

Roaming Cats



Cats are allowed to roam

Unlike dogs, cats are permitted to roam. It is not unlawful for a cat to enter private property or roam public places.

If you are bothered by a roaming cat, make contact with the owner and politely express your concerns.

Letterbox drops and door-knocking may help you to locate a cat's owner. Remember, cats may roam over a wide area. You may also consider attaching a paper collar displaying your contact details and a polite message asking the owner to contact you. Ensure that the collar is able to tear off easily if it becomes caught on a fence or tree branch.

Welfare concerns

If you are concerned for the welfare of a cat contact RSPCA or Animal Welfare League to report your concerns. If you find an injured cat, and you are able to safely capture it, take it to a vet for assessment.

If you lose your pet notify your local council as soon as possible. Council staff can update the Companion Animals Register (CAR) to flag your pet as 'missing'.

Nuisance Cats

If you wish to report a nuisance cat, contact Council on 9392 5000 or log your request via the online request management system on Council's website. Council may request that you make a formal statement to support your claim and provide relevant details.

Found Dogs



What to do if you find a lost dog

If you are unable to safely approach the animal call Inner West Council on 9392 5000. If you can safely approach, check the animal's collar for an I.D. tag with owner details. Try to make contact with the owner.

Take the dog to an 'approved premise'

By law the animal must be delivered, as soon as possible, to either its owner, a council impound facility or to any approved premise such as a veterinary clinic. Distressed owners will check here first - not your back yard! It is unlawful to simply keep the animal. See Council's website for a list of approved premises.

Adopting a 'found' dog

If you would like to adopt the animal, you can provide your details to the impound facility who can lawfully rehome the dog if not claimed by the owner.

NSW Companion Animals Register

When a lost pet is found its microchip is scanned for owner details and information listed on the NSW Companion Animals Register (CAR). Owners must keep their contact details and address up-to-date on their pet's microchip; by contacting any council or by creating a profile for their pet online at petregistry.nsw.gov.au.

Impound facilities

When an animal is taken to a 'pound' it is not a death sentence! Inner West Council utilises the services of Sydney Dogs and Cats Home - an active rehoming facility that never places a 'time limit' on healthy animals awaiting adoption.

Why do pets go missing?

There are many reasons animals end up in pounds and shelters; we must not assume it's as a result of an irresponsible or careless owner. Collars and tags can fall off, fences can break and gates may be left open by tradespeople or couriers.

Local Vet Hospitals

ANNANDALE ANIMAL HOSPITAL
62 Moore St, Leichhardt
ph 9550 9600

BALMAIN VETERINARY HOSPITAL
77 Victoria Rd, Rozelle
ph 9810 7544

BALMAIN VILLAGE VETERINARY
CLINIC
11 Beattie St, Balmain
ph 9555 9362

GREENCROSS VET PETERSHAM
25/1-9 Livingstone Rd, Petersham
ph 9568 3077

HABERFIELD VETERINARY HOSPITAL
55 Ramsay St, Haberfield
ph 9799 2258

HURLSTONE PARK VETERINARY
HOSPITAL
739 New Canterbury Rd, Dulwich
Hill
ph 9558 4181

MARRICKVILLE VETERINARY
HOSPITAL
402 Illawarra Rd, Marrickville
ph 9558 2500

PETERSHAM VETERINARY HOSPITAL
296 Stanmore Road, Petersham
ph 9560 5255

SOUTHERN CROSS VETERINARY
CLINIC
60 Princes Highway, St Peters
ph 9516 0234

SUMMER HILL VILLAGE VET
29 Grosvenor Cres, Summer Hill
ph 9797 2555

SYDNEY ANIMAL HOSPITAL INNER
WEST
1A Northumberland Ave, Stanmore
ph 9516 1466

SYDNEY ANIMAL HOSPITAL
NEWTOWN
69-73 Erskineville Rd, Erskineville
ph 300 352 169

UNIVERSITY VETERINARY TEACHING
HOSPITAL
65 Parramatta Road,
Camperdown
ph 9351 3437