-sexing pets to avoid indiscriminate breeding resulting in unwanted, abandoned and neglected animals. Council also requires pets to be registered and encourages micro-chipping, as these are the best methods of identification for returning lost animals to their owners.

Surgical desexing, parasite treatment and micro-chipping of dogs and cats will be provided for free next week, from 20-24 July, at the vet clinic which is co-located with the Council Depot on 1 Maloney Street. Pups will also be vaccinated for free.

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