animal management

What if my dog goes missing or I find a stray?

If your dog is missing ACT QUICKLY. Contact Council as soon as you can.

Losing your dog

If Council has not found your dog, you should contact the local animal shelters and your local veterinary surgeon. Talk to your neighbours and ask if they have seen your pet.

It is also advisable to place an advertisement in the newspaper, in the local shopping centres, vet surgery and perhaps do a letterbox drop in the streets surrounding your home.

DO NOT DELAY! Remember that under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995, any dog impounded may be disposed of after 72 hours if not claimed.

Dogs which are properly identified need not be subjected to this process as they can be quickly returned to their owners.

Do not abandon your dog

If you find, for any reason, that you are unwilling or unable to continue to care for your dog, contact your local animal shelter which may be able to find a new home for it. Remember, it is an offence under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act 1985 to abandon a dog and the penalties are severe.

Finding a stray

If you should find a stray dog, try to contain the animal safely if you can and then contact Council and an officer will collect the dog. If you are unable to contain the animal, advise Council of its whereabouts. Every endeavour will be made to reunite the dog with its owner.

Do not keep any stray dog

The animal may have been reported missing and you will be preventing authorities from returning the dog to its rightful owner. Only officers appointed by Council are empowered to deal with stray or wandering dogs under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995.

For further information or enquiries, contact Council's Animal Management Officer on 8416 6333, email csu@wtcc.sa.gov.au.

To find out if your dog has been impounded check the 'impounded animals' register on Council's web site at westtorrens.sa.gov.au (updated daily Monday to Friday).

Contact numbers

City of West Torrens
Phone: 8416 6333

Animal Welfare League
Phone: 8348 1300

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