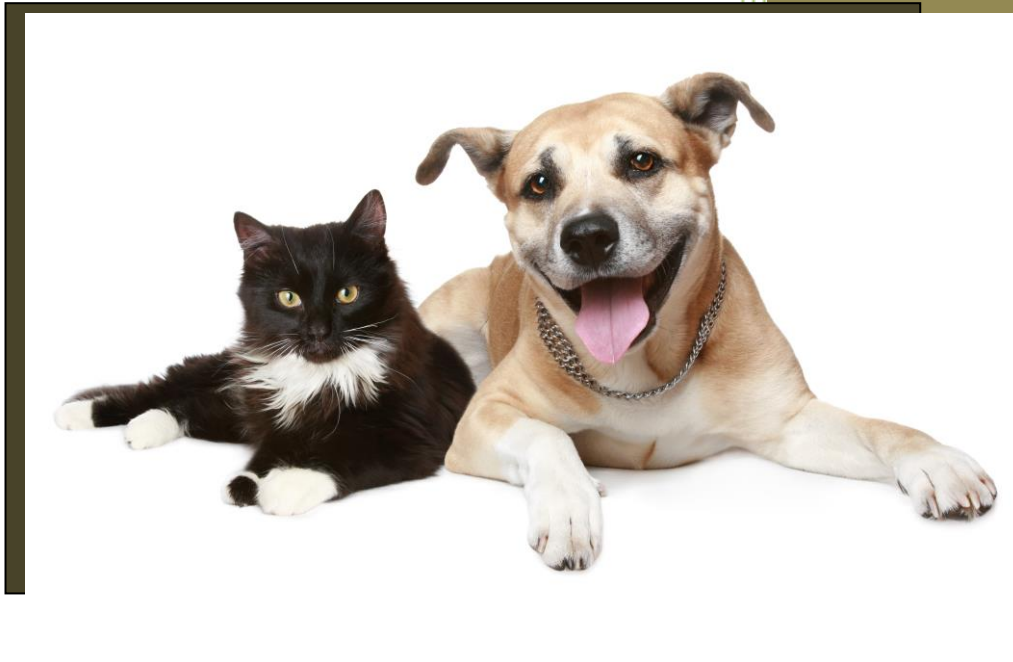


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## Executive Summary

This Plan of Management relating to Dogs and Cats, demonstrates Council's commitment to responsible animal management within the community and meeting its obligations as required by the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*.

The Plan identifies strategies and actions to be undertaken by the Council. These actions will enable Council to maintain a balance between competing interests and to reposition domestic animal management as challenges arise.

The District Council of Ceduna (the Council) recognises the importance of developing and implementing services that maximise the social, economic, residential and environmental benefits to the people not only residing in the council district but also the visitors to the district.

Understanding animal, human and cultural behaviour is essential for those working in this field as the increased obligation for law enforcement will not, in isolation, result in lasting voluntary changes of behaviour in animal management.

Council has adopted a more regulated approach to dog and cat management, including defining leashed and off leashed areas for dogs. These changes are necessary due to an increase in dog related incidents, increased complaints, a large number of feral cats in the area, and irresponsible ownership of dogs and cats by a minority of people.

Council has also had to consider cultural aspects in setting objectives and targets as some challenges faced only occur within a remote Council's district, where they are the prime service area for other remote and isolated communities located in non-Council areas.

This Animal Management Plan has been prepared by the District Council of Ceduna (the Council), to enable a planned approach to undertaking its responsibilities under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*. It will guide domestic animal management by the Council over the next 5 years.

## About the Council and the District

The District Council of Ceduna is the most western local government area of South Australia, being one of the most isolated and remote councils of the State. The town of Ceduna is located on the Far West Coast of South Australia, on the scenic shores of Murat Bay on the Great Australian Bight, approximately 800 kilometres from Adelaide and 1900 road kilometres to Perth.

The District Council of Ceduna shares its boundaries with the District Council of Streaky Bay (to the south and east) and the Outback Communities Authority area (unincorporated areas) to the (west and north).

Ceduna is the major regional business centre of the Far West Coast of Eyre Peninsula. It is the established focal point of a wide range of services to a diverse regional economy. The Eyre Highway or National Highway Number One passes directly through Ceduna with approximately 400,000 tourists passing through the town annually.

The pristine environment is a major draw-card for visitors to the area where a range of recreational activities including fishing, sailing and surfing are popular.

Ceduna has a population of approximately 3,500 people. The Ceduna / Thevenard precinct has the highest portion of population for the district, with the towns of Koonibba, Smoky Bay, Denial Bay and Nunjikompita having a smaller population. Ceduna has the highest percentage of Aboriginal people of all local government areas in South Australia with the population currently standing at 28% of the population. In addition, there are Aboriginal communities in adjacent unincorporated areas that should be considered a part of the Ceduna community. This is one of the highest percentages in Australia and perhaps for a locality that includes a medium sized town. Ceduna has been described as having one of the most complex multi-cultural communities in the country.

Ceduna is the base for a large contingent of government organisations - in particular, Aboriginal organisations including: Yadu Aboriginal Health Corporation, Ceduna Aboriginal Community Council and Maralinga Tjarutjta Inc. Agriculture is one of the main economic drivers of the region with the main focus being sheep, high protein hard wheat, barley and other cereals. Other industries that are significant to the area include Aquaculture (in particular oysters), mining of salt, gypsum and mineral sands and tourism.

## Vision

“To promote and facilitate responsible ownership of dogs and cats, animal welfare and the benefits of animal companionship, where people and pets integrate safely and harmoniously within the community”.

Please refer to the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 and Regulation 2017* for complete details of the legislative changes. To access this legislation please use the QR Codes below, or visit <https://www.legislation.sa.gov.au>



QR Code – Act



QR Code - Regulations

## THE LAW/GUIDELINES

The *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* (the Act), the *Dog and Cat Management Regulations 2017* is the legislative framework Council is obliged to adhere to.

The Act provides for the appointment of the Dog and Cat Management Board which has responsibilities to promote, advise and monitor effective management and issue guidelines and assistance to Councils on their responsibilities under the Act. The Board also has the responsibility to provide advice to the Minister, to keep the Act

under review, to undertake research and to provide education programs and provide community awareness information.

The Act also provides that Councils are required to appoint 1 full time authorised person, and may implement By-Laws (under the *Local Government Act 1999*) relating to dog and cat management within its Council area.

Under the Act, Councils are required to administer and enforce the provisions relating to dogs and cats within its Council area.

Enforcement Provisions:

- The *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* requires the Council to enforce the provisions of the Act in the area of Council. The approach of the Council in the first instance will be to encourage the owner/responsible person to accept their responsibilities of pet ownership and comply with the provisions of the Act voluntarily.
- The community has an expectation that public places are monitored to ensure that the provisions of the Act are complied with and that appropriately trained and authorised persons are available to respond to concerns of the community and breaches of the Act and By-Laws.
- Council will allocate appropriate resources to provide after hour services to meet community expectations, however, after hour's services will only be provided for emergency situations or animal injury purposes at the discretion of the Manger of Governance.
- Council responds to calls/complaints from members of the public regarding possible non-compliance with the provisions of the Act.
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### Delegation of Responsibilities

Pursuant to Section 44 – “Delegations” of the *Local Government Act 1999*

*(1) A council may delegate a power or function vested or conferred under this or another Act.*

*(2) A delegation may be made—*

- (a) to a council committee; or*
- (b) to a subsidiary of the council; or*
- (c) to an employee of the council; or*
- (d) to the employee of the council for the time being occupying a particular office or position; or*
- (e) to an authorised person.*

*(4) A delegation—*

- (a) is subject to conditions and limitations determined by the council or specified by the regulations; and*

*(b) if made to the chief executive officer authorises the sub delegation of the delegated power or function unless the council directs otherwise and if made to anyone else authorises the sub delegation of the delegated power or function with the approval of the council.*

Pursuant to S44 (4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999 Council has delegated those functions pursuant to the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 to the Chief Executive Officer who has sub delegated specific powers and function to other employees of Council. Council maintains a Delegations Register that identifies who the powers and functions have been delegated to.

## Registrar

Council's CEO has appointed the Manager Governance as Registrar, pursuant to Clause 26(1)(b) of the Act.

## Revenue

Pursuant to Section 25 of the Act the Dog and Cat Management Board administers a Dog and Cat Management Fund. The District Council of Ceduna is required to contribute a percentage of revenue raised through dog registration fees to the Dog and Cat Management Board.

Council annually reviews its dog and cat (if applicable) registration fees. The fee structure is available within Council's Fees and Changers Register and is also available on Council's website publications.

Council should ensure that the expenditure of registration fees is directed to domestic animal management issues and improvements.

## Council's Management of Dogs & Cats

### Council's Responsibility

Section 26 of the Dog & Cat Management Act 1995 (the Act) "Council responsibility for management of dogs and cats" places certain obligations on Council. Clause 1 captures these key points, however for further information please refer to the whole Act.

Clause 1:

*(1) Subject to this Act, each council is required to administer and enforce the provisions of this Act relating to dogs and cats within its area and for that purpose must—*

*(a) maintain a register of dogs containing the information required by the Board (which may be kept in the form of a computer record); and*

*(ab) ensure that the Board is provided with information contained in the register as required by the Board from time to time; and*

*(ac) maintain such other registers as may be required by the Board; and*

*(ad) make the registers kept under the Act available for inspection by members of the public in accordance with any guidelines issued by the Board; and*

*(ae) if guidelines issued by the Board so require, limit inspection of a register, or part of a register, kept under the Act by members of the public; and*

*(b) appoint a suitable person to be Registrar; and*

*(c) make satisfactory arrangements for issuing and replacing certificates of registration and registration discs; and*

*(d) appoint at least 1 full-time authorised person or make other satisfactory arrangements for the exercise of the functions and powers of authorised persons; and*

*(e) make satisfactory arrangements for the detention of dogs seized under this Act (and may, but need not, make such arrangements for cats seized under this Act); and*

*(f) make satisfactory arrangements for fulfilling other obligations under this Act.*

### **On-Leash, Off-Leash and Dog Prohibited Areas**

Dogs must be kept under 'effective control' at all times, whether in an off-leash or on-leash area. Dogs which are not under 'effective control' may be deemed to be wandering at large under Section 7 of the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995.

The plans attached in Appendix A identify:

On - Leashed Areas: These areas are highlighted by Green hatches within the Animal Management Plan 'map', as being areas where all dogs must be on a leash at all times.

A leash must not exceed the length of two (2) meters and this includes the extendable type leads, these must not be permitted to extend greater than two (2) meters in length.

Included in these areas as indicated in Councils Animal Management Plan 'maps' by a:

- Red Star, are playgrounds where dogs it is specifically reaffirmed within Council's By-Law 4, Clause 6, that dogs must be on a leash, within an enclosed playground or on a leash within 5 meters of playground equipment.

Off - Leashed Areas: These areas are identified by Orange hatches within the AMP 'map', as being an area where dogs can be without a leash however a person responsible for the dog must be present and have effective control.

All owners / responsible person looking at using any 'dog off leash area's' are advised that all dog/s must be;

- Socialised with other animals and people and show no signs of aggression towards either.

- Dog/s must return to the owner / responsible person on command and without hesitation.
- Owner / responsible person presents at all times and monitor the dog's behaviour.
- Owner / responsible person must keep voice command and visual sighting of the dog/s (no more than 50mtrs distance).
- Encourage the community to report all incidents to Council.

All other non-highlighted areas are deemed to be areas where dogs must be under effective control by the person in control of that dog.

### Authorised Person

Council has appointed two full time Authorised Persons for the purposes of administering this Act, this position is the Compliance Officer's position. In addition to this Council have appointed another 3 employees as Authorised persons to assist the Compliance Officer ensuring Council's obligations can be fulfilled.

### Detention of dogs & cats

Council have a purpose built dog pound that is used for the detention of dogs and cats. . Should there be a need to relocate a dog or cat to another facility Council will negotiate these services with either another Council, RSPCA, Animal Welfare League or other agencies as required.

Authorised Council Officers to enforce the provisions under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* when breaches are identified.

### By - Laws

Council's By-Law No. 4 of 2013 specifically relates to Dogs and Cats. This By- Law was duly made and passed at a meeting of the District Council of Ceduna (Council) held on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Of particular note Clauses 7 and 8 define the limit of dogs and cats a person may keep on a premise without seeking permission of Council.

Council continues to improve such By-Laws for the management of Dogs and Cats that does not denigrate the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* or *Dog and Cat Management Regulations 2017* or another law.

Authorised Officers to enforce the provisions under *Councils By-Law – No 4*, when breaches are identified.

A copy of this bylaw in its entirety can be viewed on Council's Website. [www.council@ceduna.sa.gov.au](http://www.council@ceduna.sa.gov.au) .

### Other Partnerships

Although Council does not have any formal partnerships with other organisations relating to rehoming suitable animals, Council's Compliance Officer does work closely with several organisations in metropolitan and semi metropolitan areas to re home suitable animals.



## Cat Trapping

Feral, stray and unowned cats are a challenge throughout the Council's district.

All new born from 1 July 2018 are required to be microchipped and desexed with penalties to be issued to non-compliant owners.

All cats born prior to the 1 July 2018 must still be microchipped and Council would encourage the owner to have the animal desexed to avoid unwanted litters. Unfortunately, there are many cats within the Council area that are unidentified and measures must be undertaken to control these animals and their numbers due to the risks to the community, native fauna and other domestic animals.

Council have a number of cat traps that are available for hire by community for this purpose and authorised Council staff will deal with accordingly all cats that may be caught in a Council trap.

For Further information on Cat traps, their use and where to deliver any trapped cats, please contact Council on Ph: 86253407 during normal business hours.

## OBJECTIVES/Strategies/Measures (KPI)

### Objectives

#### **1 Increase public safety and provide effective management, information and a suitable environment for animals within the community**

- Operate in accordance with the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* and *Dog and Cat Management Regulations 2017*.
- Ensure Council policies and By-laws concerning all dogs & cats are adequate.
- Provide specific areas where dogs must be 'on leash' and 'prohibited' zones.
- Ensure that 'prohibited zones' are adequately signed.
- Manage nuisance caused by barking dogs and wandering dogs and cats.
- Encourage the reporting of all dog attacks and incidents.
- Reduce the number of dogs and cats wandering at large to minimise the public nuisance and increase public safety through education and enforcement.
- Continue to foster relationships with other organisations and communities.
- Attend (as appropriate) meetings or conferences to consult with other stakeholders to share expertise and give support when necessary.
- Investigate new initiatives and alternative approaches to animal management.  
Support the concept of humane trapping of feral cats.

#### **2 Promote and encourage responsible dog and cat ownership**

- Provide community education and information relating to responsible dog and cat ownership.

- Enforce the mandatory requirement under the Act for all dogs and cats born on or after the 1 July 2018 to be microchipped and desexed.
- Encourage de-sexing of dogs and cats born prior to the 1 July 2018.
- Obtain maximum registration and identification of pets to facilitate re-uniting of pets with owners where possible and to control un-owned animals.
- Promote the welfare of dogs and cats in the community.
- Promote responsible cat owners encouraging cats be contained to the property and not permit cat/s to wander and cause a nuisance.
- Advise the owners of the impacts that their cats can have on native fauna and other domestic pets if permitted to wander at large and cause a nuisance, including the penalties involved and possible actions by Council.
- Enforce the provisions under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* when breaches are identified.

### **3 Provide for and ensure the welfare and safety of dogs and cats**

- Maintain adequate local impounding facilities for temporary protection of lost or unowned animals if necessary, and/or policing of regulations regarding standards of local companion animal businesses, breeding establishments or boarding facilities.
- Enforcing provisions of *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*.
- Encourage pet owners to undertake routine preventative health measures such as vaccinations, de-worming, heartworm protection and other forms of parasite control.
- Provide an information sheet to pet owners when dogs and cats (if applicable) are registered.
- Promote coordinated strategies between visiting Vets and Council.  
Investigate the ability to have Council's Authorised Officers appointed as inspectors under the Animal Welfare Act.

## **Animal Management Strategies**

### **1. Promote and educate the community on animal management**

A combination of education, encouragement and enforcement is seen to be the most successful method of animal management. The Dog and Cat Management Board promote this method and has developed many educational initiatives based on a careful assessment of the needs of the whole community. The Board maintains regular media advertising campaigns which promote key issues such as education of pet owners and their families as well as training of the pets and educating other people about how to behave around dogs and cats. A singular

method of enforcement cannot provide a full solution to dog and cat owners and dog and cat issues.

Educate and enforce the provisions under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* when breaches are identified.

### **Strategies:**

Educate the community by-

- Providing Dog & Cat Management Board information booklets to the public on relevant topics for responsible pet ownership.
- Providing information to the community on Council's Web site in relation to on-leash and off-leash areas, policies and Council by- laws.
- Promoting the reporting of all dog attacks in public places and private property.

### **KPI:**

- Promotional information on the process to report dog attacks to be included on Council's Web page and in Council's Newsletter.
- Provide community awareness on –
  - The due date for dog and cat (if applicable) registrations
  - Responsible pet ownership, mandatory requirement for microchipping and desexing of all dogs and cats born on or after the 1 July 2018.
  - Encourage owners of dogs and cats born prior to the 1 July 2018 to have their animals desexed.
  - Appropriate signage in place as per Council's Animal Management Plan for on leashed areas.
  - Regular monitoring of the identified 'On / Off leash area for compliance.
  - Legislations, policies, and by-laws relating to dogs and cats be kept updated and maintained.

## **2. Registration and identification of dogs and cats (if applicable)**

Council reviews and sets dog and cat (if applicable) registrations fees annually.

Councils registration records are now managed on an online system, DACO (Dogs and Cats online) and this system commenced operations in 2018.

All dogs registered on DACO now receive an identification number (Tag) for the life of the dog, the owner will no longer receive a new tag each year.

The DACO Tag issued must be displayed on a collar attached to the dog when off it's premises.

All dogs and cats born on or after the 1 July 2018 must be mandatory microchipped and desexed under the Act.

All dogs and cats born prior to the 1 July 2018 must be microchipped and Council encourages owner to also desex their dogs and cats.

All Dogs and Cats (if applicable) must be registered/renewed by the 31 August each year to avoid penalties and / or further action being taken.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> September each year a 'late fee' and expiation notice will be issued on all un-renewed registrations.

Owners found with unregistered dogs and/ or cats (if applicable) will be issued with an expiation notice for the identified breach.

**Strategies:**

- Promote responsible dog and cat ownership
- Enforce legal requirements such as registration, microchipping and desexing.
- Enforce the provisions under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* when breaches are identified.
- Promote EFT payment option as a convenient way to complete registration transactions
- Promote information on Council's policy and legislative requirements concerning dog and cat (if applicable) registration

**3. De-sexing Animals**

Council's Compliance Officers will educate and enforce the mandatory requirement that:

- dogs and cats born prior to 1 July 2018 must be microchipped and owners are encouraged to have their dogs and cats desexed, and
- dogs and cats born on or after the 1 July 2018 are to be microchipped and desexed as required by the Act.

Breeders of dogs and cats must comply with the requirements of such an activity under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 and must be registered with the Dog and Cat Management Board.

Enforce the provisions under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* when breaches are identified.

De-sexing has the following benefits:

- Reduction of unplanned breeding
- Reduction of aggressive behaviour, predominantly in male dogs, improved temperament
- Reduction of life threatening diseases
- Improve temperament
- Barking reduction

- Less inclined to wander at large
- Decreased visits to the vet
- Financial benefits

**Strategies:**

- Encourage all Veterinary Surgeons in the Council area to promote the benefits of pet de-sexing, regardless as to whether the animal is male or female.

**KPI:**

- Information and brochures made available.
- Educate and advise the community

**4. Dogs in Public Places – ‘On-leash’, Off-Leash, Prohibited areas**

The Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 requires all dogs to be on a leash of no greater than 2mtr in length, this includes all types of extendible leads, you must not let them extend any longer than 2mtrs, when in a public place, such as streets, roads, footpaths, shopping centre car parks, ovals and sporting arenas.

Public places do not include parks, reserves, gardens and foreshores unless prescribed by Council as an ‘on leash’ area or there is a congregation of people or traffic. However, dogs are still required to be under effective control by the owner or a responsible person who is in control of the dog/s.

**Strategies:**

- Council to select “dog on-leash, off-leash and prohibited” areas, refer to pages 19 - 21 of this Animal Management Plan for complete details.
- Conduct community consultation where appropriate
- Enforce the provisions under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* when breaches are identified.
- Enforce the provisions under Council’s By-Laws when breaches are identified.

**KPI:**

- Define locations to place awareness signage for leashed and prohibited areas & each ¼ inspect all signage ensuring legibility and relevance.

**5. Faeces Management**

As dog owners are legally required to retrieve and dispose of their dogs’ faeces, Council will continue to encourage dog owners to pick up dog faeces from public places in order to reduce the amount of dog faeces harming our environment and

spoiling the enjoyment of others. Disposable bags are provided at strategic locations in Ceduna and Smoky Bay for the public to access free of charge.

### **Strategies**

- Promote pet owners to carry their own dog tidy bags/container to enable faeces to be retrieved. It is a requirement within the Act to immediately remove any faeces left by their dog, and
  - Ensure bins are available within public places for the collection of dog faeces
  - Dog tidy bags are provided at strategic locations in the townships
- Enforce the provisions under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* when breaches are identified.

### **KPI:**

- Provide dog tidy bags in Smoky Bay, Ceduna and Denial Bay free to the public.
- Regular monitoring of areas of concerns or complaints as identified and reported.

## **6. Dogs Wandering at Large**

A dog is deemed to be wandering at large while the dog is in a public place (other than a park) or a private place without the consent of the occupier, and no person is exercising effective control of the dog; or the dog is in a park and no person is exercising effective control of the dog either—

- (i) by means of physical restraint; or
- (ii) by command, the dog being in close proximity to the person and the person being able to see the dog at all times.

The owner, or person responsible for the dog wandering at large, has committed an offence and is responsible for the penalties under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995. Dogs wandering at large can be a threat not only to other dogs but also to the community, as serious attacks can arise in these circumstances.

### **Strategies:**

- Council where appropriate will respond to calls from the general public of a dog wandering at large during normal business hours.
- Ensure officers have access to dog registration details to enable a speedy return of the dog to the owner.
- Un-identified dogs will be impounded in accordance with the Act.
- Owners are made aware of their responsibilities to register their dog, provide an adequate enclosure within the property boundary, and keep their dog under effective control when in a public place.
- Encourage pet owners to confine their pets during firework and thunderstorm

events

- Promote the consequences of dogs wandering at large. Enforce the provisions under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* when breaches are identified.

## 7. Barking Dogs

Barking complaints make up a significant percentage of complaints received by Council and are often complex and very difficult to deal with effectively. Education is recognised as the key strategy to reduce this nuisance in the long term

### Strategies:

- Investigate options that provide neighbours with options to resolve this issue prior to Council becoming involved.
- Respond where appropriate to calls from the general public.
- Provide advice to the complainant requesting they keep a Barking Dog Diary to record the incidents and encourage the complainant to submit the diary's when completed, so an investigation may commence.
- Assist owners to determine the cause of the barking and an appropriate remedy before enforcement procedures commence.
- Improve awareness of owner responsibilities to prevent the dog repeating the behaviour.
- Encourage the dog owner to seek advice from their Veterinary provider and or animal behaviourist for possible medical interventions and to instigate the recommendations from those professionals or Council's Animal Management Officer.

### KPI:

- Provide information to all relevant parties ie: information brochures and possible remedies to reduce the occurrence or persistence of the barking as required.

## 8. Dog Attacks on Humans and other Animals

Dog attacks and harassment are a great concern to the community particularly against children and the elderly. All dogs have the potential to bite, regardless of size, age, breed or temperament, particularly in situations where they are frightened, dominant or protective.

All reported dog attacks / harassment must be recorded and investigated by an Authorised Officer.

In order to reduce the incidence of dog attacks/harassment Council should provide assistance to educate the public to act responsibly as pet owners.

All owners / responsible person must ensure that their dog/s are socialised with other animals and people and they show no signs of aggression towards either.

Owners / responsible person must ensure that their dog/s return to them on voice command and without hesitation.

Owners / responsible person must contain their dog/s to their property by suitable constructed and maintained fences and / or enclosures so not to permit them to wander at large.

Owners / responsible person should seek Veterinary advice when aggression is observed in their dog/s to prevent any incidents from occurring.

### **Strategies:**

- Collate statistics and examine the types and breeds of dogs involved in attacks to determine any trends applicable.
- Promote and encourage proper breed selection for their life style and size of dwelling prior to purchasing an animal.
- Promote and encourage the reporting to Council of all dog attacks on humans, animal and livestock.
- Dog attack complaints and reports actioned/investigated under the provisions under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* regulating to Dog attack/harassment.
- Build relationships with other agencies to assist with community complaints and reports such as, but not limited to; AMRRIC, SAPOL, RSPCA, AWL, SA Housing, Aboriginal Housing, Corporations and Committees for assistance. Enforce the provisions under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* when breaches are identified.

## **9. Management of Cats**

Cat numbers are increasing dramatically throughout the district, which will have an adverse effect on wildlife. Responsible cat ownership is promoted and feral cat trapping programs are encouraged.

Educate and advise any community member that may encourage / feed feral cats to/on their property to cease the practise and provide guidance on removing the cat/s.

Educate the community on what is considered as cats causing a nuisance, some as identified, but not limited to the following;

1. Unreasonably interferes with the peace, comfort or convenience of a person, including but not limited to by displaying aggressive nature or creating unpleasant noise or odours.
2. Damages or otherwise has an adverse impact upon native flora or fauna.
3. Acts in a manner that is injurious or causes damage to a person's real or personal property.



4. Wanders onto premises without the consent of the owner or occupier of the premises.
5. Defecates or urinates on premises without the consent of the owner or occupier of the premises

**Strategies:**

- Promote responsible cat ownership
- Provide cat traps for hire to the community to limit the number of feral or unwanted cats.
- Conduct regular Trapping programs in areas of concern or reported.
- Reduce the incidence of the public and environmental nuisance caused by cats through regular trapping programs and education and enforcement.
- Educate and enforce the mandatory requirement for all cats born on or after the 1 July 2018 requiring to be microchipped and desexed.
- All cats born prior to the 1 July 2018 must be microchipped.
- Promote the de-sexing of all cats born prior to 1 July 2018 as a means of cat control and reduce un wanted breeding.
- Encourage owners to be responsible for their cats' behaviour and contain their cat/s to the owner's property and not to permit the cat/s from wandering at large and/or causing a nuisance to other residents and visitors to the area.
- Responsible ownership could also avoid possible penalties and action from Council and prevent, limit the impacts of cats on native fauna and flora and damage to neighbouring properties.
- Educate owners on the zoonotic diseases that can be transferred to humans from dogs and cats.
- Enforce the provisions under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* when breaches are identified.
- Enforce the provisions under Councils By-Laws when breaches are identified.

**KPI:**

- Coordinate and undertake a cat trapping program/s regularly within the Council area to control the cat numbers.  
Maintain data collection.

**10. Breeders of Dogs and Cats**

Breeders of dogs and cats must comply with the requirements of such an activity under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* and be registered before selling any dog or cat.

To undertake such an activity, it may require Planning and Development approval.

Enforce the provisions under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* when breaches are identified

**Strategies:**

Respond to reports from the community.

Authorised Officers to report reported issues to other agencies such as but not limited to: RSPCA, AWL, SAPOL SA Housing.

Monitor various media's and report / investigate if Breeding / Selling is identified.

Enforce the provisions under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* when breaches are identified.

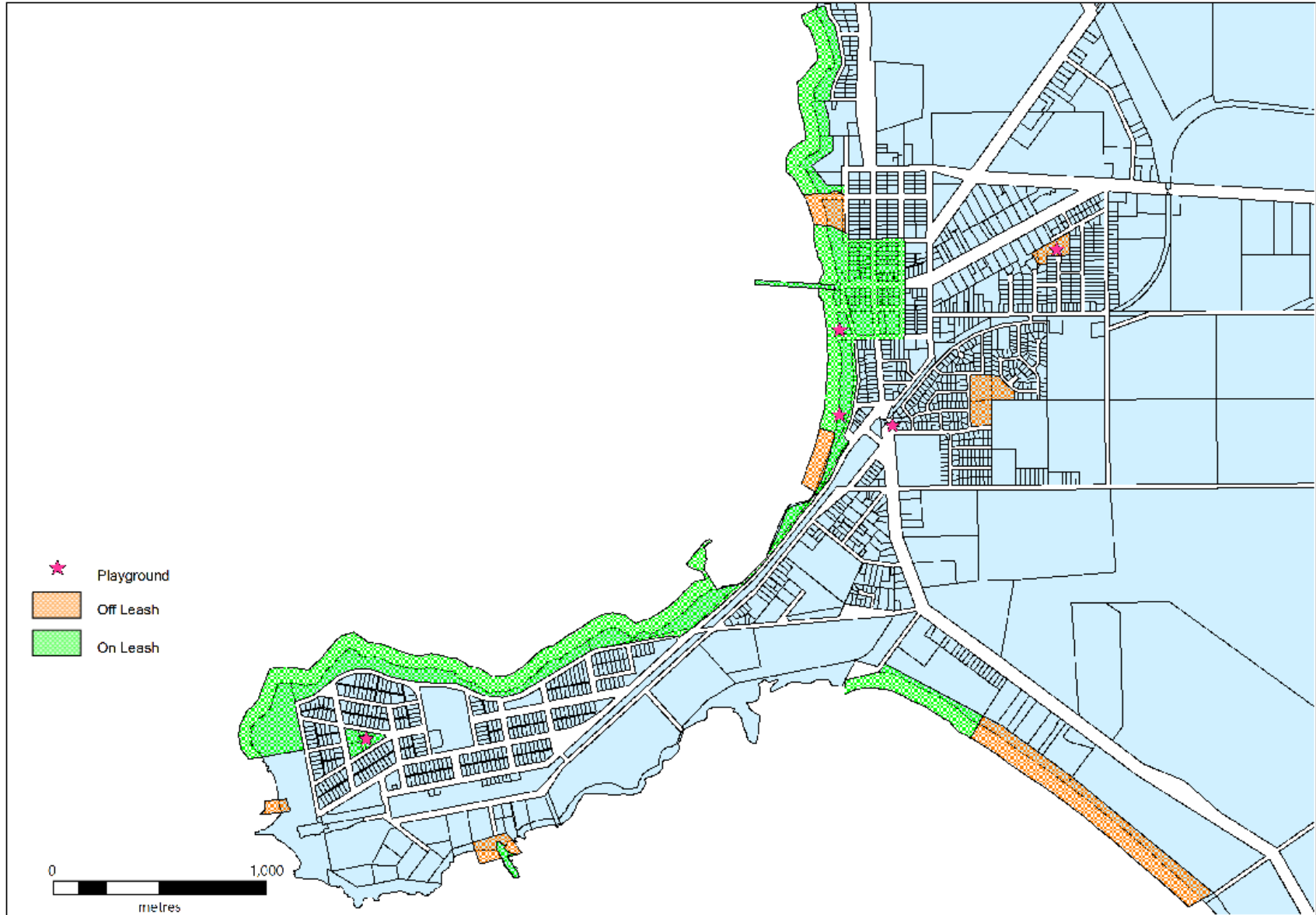
**11. Animal Management Officer/Training**

Ensure all Council staff involved with animal management are adequately trained and authorised to respond to all aspects of dog and cat management in the community, to improve community recognition and understanding of the role and services provided by Council staff.

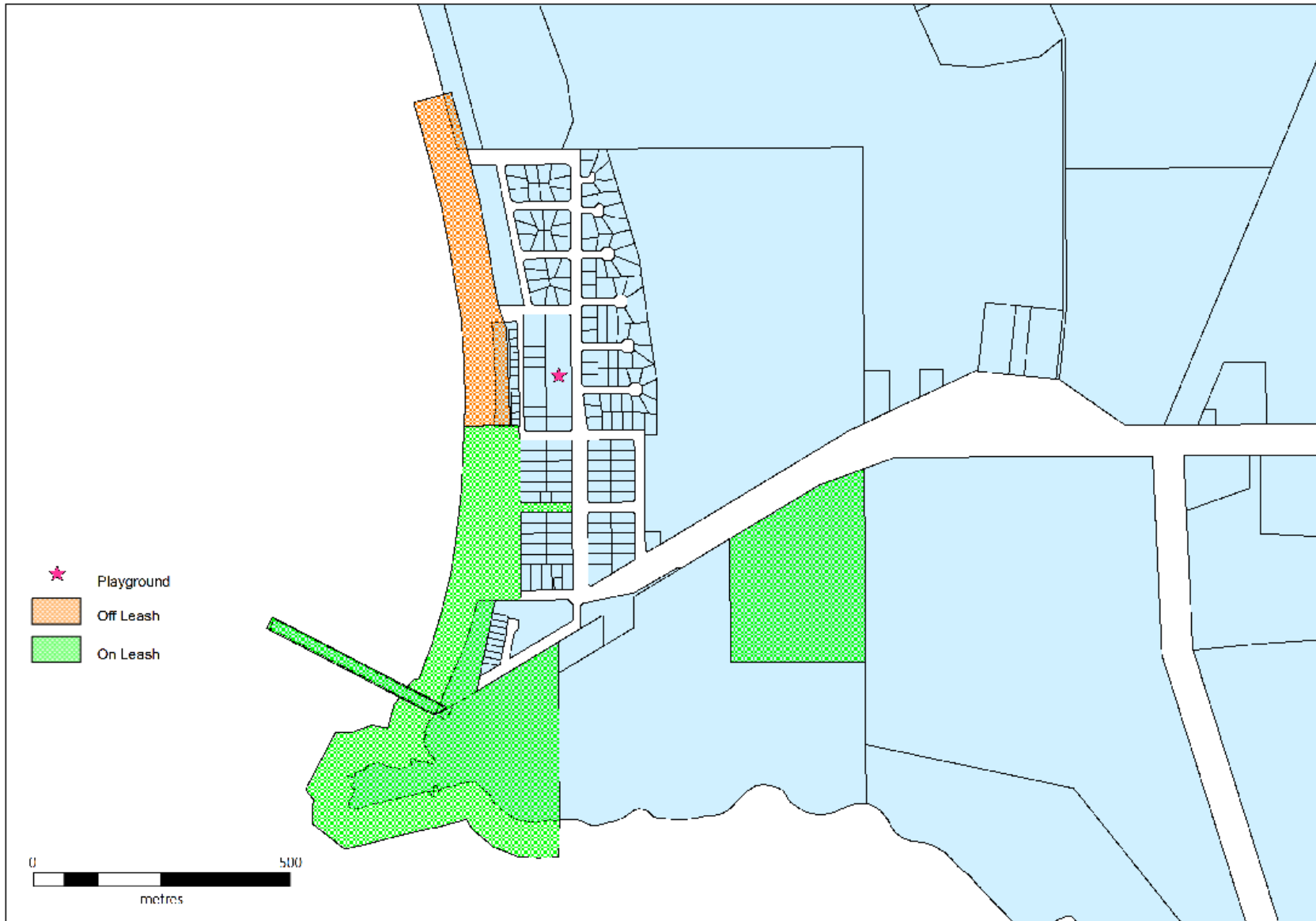
**Strategies:**

- Authorised Officers to have Dog Behavioural Training as required.
- Continued involvement/building with network relationships with other agencies such as, but not limited to, AMRRIC, SAPOL, RSPCA, AWL, SA housing, Aboriginal Housing, Corporations and committees.
- Provide Investigation Techniques training to Authorised Officers.
- Seek training for Authorised Officers in the aspects of the Animal Welfare Act.

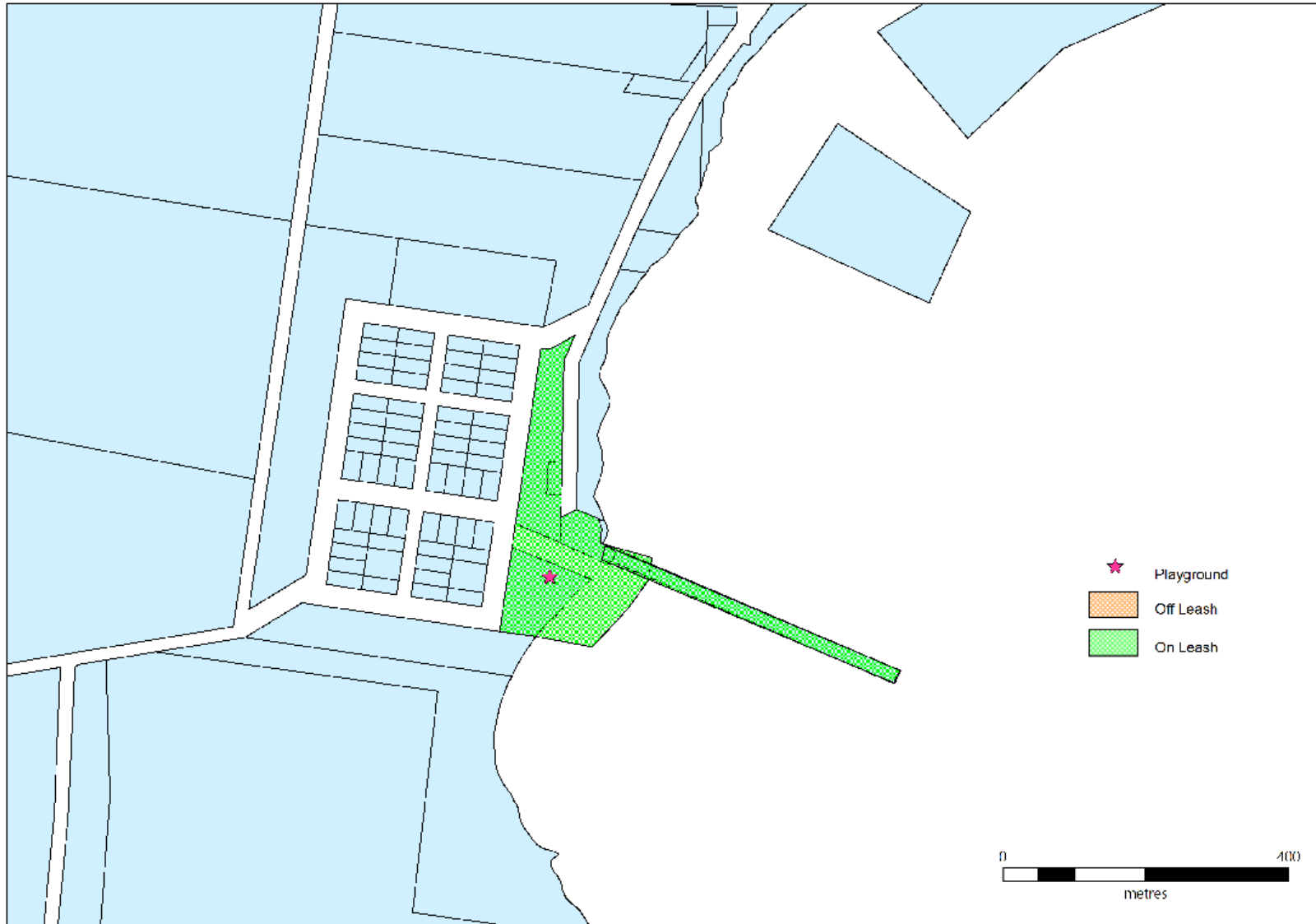
# Off Leash & On Leash Area Plans – Ceduna & Thevenard



## Off Leash & On Leash Area Plans – Smoky Bay



## Off Leash & On Leash Area Plans – Denial Bay



## Dog Off Leash, On Leash & Prohibited Area Locations

<b>ON-LEASH PARKS</b>	
<b>Location/Address</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>CEDUNA</b>	
Foreshore Reserve / lawn areas O'Loughlin Terrace Ceduna	<i>Dogs must be on-leash at all times.</i>
Foreshore Reserve area Dowling Crescent and in front of the Ceduna Hospital Senior Citizens village	<i>Dogs must be on-leash at all times.</i>
Ceduna Town Jetty	<i>Dogs must be on-leash at all times.</i>
Pinky Point walking trail and coastal reserve from the Sailing Club to Pinky Point	<i>Dogs must be on-leash at all times.</i>
Puckridge Boat Ramp and Carpark	<i>Dogs must be on-leash at all times.</i>
Hambridge Street Reserve - Thevenard	<i>Dogs must be on-leash at all times.</i>
Shelly Beach from the Entrance to end of the track to the south	<i>Dogs must be on-leash at all times.</i>
Boat ramp area at the Thevenard Slipway	<i>Dogs must be on-leash at all times.</i>
<b>SMOKY BAY</b>	
All Foreshore areas and reserves south of Tremaine Street, including the Smoky Bay Jetty, Boat Ramp, car park and Cockle shell park	<i>Dogs must be on-leash at all times.</i>
Smoky Bay Aquaculture Park precinct	<i>Dogs must be on-leash at all times.</i>
<b>DENIAL BAY</b>	
Vacant reserve south of Murat Terrace and beach area including the Denial Bay Jetty.	<i>Dogs must be on leash at all times.</i>

<b>OFF-LEASH PARKS</b>	
<b>Location/Address</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>CEDUNA</b>	
Alexanders Beach, carpark and carpark lawn O'Loughlin Terrace Ceduna	<i>Dogs permitted off-leash at all times and under effective control..</i>
Beach area Ceduna Sailing Club south to the rocks	<i>Dogs permitted off-leash at all times and under effective control.</i>
Beach area alongside the Thevenard Wharf	<i>Dogs permitted off-leash at all times. And under effective control.</i>
Carpark and beach at Thevenard Slipway	<i>Dogs permitted off-leash at all times and under effective control.</i>
Shelly Beach from the end of the access track south of the shelter shed to southern boundary of Shelly Beach Caravan Park	<i>Dogs permitted off-leash at all times and under effective control.</i>
Marchant Street recreational area	<i>Dogs permitted off-leash at all times and under effective control.</i>
Apex Park – George Street Ceduna	<i>Dogs permitted off-leash at all times and under effective control.</i>
<b>SMOKY BAY</b>	
Foreshore , beach area north of Tremaine Street	<i>Dogs permitted off-leash at all times and under effective control.</i>
<b>DENIAL BAY</b>	

Beach area north and south of the green shaded map area.	<i>Dogs permitted off-leash at all times and under effective control.</i>
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<b>DOG PROHIBITED AREAS</b>	
<b>Location/Address</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>CEDUNA</b>	
All Playgrounds on the Ceduna Foreshore	<i>Dogs prohibited at all times.</i>
Ceduna Skate Park	<i>Dogs prohibited at all times.</i>
Within 10m of the playground area at Apex park George Street Ceduna	<i>Dogs prohibited at all times.</i>
<b>SMOKY BAY</b>	
Smoky Bay Playground Denton Street	<i>Dogs prohibited at all times.</i>
<b>DENIAL BAY</b>	
Within 10m of the playground area at Denial Bay	<i>Dogs prohibited at all times.</i>