



Media Response

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Please attribute the following response to Greater Dandenong City Council Executive Director Community Strengthening, Peta Gillies:

Greater Dandenong City Council recognises the positive health and wellbeing outcomes that arise from pet ownership.

We run a number of programs and initiatives aimed at encouraging responsible pet ownership, including:

- Heavily subsidised desexing that included vaccinations and free pet registration for the remainder of that year.
- \$5 Pet Registration Week for new pet owners to promote early registration.
- In-person education sessions covering all aspects of pet ownership

In the last 5 plus years, we have prosecuted 86 animal matters under the Domestic Animals Act, with 100% success rate.

The table below provides data on a range of matters related to dog ownership in the 2024/25 year.

CATEGORY	24/25
Number of registered dogs	6054
Registered dangerous dogs	3
Registered restricted breed dogs	0
Registered guard dogs	1
Enforcement - dogs at large not confined	177
Enforcement - not registering dog	276
Enforcement - dangerous dog not confined	0
Enforcement - non serious injury	12

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