Policy 4.04  Companion Animal management

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Scope

This policy prescribes the processes implemented to facilitate the management of companion animals across the Bega Valley Shire.

Purpose

- To control, regulate and manage companion animals in the Shire in accordance with the Companion Animals Act 1998 and Regulations and accepted best practice.

Definitions

Nil

Legislative requirements

Companion Animals Act 1998

Policy Statement

Bega Valley Shire Council will address the matter of ‘Companion Animal Management’ in a systematic manner by:

- Managing companion animals for which Council has an identified legislative responsibility in accordance with the companion animal legislation.
- Declaring, promoting and regulating leash free areas, wildlife protection areas and other control areas as required by the legislation.
- Operating a companion animal management facility in accordance with the relevant legislation and best practice.
- Delivering companion animal education programs aimed at promoting responsible ownership through the identification of companion animals, de-sexing and the protection of our local native wildlife.
Policy title: Companion Animal management

Policy No.: 4.04

Directorate: Planning and Environment Group

Outcome Area: Liveable Places

Goal(s):
1. Our Shire continues to be a vibrant, enjoyable, safe and affordable place to live.
2. Our places retain their character and scale, development is well planned, and a range of goods and services are available within our Shire that meet local needs.

Responsible Officer: Manager | Health, Building and Compliance

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Related BVSC policies

Policy No.: 4.03
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