

Item 4 - Draft *Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025* Submissions

From: Donna Palmer
To: Benalla Council Email
Subject: Domestic animal management plan
Date: Saturday, 23 October 2021 11:15:34 PM

I would like to put forward my thoughts on unleashed dogs in our community!
There are many people who walk dogs that are not on a leash and it effects many in the community.

When a dog not on a leash approaches another animal or a person you just don't know what that unleashed animal is capable of.

It's fine for the owner of the unleashed dog to think it is safe as their dog is friendly, but the dog it approaches on a leash may not be the same and thus causes distress for the leashed dog and it's owner.

Also there are many people in the community that have fears of dogs and when approached by an unleashed dog can be traumatic for those people even though the dog may be friendly, those people are genuinely afraid of an unleashed dog. Therefore I think it should be mandatory for the protection and comfort of other pets and people to be walked with a leash on at all times and fines for those not compliant.

It's in the best interest of safety and security for people concerned. Even disabled people are daunted by the approach and the handlers sometimes don't understand the problems it creates for others.

So please consider leashing dogs outside the home and in public places for the safety of others whether the dog is tame or not the approaching person is unaware as they don't know their dogs capabilities.

Thanks
Donna

Sent from my iPhone

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To: Personnel charged with reviewing the 2021-2025 Domestic Animal Management Plan.

Dear Mr Dominic Testoni, Compliance Officers and pertinent Personnel,

In that the residents of Porters Road Benalla and surrounds continue to experience concerns about dog threats to the personal health and safety of our communities' people, visitors, cyclists, horse and pony riders, and pets, I resubmit the document prepared for the last Domestic Animal Management Plan, forwarded at a time when Mr Tony McIlroy held the CEO post.

No significant change from the past review, that might have improved the status of our Health and Safety, or Safe Streets has been witnessed.

What has been witnessed is a dog that is known to be aggressive, wandering at large on several occasions. Allegedly, it has caused injury to other dogs, which then have required veterinary attention. Other persons, from Kealy Road, report that they will not ride their horses along Porters Road for fear of dog attack, consequent to their son walking his dog in the street, who was attacked by a brown staffy type dog.

There have been several house sales over the past years. The new residents very quickly find out that Porters Road is not a safe road to walk or ride along, and is definitely not a safe place for children and pets to play in.

Many residents agree that the current Benalla Rural City Council methods of dealing with dog problems in our area simply does not work. Responses are fundamentally too slow, not in terms of Compliance activation to an event, but by the time rangers arrive the offending animal has long gone. In addition, the aggrieved party is invariably too afraid to make any personal complaint for fear of reprisal.

Benalla Rural City Council needs to make changes to their DAMP by-laws to ameliorate the situation, thereby enabling their Vision Statements about Community Health and Safety and Safe Streets to be accurate.

Please consider the contents of the attached past DAMP submission, which was compiled by a number of local community members from Porters and Kealy Roads.

Yours sincerely,

Rina Caddy

Ms. Rina Caddy.

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Please find original 2018 submission attached

RB 30/10/21

Re: Request for Review.

The attached (RE) submission requests more consideration of local law changes, to more effectively control the risk of harm + safe travel by persons due to dogs not being effectively controlled in public,

The only 'changes' from the 2018 review were

- realising the 'restricted zone' did not apply, and
- wording re 'Apparent control' changed in the S.A.M.P. That was all.

The suggestion that BRCC use S. 26(2) of the Domestic Animals Act 1994, to strengthen local laws to require LEASHES be used when exercising a dog(s) in public, basically was ignored. In effect, a version of local law by Shepparton Council on 16/Oct/2018 was suggested as an example, to be followed, but apparently *PETCHEY v KINGSTON COUNCIL* put the "frighteners" on any action by BRCC.

Please Review.

D. Caddy

DAVID CADDY

This past submission is attached to two letters from a) David Caddy b) Rina Caddy - 30/10/2021 and is to be considered in regard to both afore said letters. R Caddy 30/10/21.

Submission Summary
To Review of Domestic Animals Management Plan, 2018.

Mr Tony McIlroy, Chief Executive Officer
Benalla Rural City Council, Bridge St Benalla Vic 3672

19th. September 2018

A submission, about domestic dogs, in rural living zones, with recommendations:

- to strengthen local law regarding secure fencing,
- to reclassify zoned rural living zone as a restricted area, and/or
- to introduce effective control rules.

Due to on-going Community safety problems of:

- Dogs at large, threatening and menacing dog or dogs, that rush from within their property, directed towards persons and animals, serious bite attacks by a dogs or dogs, traffic hazard and risk of harm to community members and animals.

Caused by:

- Dog/dog/s, which present as menacing, and in an apparent territorial/protective mode, **being at large, due to not being securely confined to owners' premises; (ie the property does not have a closed gate(s), nor does it have an escape proof fence that dog(s) can not jump, get under or through,**
- Dog/s, when being 'exercised' in public space, and at times in packs of up to four dogs, being involved in serious dog attacks, even though with a person(s)/owner present, in 'apparent control', yet unable to prevent the rush and attack,
- And it is asserted that the current council local rule (in Benalla 'Unrestricted area') that dogs are not required to be on a lead, if accompanied by an owner, is vague, unclear and demonstrably ineffective in controlling a dog or dogs when in public space.

It is clear that the **Domestic Animals Act 1994 (Vic)** requires that owners must ensure their dog/s

- Under S.24, are securely confined to an owners' property, and
- Under S.29, must not rush or chase, or attack or bite any person or animal.

And in the DAMP review it is stated that:

- The **Council Local Law 56-** Wandering Animal, states: 'The owner or person in charge of any animal must not allow that animal to wander from the land where it is normally kept.' and
- The **Council Local Law 59-** Adequate Fencing, states: 'An owner of land on which an animal is kept must ensure that the land is adequately fenced so as to prevent the animal's escape from the land.'
- *It is submitted that Local laws 56 & 59 be strengthened up and ensure dog owners fully know it is their responsibility to secure and fence their dogs to their property, and with specific criteria as to what constitutes adequate fencing, thus more effectively preventing dog at large, and also give more teeth to the enforcement process by a focus on DAA S.24 offences. (Local Law 59 offences)*
- *It is submitted that Council replace the current 'unrestricted area' rule, by either:*
 - *reclassifying and including zones such as Porters Rd, which is a zoned rural living residential area with one shared public street, as a Restricted Area. Ie Leash area, or*
 - *with a rule based on effective control criteria which specifies in clear detail, what is expected of an owner to achieve having effective control of their dog when it is being exercised in a public space, in a 'non restricted' zone. And of course with specific exemptions for working animals in farming zones, or specified designated zones.*

Yours faithfully

David & Rina Caddy

D. Caddy Rina Caddy.

**Submission
To Review of Domestic Animals Management Plan, 2018.**

Mr Tony McIlroy
Chief Executive Officer
Benalla Rural City Council
Bridge St Benalla Vic 3672
14th. September 2018.

In response to Council's advertisement in the "Benalla Ensign" (29 August 2018) for consultation regarding the 4 yearly review of the Domestic Animals Management Plan, we, the undersigned residents and ratepayers, thank you for your invitation to contribute to the Domestic Animals Management Plan, 2018, review.

PREAMBLE.

As a small rural residential community in Goomalibee, we believe that we should be entitled to the same "Liveability" standards that the Benalla township residents enjoy. "Walkability" is one marker/indicator of the "Neighbourhood Liveability Assessment of Benalla study", conducted by the *Healthy Liveable Cities Group* at the RMIT University, a study funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, and devised in partnership with the Benalla Rural City Council. According to the same study, the "Walkability design of local neighbourhoods is an important influence of physical activity, health outcomes, social connectedness and community sustainability." Many members of the Porters Road community champion the "Walkability" concept of their local community, but do not believe that it is safe to engage in the activity.

Benalla Rural City's Council Plan 2017 – 2021 cites, in its vision statements, that it intends "To provide a sustainable, thriving community where lifestyle, culture, health and wellbeing are supported by strong leadership and community partnership".

The Council Plan also pronounces that its vision, strategic objectives and operational plan "is in accordance with Section 26 of *The Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008.*" (Page 15.)

Many of the Porters Road community do not consider that it is safe to walk the community's shared access road to their properties. Many do not consider that it is safe to let their children play, or to ride their bike, walk their pet, or ride a horse/pony along Porters Road.

Currently the health and well being of our small community is not being enhanced or supported by current Council Bylaws, nor is it that a thriving community lifestyle is being sustained. Many of the residents in Porters Road, Goomalibee, believe that they share a common concern about Community Safety and Wellbeing.

RATIONALE.

The main past, current and on-going Community safety issue can be defined as:

- a dog or dogs wandering at large,
- a dog or dogs that rush and worry, from within their property, but also beyond their property,
- threatening and menacing dog or dogs, directed towards persons and animals,
- serious bite attacks by a dogs or dogs,
- There is ongoing traffic hazard and risk of harm to pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders, vehicle occupants, domestic stock, but also a risk to the dog or dogs when they are at large.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELLBEING RISK.

For several years now, there has been a risk to the Community due to:

- Dog/s, which present as menacing, and in an apparent territorial/protective mode, **being at large, due to not being securely confined to owners' premises; (ie the property does not have a closed gate(s), nor does it have an escape proof fence that dog(s) can not jump, get under or through,**
- Dog/s being at large, under **The Domestic Animals Act 1994, Section 24 offence**, relies on 'IF' a dog, is FOUND at large, due to inadequate fencing. This means some lay-person has to find a dog at large, then 'ring it in', referred to as 'make a complaint' and then the Council Compliance activates to try to find the dog at large. The problematic time delay in the ability to secure the dog "at large" has the propensity to compound the dog threat to person or native/domestic animal.
- Dog/s being on the road, outside their owner's property is a root cause of the safety problem. Section 24 also refers to dog at large as **"not confined to the owner's premises."**
- Dog/s, being 'exercised' in public space, and at times in packs of up to four dogs, being involved in serious dog attack. Dog attacks have occasioned rush and worry-bites, causing falls from cycles and animal.
- Dog/s, even though with a person(s)/owner present, in 'apparent control', the responsible person has been unable to prevent the rush and attack.

LAW IN VICTORIA.

The **Domestic Animals Act 1994 (Vic)** requires that owners must ensure their dog/s

- Under S.24, are securely confined to an owners property, and
- Under S.29, must not rush or chase, or attack or bite any person or animal.
- The **Council Local Law 56- Wandering Animal**, states: 'The owner or person in charge of any animal must not allow that animal to wander from the land where it is normally kept.'
- The **Council Local Law 59- Adequate Fencing**, states: 'An owner of land on which an animal is kept must ensure that the land is adequately fenced so as to prevent the animal's escape from the land.'
- Currently Porters Road is not in **Benalla Restricted Area**, and dogs are not required to be on a lead, if accompanied by an owner. The definition of "in control" needs to be precisely stated in Council Local Law for it to be effective, and for it to provide a safer liveable community.
- *The Domestic Animals Act 1994*, at a local government level is interpreted clearly and precisely by some local councils. The City of Yarra Council Orders, made under Section 10A and Section 26 of the *DAA 1994* have encoded that "Dogs must be under effective control."

The Council Order reads:

“(1) The Owner of any dog must keep the dog under effective control by means of a chain, cord or leash (not exceeding 2 metres in length) held by the Owner and attached to the dog while the dog is in a Public Place except where that Place is a designated Reserve or Prohibited area.”

It continues with the Owner’s Obligations in a Designated Reserve, stating that:

(1) A dog may be exercised off a chain, cord or leash in a Designated Reserve if the Owner:

- (a) does not allow the dog to worry, threaten or attack any person or animal;
- (b) carries a chain, cord or leash not exceeding 2 metres in length sufficient to bring the dog under control by placing the dog on the chain, cord or leash if the dog behaves in a manner that worries, thraten or attacks any person or animal;
- (c) remains close enough to the dog so as to be able to immediately bring the dog under effective control by placing the dog on a chain, cord or leash;
- (d) brings the dog under effective control by placing the dog on a chain, cord or leash immediately upon the dog commencing to worry, threaten or attack any person or animal.

This notion of “Effective Control of Dogs in Public Places” has been verbally expressed to some residents of the Porters Road Community, by both a Benalla Council Manager Development person and a Benalla Council Compliance Officer, which aligns with the City of Yarra Order, however it is not clearly expressed and encoded by our Council’s DAMP laws.

It is noted that until about a month ago, before it was taken down, Benalla Council’s website quoted:

“Under the Domestic Animals Act 1994, all dogs must be under effective control when they’re not on their owners property. An owner must not allow their dog to worry, chase or threaten any person or animal. In any of the off lead areas, the person in charge of a dog must remain in effective voice or hand control and be able to bring the dog under control with restraint if necessary”.

Whilst it might seem that there is no current Local Law reference on “Effective Control of Dogs,” by Benalla Council, local laws similar to the City of Yarra Order, (which would appear consistent with the quote from the earlier Council statement), a Council reinstatement of “Effective Control of Dogs”, given with detail, would assure greater safety for residents and animals in public spaces.

Recommendations to DAMP 2018 Review.

It is submitted and requested that Council consider:

- ensuring all owners confine dog(s) to their property by having adequate fencing, and clearly specify what constitutes adequate fencing, and
- specify in clear detail, what is expected of an owner to achieve having effective control of their dog when it is being exercised in a public space in a non restricted zone.

Recommendations to PREVENT DOGS AT LARGE:

- Include in Local Law 59-Adequate Fencing, or new Council Order, wording to ensure owners know their legal responsibility is to ensure their dogs are securely contained to their property, at all times. thus preventing dogs being at large, and in detail, specify exactly what is meant by Adequate Fencing. This means to comply with the Domestic Animals Act

1994, dogs to be housed in yards with closed gates, and an escape proof fence that cannot be jumped, got under, or through.

- That council conduct audits, or makes inspections of adequate fencing, such as is the case for swimming pool fencing, or where non-compliance occurs, so that when a “Domestic Animal At Large”, offence occurs, that Council then conduct audits or inspections, of that property, and has the power to issue a notice “ to comply” and/or, to install adequate fencing to secure dog(s), and also use current “Impounding an animal” powers.
- Include in Local Law 56-Wandering Animals, or new Council Order, that dogs are not:
 - (a) be allowed to wander or be at large,
 - (b) be allowed to rush,
 - (c) be sooled onto persons or animals passing by a property
 - (d) rush up to a secure front fence.
 - (e) worry-bite or attack, any person or animal.

Recommendations for “EFFECTIVE CONTROL of DOGS”:

Currently, Porters Road (in effect 18 rural residential properties facing one shared access road,) is not in the Restricted Area. A dog, when being exercised, is not required to be on a leash, if accompanied by an owner, or person in apparent control.

This ‘rule’, provides no clear, legal definition of what is meant by ‘accompanied’, even implying acceptance of exercising up to 4 dogs, all unleashed, and vaguely refers to any person nearby ‘apparently’ deemed in control. The ‘rule’ basically suggests Porters Rd is an unrestricted area to exercise dogs, and adds little to requiring an owner/person in charge to actually be in charge in a responsible dog owner manner.

Some residents walk with one friendly, trained, social unleashed dog, and no rush or attacks are involved. However, too often, the lack of “Effective Control of Dog/s” rule, for example, the “Unrestricted Area” rule, has not helped prevent dog rush and attacks. There needs to be a better rule, one that is adequate and fit for purpose.

To achieve better community safety and use of Porters road, (in the rural zone) it is submitted that Benalla Rural Council consider including a revised “Restricted Area” zone, thus requiring dogs must be leashed when being exercised in this public area. Or, if mandatory “on leash” is not accepted, it is submitted that Council introduce “Effective control” guidelines in the plan, and in a revised Local Law, that states in very clear, detailed, unambiguous language, a definition of what “Effective Control of Dogs” means, and exactly what Owners Obligations are. For example, order that certain rural residential areas are designated as “Dogs must be under Effective Control Areas”.

Benalla Rural City is not just the township area, so make a new Council Order for the “Unrestricted Zone” which is allocated to Porters Road residential area, with detail similar to that found in S.5 of the City of Yarra Council Orders, which is attached.

Provide to all residents and ratepayers, clear publicity that strongly advises that the best, preferred, and most safe option is to exercise a dog, with a leash attached.

Basically this submission to the Domestic Animal Management Plan, 2018, requests that Council publications, advice, and local laws and any new orders be reviewed, so as to specify:

- (1) exactly what constitutes adequate fencing, and,
- (2) what exactly constitutes effective control when exercising dog(s) in public space.

Attachments:

- City of Yarra Council Orders under S10A and S26 of the DAA 1994
 - *As an example of wording for a new effective control law*
- Confine your dog from Dept of Agriculture. Vic.
 - *As an example of a very clear-speak publicity pamphlet on responsible dog ownership*
 - *Also known as Put Your Dog Out Back. from DEPI.*
- Excerpts of dogs at large offences DAA 1994
 - *As examples of quite regular breaches in Porters Road.*

Reference Materials from Benalla City Council website:

“Neighbourhood Liveability Assessment of Benalla study”, conducted by the *Healthy Liveable Cities Group* at the RMIT University,
Benalla Rural City's Council Plan 2017 – 2021 .

We, the residents and ratepayers of Porters Road, Goomalibee, 3672, thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Benalla Rural City's Domestic Animal Management Plan, 2018. If you have any queries, please contact David or Rina. Telephone – 57 195809.

Yours sincerely,

David Caddy.



Rina Caddy.



Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **4 November 2021**

Are you the owner of a dog or cat? **Yes**

Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring dogs to be on a leash when outside the owner's property? **Yes**

Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring cats to be confined to their owner's property at all times or during night-time hours? **Yes, at all times**

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

The changes to the current laws cannot happen quickly enough. Dog owners should have their dog/s on a lead when walking anywhere in a public space. This would hopefully decrease/ prevent the dog attacks that are occurring regularly in Benalla. It is also up to the individual dog owner to train their dog/s and be a responsible caring owner and member of the community. A basic dog obedience course is the minimum dog owners should undertake when bringing a dog into their family and home.

Upload documents in support of your submission

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion?

Yes (Please supply your contact details below)

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **5 November 2021**

Are you the owner of a dog or cat? **No**

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Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring cats to be confined to their owner's property at all times or during night-time hours? **Yes, at all times**

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

Upload documents in support of your submission

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Kym**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **5 November 2021**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **Would love a dedicated off leash area for dogs. I have been to previous dog parks where they had two different areas, one for large dogs, one for medium/small. Was a great model. And a terrific chance to let dog off lead while being in a secure location.**

Upload documents in support of your submission

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **Yes (Please supply your contact details below)**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Leonie Daniel**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **5 November 2021**

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Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring cats to be confined to their owner's property at all times or during night-time hours?

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **I would like animal registration to be a life time registration with a one off payment as per other councils**

Upload documents in support of your submission

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion?

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December?

Your name **Elaine McNeill**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **5 November 2021**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

Upload documents in support of your submission

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **5 November 2021**

Are you the owner of a dog or cat? **Yes**

Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring dogs to be on a leash when outside the owner's property? **No**

Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring cats to be confined to their owner's property at all times or during night-time hours? **Yes, at night time**

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **Walking our dogs around the lake is a highlight of our day. My dogs - as well as all other dogs I've encountered off the lead, with their owners - are extremely well behaved and love meeting other dogs and people. Let's keep Benalla dog friendly as they play a huge role in the majority of families in Benalla. Don't punish people and their dogs for doing the right thing.**

Upload documents in support of your submission

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **Yes (Please supply your contact details below)**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Karen Curl**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **16 November 2021**

Are you the owner of a dog or cat? **Yes**

Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring dogs to be on a leash when outside the owner's property? **Yes**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **We need a dog park**

Upload documents in support of your submission

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Samuel Rodrigo**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

Upload documents in support of your submission

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Bill Morris**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: : **16 November 2021**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Anita**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **16 November 2021**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Jacqueline Frost**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **16 November 2021**

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Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring cats to be confined to their owner's property at all times or during night-time hours? **Yes, at all times**

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **It's important that council are able to effectively and completely police this plan. Currently, an animal complaint goes nowhere as nothing can be done about it unless the dog catcher actually sees it. Council must be able to act on complaints and issues**

Upload documents in support of your submission

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion?

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Valissa Clarke**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **16 November 2021**

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Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring cats to be confined to their owner's property at all times or during night-time hours? **Yes, at all times**

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

Due to cats coming into our garden, the small native birds that were coming into feed on our native plants that were specifically planted for that purpose, have disappeared. I have seen a cat under one of our grevilleas trying to catch the honeyeaters. I have been unable to keep the cats out. Dogs need to be on their leash when out as they can be a foot traffic hazard and quite daunting when they come near small children even when being friendly. When I owned a dog and walking with him on a leash a larger unleashed dog on Jaycee Island ran over and attempted to attack him. I had to pick him up and the dog was still jumping up and trying to bite him. I would definitely like to see new domestic management rules introduced.

Upload documents in support of your submission

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

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Are you the owner of a dog or cat? **Yes**

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Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring cats to be confined to their owner's property at all times or during night-time hours? **No**

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **Dogs in particular need exercise and that means RUNNING how do you suppose they do that on a lead? Perhaps you should maintain more dog only areas for this purpose**

Upload documents in support of your submission

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Rachael**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Janet Radford**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Craig**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **I do not have any animals myself so I do not think that I should have to put up with cats making a mess on my property and making noises at night as well when going for my walk have dogs run at me, even if they are friendly they are a still scary.**

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name: **Frances Hardy**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **Enforcement of leash order. More around animals that keep escaping their properties**

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Your name **Michelle Dack**

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Your name **Lorri**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **Council should have designated areas for dog owners to take their pets for a run eg Churchill reserve. Cats should be contained to their owners property 24/7 and be desexed, microchipped as part of the registration requirements. There are too many cats roaming Benalla streets at night. These animals whether domestic or feral are just a killing machine.**

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Your name **Ross Tregoning**

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Your name **Alie Bujku**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **The dogs on leash is a fantastic idea if it is enforced this time and if owners are provided with a safe off leash area where dogs can socialise with other dogs.**

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Your name **Alison king**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **How would such requirements be policed?**

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Your name **Deb Randich**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **It's unreasonable to require this. Dogs can safely be off property and off leash. And similarly cats cannot be confined to a property without being locked up, which is terrible for their welfare!**

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Your name **Kristen**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

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I think off leash is a difficult one. Some dogs cannot be off leash but some can because some are well trained enough.

I am being trained with our pup who is training to be an assistance dog for our autistic child. It is a lot of hard work and at 6 months there is no way I would be walking him off lead. Maybe with another year of training...

Perhaps to be off leash dogs and owners need to do a training course, earn a certificate and do yearly/biyearly refreshers to keep it.

Also talk to dog trainers in the region like Amanda from ShadowSpirit Enterprises in Tatong.

If food have to be on lead all the time then Council needs to provide dog parks as well.

I live rural and my neighbours have cats. Some of them let their cats roam. Sometimes their cat/s are gone for days. I hate seeing them in our property, killing the birds - there are definitely less birds around since they moved in with their cats. Perhaps Council can subsidise/arrange discounts for people to build cat runs.

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Your name

Carla

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Your name **Cheryl shea**

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Your name **Coral Day**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **Introduce fines for unleashed dogs on the pathways around the lake.**

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Sharon Cain**

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If dog owners have control over the recall of their dogs & don't allow them to be a pest to other dogs or people, they should be able to walk them lease-free. I have a reactive dog & understand the need to keep her on the leash when we're out & about. But not all dogs are the same & those who have dogs who are better trained should be able to enjoy the fruits of their labor & their dogs deserve the same. There's plenty of space for them to be free to enjoy. It would be great, however, to have a fenced space available for those doggos who aren't able to walk without a leash to be able to run free & enjoy some leash free exercise & play without fear of getting into altercations. I think that council should look into creating some space for that purpose. Perhaps a space that can be booked or even a space specifically for big dogs & one for small dogs.

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Your name **Alex Ross**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

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Introduce a cat curfew ie cats to remain indoors at all times unless outside on a leash (yes they can walk on a lead) or in a cat proof enclosure in the owners yard. And enforce it - have night rounds by the compliance officer. Animals (and owners) don't just come out during the day.

I have video footage of two cats regularly on my property in the early hours of the morning. And these have a collar and bell visible but are not owned by anyone in the unit complex I'm in.

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Your name **Victoria**

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Your name **Jorja Daniel**

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Your name **Stefanie Arendshorst**

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With regards to dogs this has and will always be an ongoing discussion and concern for many reasons.

What many pet owners overlook is that it's NEVER the dogs fault and pet owners need to take more responsibility for their pets actions instead of wanting to blame others as that's the way of the world we seem to live in today.

Walking dogs on a leash in public places should always be the case. Often pet owners doing the right thing by walking their dogs on leash come across other people having their dog off leash and the response is..."It's ok, my dog doesn't bite". THAT'S STILL NOT OK...

A dog off leash may also not bite but when coming across a bike rider on the same path, that dog could suddenly move in the direction of the bike rider causing an incident.

Just a couple of examples why pet owners either don't think or are ignorant to what can be, hence the importance of ALL dogs being on leash when others are around.

The dog off leash can still cause problems for the person that's doing the right thing and/or their dog who's on a leash for a reason where what if that dog on leash reacted to the dog off leash that approached it?

Who pays for the Vet bills?

How will that dogs life be after this?

Who maybe fined?

Who's dog maybe euthanised?

Off leash dog parks can be a great concept but also can be a major problem too.

The major problem being just because pet owners all of a sudden see there's a designated off leash area, that they're all in the right with their dogs.

For decades and decades, people have invested in a dog not understanding the breed intimately, whether that be a Maltese Shitzu or a form of hunting dog. They all have different traits, reactions, and strengths and the problem has been and will always be the lack of education given to pet owners when it comes down to proper 'Pet Owner Responsibility'...

What comes with a designated off leash area is that human emotion of wanting to show off their dog. Everyone's dog is cute. Everyone's dog is the best and the emotional content will always override responsibilities and that's where problems will arise from.

Dogs, big or small certainly need time off leash to exercise, burn energy and train which cannot be done on a leash and it's not all about everyone going to the one location. Many Pet Owners think with blinkers on and if they took some time to look a little wider, many of these challenges can be overcome.

What should be MANDATORY prior to the introduction of a designated off leash area is education. Education on dog behaviour and education on pet owner behaviour within areas as such!

I truly believe that by opening up this concept that it would create an ongoing headache for compliance having to deal with the many incidents that may come from this. The only way this can be successful is someone coming forth with the education on dogs behaviour.

Don't get me wrong. The concept is great but I do know that the FULL understanding of a concept as such will be the main challenge.

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Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **Yes, I would like to speak in support of my submission**

Your name **Wayne Teichert**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **While dogs should be on lead generally Benalla needs a well designed fenced off leash dog facility and more designated off lead areas.**

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Your name **Glenda Black**

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Your name **Wilma Green**

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Your name **Darcy Cooke**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **Create a large dog park so dogs can have a run and play or designate off lead areas on Jaycee Island again. Dogs should be on leash when walking around the streets**

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Your name **Fiona Will**

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Your name **Travis Wagner**

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Your name **Mitchell Wiles**

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Your name **Angie**

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Your name **Jen Flack**

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Your name **Charlene Ham**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **All animals should be confined to property it prevents loss of animals and wild life and also fighting with cats. It will also prevent unwanted pregnancy and feral cats. Also all cats should be desexed and council should have a data base to enable the documentation of desexed animals**

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Your name **Carol McNulty**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **Dogs need to be on a lead at all times, unless there is a park or area for off lead. Cats confined to own area at all times , sick of them scratching and urinating on everything if I wanted that I would have my own. Owners need to be made more responsible if they want animals Also number of dogs in town? And is there a law on breeding ?**

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Your name **Bev Essenhigh**

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Your name **Barry Burden**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **If animals are to be kept locked on the premises there should be a rule on cage sizes. If the animal has to be locked away in a little cage to be confined, the owner shouldnt be allowed to have the animal.**

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Your name **Maddison Bilton**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **Benalla needs to have leash free zones for dogs so they can run**

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Your name **Matthew Gill**

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Your name **will**

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion?

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December?

Your name **Jennifer Monger**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **16 November 2021**

Are you the owner of a dog or cat? **Yes**

Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring dogs to be on a leash when outside the owner's property? **Yes, at all times**

Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring cats to be confined to their owner's property at all times or during night-time hours? **Yes, at night time**

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **Just with dogs yes it would be OK if the dog was social and not attack people and other dogs and if that is the case there needs to be areas for dogs to be of the leash**

Upload documents in support of your submission

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Graham Burman**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **16 November 2021**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **Yes (Please supply your contact details below)**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December?

Your name **Sue Letcher**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **16 November 2021**

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Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring cats to be confined to their owner's property at all times or during night-time hours? **Yes, at all times**

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **I have owned a dog in the past.**

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Val Hill**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **16 November 2021**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **Benalla needs an off lead dog park**

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Michele**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **16 November 2021**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **Benalla needs a fully fenced off lead area for dogs**

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Sue Berry**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **16 November 2021**

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Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Amanda Alexander**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **16 November 2021**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **Cats to have registration same as dogs. Fines fir cats found outside.**

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Judith Stewart**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **16 November 2021**

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Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring cats to be confined to their owner's property at all times or during night-time hours? **No**

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

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Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Robyn Hill**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **16 November 2021**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

My reluctance with owner's being forced to leash their dog when outside their property basically just comes back to the fact that there are no areas within Benalla in particular that are listed as off leash. If our LGA was more dog friendly, and provided more spaces that are advertised as shared spaces that allow for dogs to be off lead (and under control of their owner), I would be more supportive of the blanket rule that elsewhere they should be on a leash. Like many people, I don't feel I can take my dog for a run off lead in town and have to go a fair distance out of town to find those spaces. There are no facilities along the shopping areas to secure your leashed dog when you need to go into a store and I have only seen one cafe that has a water bowl out for dogs.

I agree that dog owners as a whole need to be responsible for their dog's impact on others, and should be educated in meeting the needs of dogs to avoid antisocial behaviours. However, I also think Benalla LGA needs to more broadly recognise that many residents are dog owners and would welcome facilities that catered to them and their furry friends.

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Michele McCrohan**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **16 November 2021**

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Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Linda tritton**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **16 November 2021**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **I think dogs should be on a leash all times outside of the owners property. Saying that, if Council had specific off leash reserves.eg. Churchill Reserve during particular times, then that would be ok. Further, Council need to provide the appropriate staff to ensure compliance!**

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Wendy Baker**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

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Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Fiona holmes**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **Benalla does not have a dog park like other towns do. Have you ever tried to here a cat? I no longer own a cat but it is not easy to keep a cat inside the fence - they are not like dogs, you can't teach them to sit or stay. They have a mind of their own, in fact cats rule the house.**

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December?

Your name **Fintan Rawlings**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

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Your name **Simone sammon**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **For dogs, I think it should depend on whether or not they have strong recall recognition and if the owner knows them well enough to judge whether they like other dogs/people etc. Cats should be allowed outside unless someone is complaining about them being a nuisance**

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Stephanie johnston**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **17 November 2021**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

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Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Maggie Hollins**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **17 November 2021**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **My 2 cats are inside cats at all times. They are old now but I would not do this to a cat again. They need some outdoor time.
Absolutely fine with dogs on leads, especially after some encounters with free roaming dogs when on walks with my dog (on a lead).**

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Birgit Efinger**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **17 November 2021**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

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Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Kylie Levesque**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **That dogs be on leash at all times but provide a secure fenced, leash free area where dogs can have a run.**

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Jill Yates**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **An off-leash dog park would be a great inclusion for Benalla and would help in socialising dogs, providing a meeting place for dog-owners and discourage the use of other community spaces for dog play.**

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Melinda**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **18 November 2021**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

We believe that pet owners should be accountable for the conduct of their animals. We believe that council should be proactive in following up complaints. But we don't believe there is a need to micro manage responsible pet owners, especially when it is only the responsible pet owners who will comply with the rules. The result of a leash at all times will impact only responsible pet owners and have zero impact on those who are inconsiderate. We suspect that the irresponsible pet owner is the root cause of the majority of complaints to council.

A responsible dog owner is in the best position to decide if their dog should be constrained on a leash. Dogs are an integral part of our society and the desire from some to regulate every facet of our life should be resisted, unless it has overwhelming community support.

Perhaps instead of adding a further layer of regulations on pet ownership the council could consider developing and promoting a code of conduct that would be sent out with dog registration.

Some examples might be

If a runner or cyclist is approaching (around the lake) you call your dog to heel.

If you are in the CBD you keep your dog on a leash etc

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Melinda and Jim McNaughton**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **18 November 2021**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

Look re the dogs I don't think you can have it as a blanket dogs must be on leads when outside property I think it needs to be more specific. To designate areas. But yes definitely around lake, kids parks. Walking past others houses in sta when returning from lake walk.

As we have had multiple dogs run on to our property, chase out cat in our own yard come through our cat flap, Tear around our house or scare our cat under the car. And the people don't care. We love our cats as they love there dogs but I would not walk past someone's Avery in their yard snd dump my cat on there yard. So dogs must be controlled. Also around children. Dogs running on to our property unleashed has happened so often. Amd no remorse or apology. Just knock on the door on weekend and say oh our dogs just ran through your can door. It must have smelt it out like last time. And we have to let them in the house to dragg out there dog who has terrorised our cats and now has its head eating out of our cat Bowles. In the kitchen and we have just answered the door at 9 am on a Saturday due to the camosion and yelling.

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Jane**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **19 November 2021**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **Barking dogs are a big problem in this town, & that issue should also be addressed.**

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Fuchsia Branwhite**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **19 November 2021**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

With regard to above questions:

Dogs on leash - too often have I been approached by a dog off-lead, especially around the lake, which is particularly concerning as I often have my small children with me. There are times when this threat deters me from taking the kids to the lake. There are some very well-trained dogs which are not a concern, and thus control can be achieved by other means, but unfortunately others are not so (or owners attitude is different) so I would support additional patrols to actually enforce dog control rules. Alongside this, the provision of leash-free areas would be good, preferably fenced or at least separate to frequently used or common kids play areas.

Cat control - I have chosen not to have a cat to protect the wonderful native birds in my backyard. However unfortunately there are often other cats roaming across our property. People should know more about appropriate containment options before they become cat owners.

Upload documents in support of your submission

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Sarah Kelly**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Are you the owner of a dog or cat? (Select 1 or more options)

- Yes
 No

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- Yes, at all times
 Yes, at night time
 No

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

THIS TOWN NEEDS MORE POOP PICKUP PLACES
AND BINS TO PUT THE BAGS IN. PICKUP POINTS ARE ONLY
AROUND THE LAKE EVERY STREET IN BENALLA
NEEDS TO HAVE ONE

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? (Select 1 or more options)

Yes (Please supply your contact details below)

No

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? (Select 1 or more options)

Yes, I would like to speak in support of my submission

I would like a representative to speak on my behalf

No

Your name Required

TREVOR EASTON

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Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

If a proper dog park and off leash areas are organised, then support for a lead law.

Dogs on leads in public - yes.

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? (Select 1 or more options)

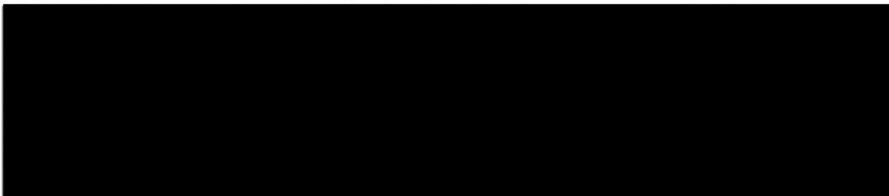
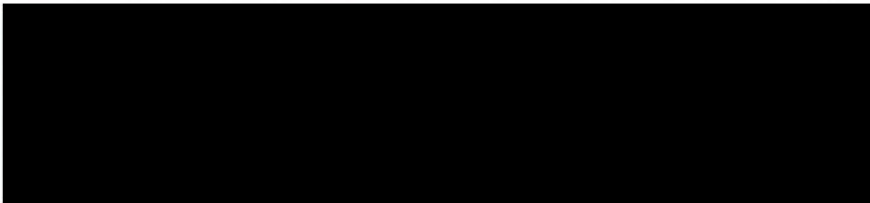
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- No

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Rachel Menere



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- Yes
 No

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 Yes, at night time
 No

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

① millions of birds are killed each year by cats during the day and at night. Cats need to be confined at all times.

Thank you.

② -

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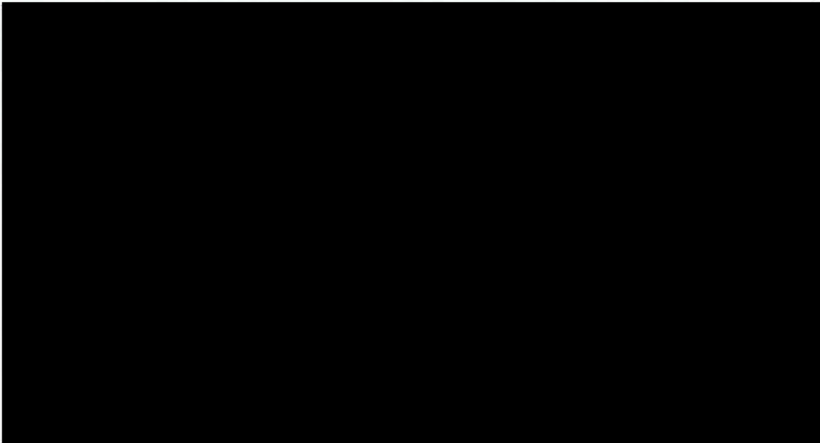
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- No

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Are you the owner of a dog or cat? (Select 1 or more options)

- Yes
 No

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 Yes, at night time
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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

Dog park that is fully enclosed * * *

→ Dogs on lead whilst walking in public.

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? (Select 1 or more options)

Yes (Please supply your contact details below)

No

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Yes, I would like to speak in support of my submission

I would like a representative to speak on my behalf

No

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Kay BARTON



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Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

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- Yes
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 Yes, at night time
 No

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

all dog should be on leads when walking
if you have unfriendly dog should be
displayed on them and need more
Education for dog people + training

Desexing Programs
and vac Programs

I don't agree with of leash parks
as most people don't care or look
after their dogs would like to see
water stations around the place
for water and more dog bags
around the street.

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Yes (Please supply your contact details below)

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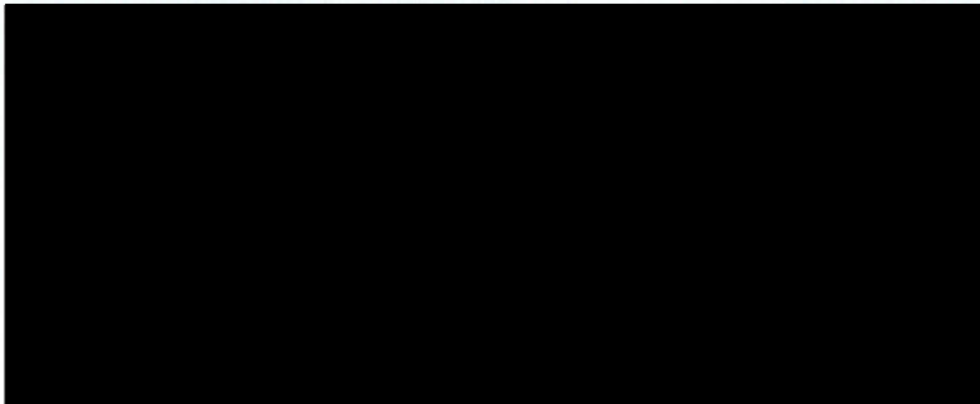
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carole moloney



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Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Are you the owner of a dog or cat? (Select 1 or more options)

- Yes
 No

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

Cats nature is to kill birds and small animals.
Owners may think they don't but they wander
neighborhoods and kill ~~peopl~~ birds on other
people's properties.

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? (Select 1 or more options)

- Yes (Please supply your contact details below)
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 No

— within the residential area of Benalla townships

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1. Plan includes a lot of repetition, for example s 3.2 "Our Orders" etc is repeated in subsequent sections (4.2, 5.2, 6.2 etc) with minor variations.
2. The whole document is titled a Plan, but then each section has a sub-section "Our Plan", which is a little confusing. These would be better titled as "Objectives and Strategies".

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Yes (Please supply your contact details below)

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DAVID BLORE



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1.3

DEMOGRAPHIC AND PROFILE OF COUNCIL

Benalla Rural City is located approximately 214 kilometres north east of the city of Melbourne, Victoria's capital, making it easily accessible by road or rail in about two hours. Benalla Rural City Council comprises 235,059 hectares covering 41 localities, in whole or in part. It has a population of approximately 14,000 with an average median age of 49 years, and approximately 9,000 people living in the Benalla urban area (2016 census data).

Benalla Rural City includes the towns and rural districts of Archerton, Baddaginnie (part), Barjarg (part), Benalla, Boho South (part), Boweya (part), Boxwood (part), Bridge Creek (part), Broken Creek, Bungeet, Bungeet West, Chesney Vale, Creek Junction (part), Devenish,

Glenrowan (part), Glenrowan West, Goomalibee, Goorambat, Lima, Lima East, Lima South, Lurg, Major Plains (part), Molyullah, Moorngag, Mount Bruno, Myrree (part), Samaria, Stewarton (part), Strathbogie (part), Swanpool, Taminick, Tarnook, Tatong, Thoona, Tolmie (part), Upper Lurg (part), Upper Ryans Creek, Warrenbayne, Winton and Winton North.

Benalla Rural City was formed in 2002, following the de-amalgamation of Delatite Shire into Benalla Rural City and Mansfield Shire. Benalla Rural City is predominantly a rural area but has substantial residential areas in and around the city of Benalla.

Most of the City's retail space is in shopping strips in central Benalla. There is some industrial land use to the north-east and east of the city. Most of the rural area is used for agricultural purposes, including wool and meat production, dairying and cropping.

1.4

CONTEXT AND CURRENT SITUATION

PROGRAM/SERVICE	SERVICE LEVEL
Education programs by means of media releases, community notices, mailing of renewal notices and placement of A-frame signs in high-risk areas.	Number of dogs and cats per year.
Monitor registration renewals and follow up enquiries for previously registered animals.	Desktop audit and follow up (phone or visit) commencing in June.
Enforcement activities for unregistered animals when located via complaint or impounded strays.	All impounded animals must be registered prior to reclaim and enforcement action taken upon receipt of reclaim reports.
Dog attack complaints.	Procedures manual requires response to dog attack complaint within 30 minutes.
Routine street patrols.	Dedicated "dog truck" vehicle for regular daily patrols during business hours and in response to after-hours callouts.
Pound.	Contracted Municipal Pound facility (RSPCA Wangaratta) open for public between 8:00am and 5:00pm Weekdays. Officers have access for after hours impounds.
Advertise located animals on social media and hold locally for up to 24 hours before transport to pound facility.	All animals found at large are posted on Council social media pages to try and identify owner and kept in holding pens locally for reclaim for up to 24 hours if not registered or owner unable to be identified through microchip.
Policy of one free return per year for any registered animal located at large without penalty.	Currently registered pets returned to owner without release fee and warning only once per year if located at large.
After hours emergency service.	Officers on rotational roster for on call duties between 5.00pm and 8.00am Monday to Friday and 24 hours over weekend.

for what?

~ is this registered numbers?
- what about % of unregistered animals?

3.1 CONTEXT AND CURRENT SITUATION

Council use several methods to promote and encourage responsible pet ownership and compliance with legislation within the Benalla Rural City.

These methods include, but are not limited to:

- Provision of an internally resourced after hours emergency animal service
- Installation and stocking of poo bag dispensers at strategic locations within the township
- Regular media releases regarding benefits and requirements for dog and cat registration
- Use of Facebook and social media to advertise unidentified impounded animals to assist with speedy return to owners

3.2 OUR ORDERS, LOCAL LAWS, COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

CURRENT ORDERS

Benalla Rural City does not currently have any orders under Section 25 or 26 of the *Domestic Animals Act*.

What would orders do?

CURRENT LOCAL LAWS

Local Law No. 52 (1) - Keeping of Animals in Residential Areas

An owner or occupier of land must not, without a permit, keep, allow to be kept or remain on any land, any more animals or birds than is stated in the following table:

TYPE OF ANIMAL	MAXIMUM ALLOWED IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS
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Cats	2

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Where is (1)?

- (2) Sub clause (1) does not apply where a planning permit has been obtained for land used for the purposes of animal boarding or breeding;
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- (4) An owner or occupier of land in a residential area may apply to Council for a permit to keep more than the maximum number of animals referred to in sub clause (1).

Local Law No. 53 - Accommodation for Animals

An owner or occupier of land must ensure that all animals on that land are housed:

- (1) in a clean, inoffensive and sanitary condition;
- (2) so as not to cause nuisance; and
- (3) in an adequate and appropriate manner for the type of animal being housed.

Local Law No. 58 - Keeping of Dogs and Cats on Rural Land

An owner or occupier of rural land must not, without a permit, keep or allow to be kept on that rural land more than:

- (1) five (5) dogs; or
- (2) three (3) cats

A repeat of s.3.1

↓ Needed?
Seems to be about internal procedures rather than policy

4.2

OUR ORDERS, LOCAL LAWS, COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

CURRENT ORDERS

There are currently no orders in place for Benalla Rural City.

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CURRENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Cats

The seizure of cats is regulated by the provisions of the DAA. There is no general offence of "at large" for domestic cats, unless Council passes an order under Section 25 of the DAA to declare a "cat curfew" for the municipality or specific areas. There is currently no Section 25 order in place for Benalla.

Residents may use an approved cat trap, or hire a free cat trap from Council, in order to trap cats trespassing on their property. Authorised Officers may conduct trapping programs on behalf of residents if circumstances dictate or a problem area is identified.

When a cat is trapped or seized by a person on private property, the officer must check for Council tag and scan for microchip details. If an owner is identified and the cat is registered, it should be returned to the owner, who is advised to keep the cat contained and not allow it to trespass onto other person's property. If the cat is not registered or has no microchip details, it should be impounded and transported to the Council pound facility. If the cat is injured, unwell or obviously feral, it should be taken to Council's contracted vet for assessment.

Any unidentified cat should be photographed (not through cage wire or bars) and the photograph sent to the Compliance Coordinator along with the location time and date of seizure. The animal will be posted on Council's social media pages to try and identify an owner.

Owned cats trespassing on private property are to be handled as per the instructions for Notice of Objection as detailed below.

Owners of cats that are impounded without microchip or registration and are later claimed should be infringed for failing to apply to register.

From: helenspittles
To: Benalla Council Email
Subject: Domestic Animal Plan 2021/2022
Date: Saturday, 27 November 2021 6:40:48 PM

Dear Sir /Madam.

I have read the draft and I think it doesn't go far enough .Should be tighter controls on restricted breeds regarding their registrations by this I mean the owners must be made aware of the responsibility in owning restricted breeds. I also think you must really check on registrations as I know there are a lot of unregistered dogs the thought is nobody will check on registrations. Also recommend welfare checks on animals you only have walk around and you can see some dogs and other animals live in absolute squalor. Also strongly recommend that all animals should have secure fencing so they are safe and secure. I don't agree that dogs be on leash at all times when out. Most owners are responsible and know there are times they should be on leash a well trained dog will behave.and enjoy walking off leash with their owners.

Yours sincerely Helenspittles

From: Joshua W Smith
To: Benalla Council Email
Subject: DAMP community feedback
Date: Sunday, 28 November 2021 10:12:20 AM

Good morning,

Having perused the 2021-2025 DAMP I see the strategy is to move away from compliance and toward education. I am a cat owner and so my feedback is based on cat ownership/management.

Training officers as per 'our plan' in S.2(3) sounds reasonable.

Educating pet owners to be responsible as per 'our plan' in S.3(3) sounds reasonable.

Programs to reduce over population/high euthanasia as per 'our plan' in S.4(3) sounds reasonable. I think a 'cat curfew' is imperative and I would support the implementation of a Council Order to that effect. I also support targeted 'trapping' operations. This could be enhanced by identifying and educating persons feeding stray cats on council land and assisting them with hiring 'cat cages'. Local police may assist in identifying these persons.

S.4 also makes reference to animal welfare grants which I absolutely support council seek to assist our low income/disadvantaged residence to achieve responsible pet ownership.

Registration/identification of pets as per 'our plan' in S.5(3) sounds reasonable, particularly a rewards program for owners doing the 'right' thing to encourage others to comply. Using vets to act as 'agents' for council registration purposes sounds like a good idea and would be an opportunity for education. The reason people don't pay registration is because they believe it is covered by rates and micro chipping so perhaps some more detailed information in a 'fact sheet' regarding what the registration covers would be beneficial ie poo bags, after hours emergency response, housing etc.

Nuisance pet management as per 'our plan' in S.6(3) sounds reasonable as long as the results of any Council Order is made public. I particularly support the idea of DIY cat enclosure workshops to learn how to build an enclosure myself and what to consider to make it useful.

I see from the graph in S.6 that the use of 'cat cages' increased dramatically over the last period which I expected to result in a higher than '0' number of stray cats collected by the public shown in the statistics in S.1(5). This is not the case, please explain.

Dog attack management as per 'our plan' in S.7(3) sounds reasonable.

Dangerous/Menacing/Restricted Dogs management as per 'our plan' in S.8(3) sounds reasonable.

Domestic animal business management as per 'our plan' in S.9(3) sounds reasonable as long as DAB's are inspected randomly and without notice for maximum effect.

A 'heat' map of the Benalla township indicating where enforcement occurs would be worth sharing so all residents can easily see what issues are occurring and where so the community can assist in targeted management strategies. I understand Magistrates' Court matters are disclosed already.

That is my 5c worth.

Thank you for your time. Feel free to contact me regarding any of the above.

Regards,
Di Smith

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- No

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HARRY JAMES

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Contact phone number

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Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

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- Yes
- No

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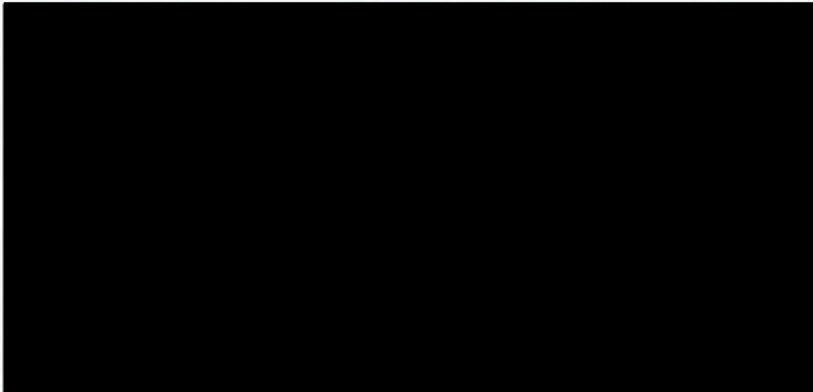
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A LIMIT ON DOGS IN THE SHOPPING PRECINCT.

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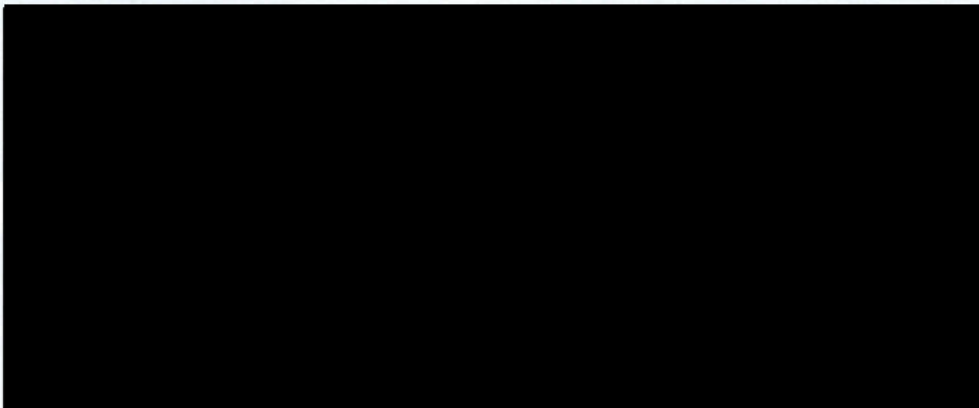
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Would like off leash areas in
entire district

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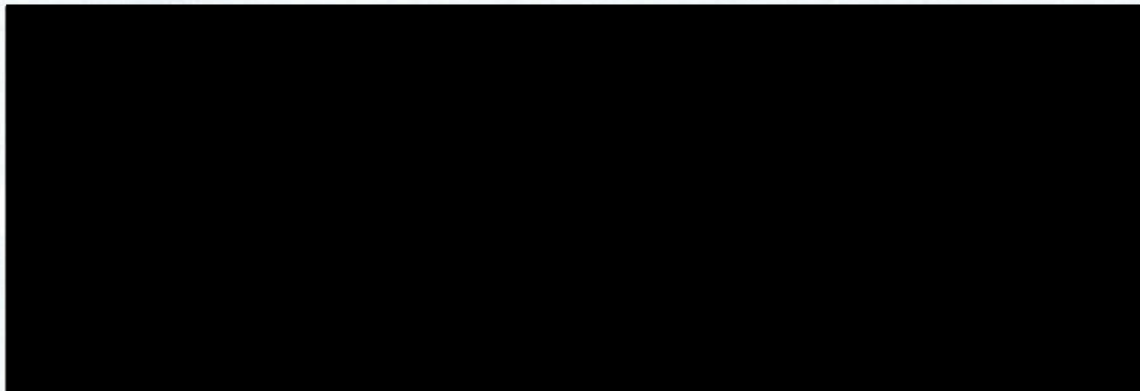
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We used to have fairy wrens and honey eaters in our garden until the people across the road got a cat. The cat went up and down the street all day entering people's properties and soon we didn't have any fairy wrens. Cats are killing machines. That is what they do. They need to be controlled.

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Yes

No

DEWALLA RURAL CITY COUNCIL

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Yes, at night time

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No

Your name Required

HINDA TULLBERG

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

Yes for safety, In our street a dog was attacked by dog off lead. Severe damage done, it could easily have been a child. I like to have my dog in our yard without danger of attack. These dogs poo everywhere, not dogs fault Owners need to be Responsible.

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **29 November 2021**

Are you the owner of a dog or cat? **Yes**

Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring dogs to be on a leash when outside the owner's property? **Yes**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **Yes, dogs should be on leash when outside an owner's property as long as there are adequate dog park areas for dogs to be able to run outside.**

Upload documents in support of your submission

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **Introducing Dog off Leash park for dog socialism- such as near the camping area at Lake Benalla or the park site at the intersection of Salisbury and MacKeller Streets.
Dogs should be permitted off leads in certain circumstances- non residents areas (60+ km zones- certain areas around the lake)**

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Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Lisa**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

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Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Cathy Nichols**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

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Are you the owner of a dog or cat? (Select 1 or more options)

- Yes
 No

Not home often enough to take care of a dog; have owned dogs and cats in the past.

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NB. I know cat owners who take their cats out for a walk on a leash. Maybe all cats should be out like this.

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Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

p.13. Objective 2. b. I know poo bag dispensers are around like etc. but need to be more in general residential areas. I walk Clive, Charles, Margaret, Sistermary, McNelly, Bridge, Coomath, Deas St. often and frequently encounter dog droppings on the footpath and nature strips.

p.16. 'Any unidentified cat should ... not through cage wire or bars ...' Many of us are not going to remove cat from cat trap to photograph it. It's liable to escape.

p.14. Banalla needs a 'CAT CURFEW' to protect native birds and animals, to stop cats making a mess on door mats, to reduce their caterwauling.

p.18. Objective 2. b. Would a group like the Men's Shed design a cat enclosure and teach people how to make it? Could a design go out with nego. papers?

p.18. Objective 1. a+b. Why wait to 2023? Do it in 2022.

p.23. Objective 1. c. Should be desexed and microchipped as well.

p.25. '... nuisance barking complaints ... discuss issue with neighbours ...' I have done this and had good results but some of us would be easily intimidated by some of

P.T.O.

the dog or cat owners and could fear retribution.

P.27. Re 'off lead' areas. Would these always be 'off lead' or would it be at certain times?

An oval near me would be a good off lead area but it is also used by sporting groups and walkers so 'off lead' would only work for specific time periods.

* I know many people who are scared of dogs. Elderly fear being ~~knocked~~ knocked over by friendly dogs.

P.27. Objective 2. a. '2024' Can it be done earlier?

e. Except for dogs + cats used for breeding purposes could all cats and dogs have to be desexed when registered? Like children having to have certain vaccinations before they are enrolled at a school.

f. DIY Cat enclosure workshops. Great idea.

P.30. Adequate fencing.

1. Most cats and many dogs (eg. Kelpies) can scale most fences. To prevent dogs escaping they would be better chained up to a long line. Cats!! Caged.

P.32. Objective 2. b. How is the community to be informed? Ensign, web page ----- ?

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? (Select 1 or more options)

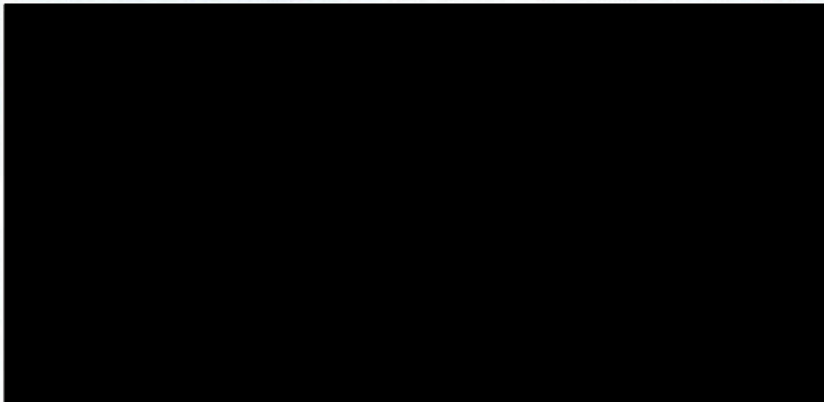
- Yes (Please supply your contact details below)
- No

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? (Select 1 or more options)

- Yes, I would like to speak in support of my submission
- I would like a representative to speak on my behalf
- No

Your name Required

Roe Cumming



Creat to see council developing a domestic animal management plan.
I hate seeing the number of cats roaming the streets killing birds,
possums, native rats etc. And leaving their poo laying around.
I worry about dogs that are confined behind doors, and solid fences,
~~that~~ ^{and} bark endlessly
A well trained dog (like my neighbours) is a pleasure to be around. A pity
more people don't take up training opportunities.

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Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: **30 November 2021**

Are you the owner of a dog or cat? **Yes**

Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring dogs to be on a leash when outside the owner's property? **No**

Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring cats to be confined to their owner's property at all times or during night-time hours? **Yes, at night time**

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

Upload documents in support of your submission

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? **No**

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Heather Byrne**

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

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Are you the owner of a dog or cat? (Select 1 or more options)

- Yes
 No

Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring dogs to be on a leash when outside the owner's property? (Select 1 or more options)

- Yes
 No

Except in off lead areas.

Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring cats to be confined to their owner's property at all times or during night-time hours? (Select 1 or more options)

- Yes, at all times
 Yes, at night time
 No

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

I find ^{most of} ~~all~~ the dog owners of Benalla are really fantastic when it comes to responsibility for their dogs' behavior and "doings". It is a credit to them. The council supplying bags is also fantastic, well done everyone.

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? (Select 1 or more options)

Yes (Please supply your contact details below)

No

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? (Select 1 or more options)

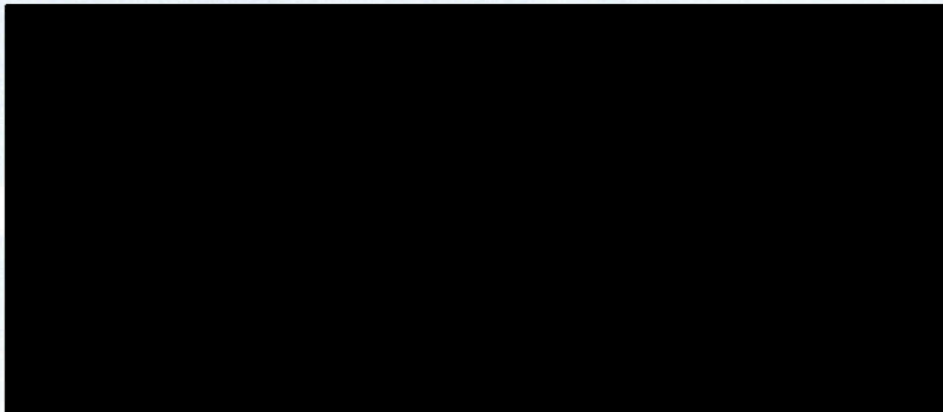
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I would like a representative to speak on my behalf

No

Your name Required

CHRIS JENNINGS



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Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

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Are you the owner of a dog or cat? **No**

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Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring cats to be confined to their owner's property at all times or during night-time hours? **Yes, at all times**

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025? **A precise dicument which appears to cover the requirements of the State Government Act**

Upload documents in support of your submisson **Domestic animal management plan 2021-2025.docx**

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion?

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? **No**

Your name **Desma Versteegen**

Benalla Rural City has produced a very concise document regarding cat and dog management within our community. I must admit that it took me a little while to fully understand the purpose of this document and the ability of the document to meet the needs of our council area.

The fact that in documents related to the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2017-2021 the council already had a policy relating to wandering animals makes me ask the question, "Why do we have to wait until 2024 before dealing with laws that have no ability to be acted upon until an "Order" is in place.

I find that in the many conversations I have had with fellow residents most do not realise that a law listed within the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025, has no authority until such time as council establishes and has gazetted "Orders". Most people it would appear believe that because the word "Law" is used in a heading, then council has automatic authority. Council should make this situation clearer to the general population by explaining, through media channels, what an "Order" is and how the implementation of such an order affects the subsequent law to which it applies.

If our council believe that the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025 is such a vital document for our community then surely the implementation of correct "Orders" on the specific laws listed in the document should occur much earlier than listed in the said document.

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Are you the owner of a dog or cat? (Select 1 or more options)

- Yes
 No

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Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring dogs to be on a leash when outside the owner's property? (Select 1 or more options)

- Yes
 No

Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring cats to be confined to their owner's property at all times or during night-time hours? (Select 1 or more options)

- Yes, at all times
 Yes, at night time
 No

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

GOOD PLAN (GOOD LUCK)

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- Yes (Please supply your contact details below)
- No

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- I would like a representative to speak on my behalf
- No

Your name Required

JOHN MOORE



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Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Are you the owner of a dog or cat? (Select 1 or more options)

- Yes
 No

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Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring dogs to be on a leash when outside the owner's property? (Select 1 or more options)

- Yes
 No

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Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring cats to be confined to their owner's property at all times or during night-time hours? (Select 1 or more options)

- Yes, at all times
 Yes, at night time
 No

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

LIMIT OF 2 DOGS / 2 CATS IS AN ARBITRARY NUMBER - THERE SHOULD BE BY-LAWS WHEN ~~THE~~ OWNERSHIP OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS BECOMES A NUISANCE AND/OR HEALTH ISSUE

DOGS ON LEASH
IRRESPONSIBLE OWNERS WILL LEAVE THEIR DOGS OFF LEASH IRRESPECTIVE OF BYLAWS, DOGS NEED TO SOCIALIZE, SNIFF, EXPLORE. I WALK MY DOG DAILY & HAVE RARELY ENCOUNTERED PEOPLE WHO DO NOT RESTRAIN THEIR DOG WHEN APPROPRIATE. I AM AWARE THERE HAVE BEEN DOG ATTACKS, BUT I'M NOT CONVINCED BY-LAWS & FINES WOULD HAVE HELPED.

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? (Select 1 or more options)

Yes (Please supply your contact details below)

No

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? (Select 1 or more options)

Yes, I would like to speak in support of my submission

I would like a representative to speak on my behalf

No

Your name Required

DELFINA MANOR

Email address Required

Contact phone number

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From: noreply@opencities.com
To: Benalla Council Email
Subject: Request to be heard by the Council Submitted
Date: Friday, 19 November 2021 10:39:37 AM

Request to be heard by:
Planning & Development Committee.

Date of Committee Meeting:
08 Dec 2021

Please provide a brief submission outline:
Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025 Submission. Experiences with dog off leash area's and situations. Information from Guide Dog's Victoria, with regards to campaigns.

Name: David Horan

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Submission date: 2 December 2021

Are you the owner of a dog or cat? No

Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring dogs to be on a leash when outside the owner's property? Yes

Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring cats to be confined to their owner's property at all times or during night-time hours? Yes, at all times

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

Animal enclosures should be promoted on Councils social media and perhaps thought given to assisting people achieve this. Laws and registration requirements should be promoted regularly on Councils social media, alongside the photographs of trapped and collected animals. The costs of Council's enforcement activities should be reflected in penalties. There should be no difference in the penalties imposed for either cats or dogs, as enforcement costs are probably the same. A review of current policy and penalty provisions is needed to help bring feral animal numbers in Benalla under control. Current policies effectively permit irresponsible ownership and contribute to feral animal problems. This should not be subsidised by ratepayers.

Upload documents in support of your submission [Penalty info.pdf](#)

Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? No

Would you like to speak in support of your submission at a Council meeting on 8 December? No

Your name David Moore

Dog not securely confined to owners' premises - night	\$330
Cat not securely confined to owners' premises	\$83

Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Are you the owner of a dog or cat? (Select 1 or more options)

Yes

No

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Yes

No

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Yes, at all times

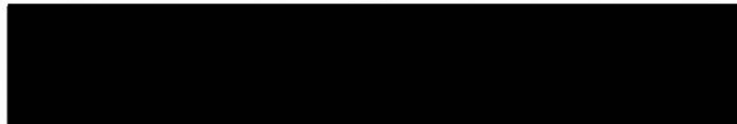
Yes, at night time

No

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

PLEASE DO NOT PENALISE DOG OWNERS WHO OBEY THE RULES + HAVE WELL-TRAINED DOGS. MY DOG IS PERFECTLY BEHAVED WHEN OFF LEASH IN THE PARK AND ENJOYING HER FREEDOM. SOME PEOPLE JUST SHOULDN'T HAVE DOGS!!

Rip Rigby



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Yes (Please supply your contact details below)

No

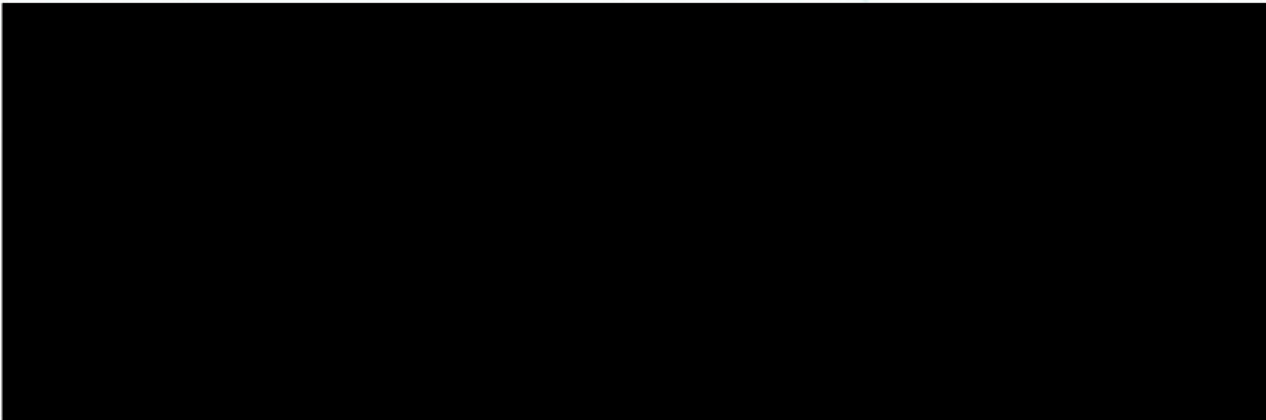
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I would like a representative to speak on my behalf

No

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Your submission regarding the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Are you the owner of a dog or cat? (Select 1 or more options)

- Yes
 No

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Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring dogs to be on a leash when outside the owner's property? (Select 1 or more options)

- Yes
 No

unless in a specified fenced zone suitable for off leash socialisation

Do you support the introduction of a Council order requiring cats to be confined to their owner's property at all times or during night-time hours? (Select 1 or more options)

- Yes, at all times
 Yes, at night time
 No

* also query should dogs be allowed at markets? ^{often} not suitable when there are crowds & stall holders work things on display

Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025?

I request a discussion & decision making on a rule that all dogs must be on a leash at all times at the Benalla Sports & Equestrian Reserve when there is an event of any type on and when race horses are working at races are on. Very important for every bodies safety.



Would you like to speak to a Council staff member about your comments or suggestion? (Select 1 or more options)

Yes (Please supply your contact details below)

No

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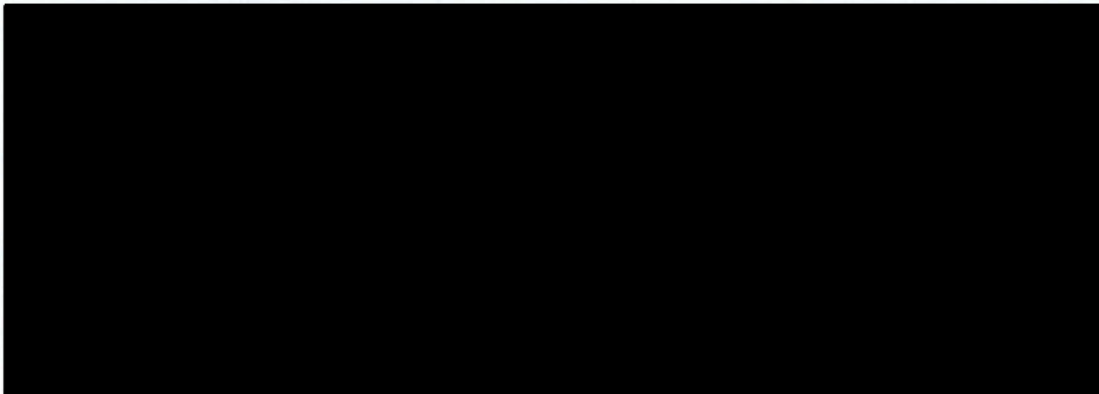
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