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Camden's 'no-kill' plan for unwanted animals

Camden Council will now operate its local animal holding facility as a 'no kill' shelter, whereby all attempts are made to re-home suitable animals.

A 'no kill' facility is defined as an animal shelter that does not kill healthy or treatable animals and where euthanasia is reserved for terminally ill animals or those considered dangerous to public safety.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak said Camden Council is committed to promoting responsible pet ownership and the benefits of companion animals.

"Pets are much-loved and important family members in many households and I am pleased that Council is committed to operating a 'no kill' animal holding facility to give healthy animals a second chance at life."

"Camden Council already has a low euthanasia rate of impounded animals due to Council's current responsible pet ownership program. In fact last financial year no cats or dogs were euthanased that were rehoming. This policy formalises positive practices Council is already undertaking."

"Council's current responsible pet ownership program has implemented a number of initiatives over the past few years including:

- Responsible Pet Ownership program run in local schools by our rangers
- Independent breed and temperament assessment of impounded animals
- Attempt to return stray dogs and cats home immediately if microchipped and registered rather than impounding
- Free name tags for animals released
- Working with rescue organisations to rehome animals that haven't been adopted
- Discounted desexing programs for eligible residents
- Free microchipping events for dogs and cats
- Bus advertising reminding residents to update their contact details on their pets microchip
- Paws in the Park fundraising event
- The recent appointment of a dedicated Camden Council Companion Animal Ranger
- Flexible pricing options for impounded animals to encourage adoption
- Provision of exercise yards that are friendly and stimulating for animals

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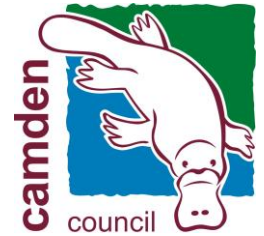
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- Creation of information packs on adoption of an animal

“I encourage anyone considering a new pet to visit our local animal shelter and adopt one of the animals waiting to meet their new owners to live in their forever home, Cr Symkowiak said.

If you’d like to adopt a pet, get in touch with Renbury Farm Animal Shelter on 9606 6118.

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