

Dog and Cat Management Plan Review

- We want your feedback on the draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026 – 2030
- The Dog and Cat Management Plan guides how dogs and cats are managed in the City of Adelaide

Consultation closes 11:59pm, Sunday 7 June 2026



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The City of Adelaide is reviewing its Dog and Cat Management Plan (the Plan) to guide how we support responsible pet ownership, improve community safety, and protect our environment between 2026 and 2030.

We want your feedback on the draft Plan to ensure it reflects the needs, values, and expectations of our residents, businesses, and visitors. Your input will help shape the Plan and ensure it remains relevant, practical, and beneficial for all who live, work and spend time in the City of Adelaide.

Background

The City of Adelaide is currently updating its Dog and Cat Management Plan to cover the period 2026–2030. This is a requirement under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*, which states that all councils in South Australia must prepare a plan to guide how dogs and cats are managed in their area.

This plan helps ensure a balanced approach to pet ownership that supports community safety, protects public spaces and wildlife and responds to the needs of both pet owners and non-pet owners. We are keen to understand community feedback to ensure the plan is practical, fair, and reflective of local values.

Timeline

- 18 May – 7 June 2026: Community consultation.
- June 2026: Consultation feedback and the final version of the Plan presented to Council for adoption.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is Council updating the Dog and Cat Management Plan?

Under Section 26A of the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995, all councils are required to develop a Dog and Cat Management Plan every five years. The Draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026–2030 has been developed to reflect community needs, emerging issues and current best practices in animal management.

What does the Dog and Cat Management Plan do?

The Plan sets out Council's approach to managing dogs and cats in the City of Adelaide. It covers issues like dog and cat registration, community safety and nuisance management, and aims to balance the needs of pet owners, the broader community and the environment.

This Plan does not review or propose changes to on-leash and off-leash areas; however, we are particularly keen to hear your feedback on this as part of the consultation process.

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Will there be any major changes?

At this stage, no major changes are proposed. However, existing legislation, regulations and approaches are being reviewed using available data and community feedback. Any proposed changes will be outlined in the draft Plan and will be open for community input.

Do the same dog and cat rules apply to all housing types, including apartments?

Yes. The same requirements apply to all residents, regardless of whether they live in a house, townhouse or apartment.

When will the new Plan take effect?

The final Plan is expected to come into effect in July 2026.

How do I provide my feedback?

There are a number of ways in which you can provide feedback:

Feedback Form (attached to this information pack)

Online at ouradelaide.sa.gov.au

Contribute your feedback via the **Online Survey**.

Email your feedback to ouradelaide@cityofadelaide.com.au

Meet with a staff member

You can organise to meet or speak with a staff member by emailing your request and contact details to c.officers@cityofadelaide.com.au.

Written Submissions

All written submissions can be delivered to the Customer Centre, 25 Pirie Street, Adelaide, or posted to:

Community Consultation

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GPO Box 2252, Adelaide SA 5001

What happens next?

We will acknowledge all feedback received either by email or in writing.

Following consultation, we will review all community feedback and use it to help refine the draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026–2030.

Once the Dog & Cat Management Plan 2026 – 2030 is approved, it will be published on Council's website.

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Or visit ouradelaide.sa.gov.au

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Contact Details (optional)

Providing contact details in a feedback form is optional. However, we ask for this information because we want to know a little more about who you are and how you use the city to ensure we get a higher quality of data to go along with your feedback. The data will help us analyse feedback from specific groups (e.g. age, gender, City users), which in-turn will provide a richer and more valuable response to help Council make decisions.

First Name:		Last Name:	
Email Address:			
Address:			
Business/Organisation Name (if applicable):			
Gender:	☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other Identity	Year of Birth:	
Are you a City of Adelaide Ratepayer?		☐ Yes ☐ No	
Please tell us how you participate in city life (tick all that apply):			
☐ Work	☐ Live	☐ Shop	☐ Business Owner/Operator
☐ Study	☐ Tourist	☐ Play (e.g. leisure, recreation, entertainment, dining)	
Please indicate your main areas of interest (tick all that apply):			
☐ Our Community	☐ Our Economy	☐ Our Environment	☐ Our Places
Please indicate the locations that are of interest to you (tick all that apply):			
☐ East End	☐ North Adelaide	☐ South East	
☐ South West		☐ West End	

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☐ Yes* ☐ No

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