

Tablelands Regional Council Approved Inspection Program Cats and Dogs 2022/23



1. Introduction

Tablelands Regional Council has resolved that;

- 1.1 A selective Approved Inspection Program be carried out to ensure compliance with the registration and microchipping requirements of the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008; and
- 1.2 A selective Approved Inspection Program be carried out to ensure compliance with section 25 of Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2019 - duty to provide proper enclosure and prevent the animal from wandering.

2. Purpose of Programs

To ensure that the owners of dogs within the Tablelands Regional Council have complied with the registration and microchipping requirements of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* and comply with the Local Law No.2 (Animal Management) 2019 duty to provide a proper enclosure to prevent the animal from wandering.

3. Program Times

The selective inspection program will commence on 22 November 2022 and terminate on 22 May 2023. It will be conducted between the hours of 0630hrs and 2000hrs Monday to Sunday, with the

majority of inspections to be undertaken during normal working hours, or at such time depending on the circumstances of the householder.

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4. Properties to be inspected

Properties with the exception of those with a rural land use zone shall be selected on the basis that;

- 4.1 Council records show registration for a dog was not renewed for the 2022/23 registration period (by the due date of 30 June 2022).
- 4.2 Council receives information or ascertains that unregistered dog/s are being kept on premises.
- 4.3 Inspection identifies that there is no proper enclosure to prevent an animal from wandering.

5. Enforcement

Where an Authorised Person identifies a dog has not been registered and or microchipped for the current year 2022/23, a warning letter will be issued giving 10 business days to register. Weekly reports will then be conducted on Council's animal registration system to identify the animals that have and have not been registered. Where animals that have not been registered and/or microchipped or the owners have not contacted Council to make alternative arrangements, a Penalty Infringement Notice (PIN) will be issued (maximum of 20 penalty units).

Where an Authorised Person identifies that a proper enclosure is not provided a Compliance Notice will be issued to the responsible person requiring them to comply. Where owners have failed to comply with this notice the normal follow up process will be carried out which may include the issuing of a penalty infringement notice (maximum penalty of 50 penalty units).