

CAMDEN COUNCIL

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FUNDING BOOST FOR RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP PROGRAM

Camden Council is set to receive \$14,000 under the NSW Office of Local Government's Responsible Pet Ownership Program for a cat desexing initiative.

Residents who are struggling to meet the cost of desexing their cats may be eligible to receive up to \$100 towards the cost of the procedure through this initiative.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak welcomed the funding saying that it will help to reduce the number of stray and surrendered cats in animal shelters.

"Pets play an important role in the lives of many in our community. Council is strongly committed to supporting and promoting responsible pet ownership to help ensure the health and safety of pets.

"This initiative will support residents needing assistance to cover the costs of desexing their cats and will help control the number of feral cats and unwanted litters." Cr Symkowiak said.

"I would like to thank the members of the Companion Animal Committee for initiating this project and for their contributions to Council's responsible pet ownership program."

Residents meeting the criteria will receive a voucher that can be used at any veterinarian practice within the Camden Local Government Area. A \$100 voucher will be provided for female cats and \$50 for male cats. It is compulsory that any cat desexed under this program is micro-chipped and registered.

To be eligible, residents must hold a valid Pension or Health Card or be recommended through Camden Community Connections who will assist with information on eligibility and the application process and can be contacted on 4647 3496.

The program will be rolled out in the coming months and information will be available on Council's website. To find out more contact Council on 4654 7777.

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