

Gungahlin Strategic Assessment Report: Cat Containment Policy

Plan to address compliance and enforcement for cat containment

Action	Key Tasks	Timeframe	Lead agency
Continue to implement cat containment-related actions in the Animal Welfare and Management Strategy	Prepare options for cat registration	Mid - 2018	TCCS
Develop the ACT Cat Plan*	Undertake consultation on the draft Cat Plan with key stakeholder groups, before the Plan is released for community consultation and subsequent Government consideration.	Key stakeholder consultation to occur approximately between January – May 2018	EPSDD
Implement legal instrument required to declare Gungahlin East Town Centre as a cat containment area	Prepare instrument for Minister approval	January – February 2018	TCCS
Education program	Develop key communication messages on responsible cat ownership, in consultation with key stakeholders, focusing on the requirements and benefits of cat containment in declared cat containment suburbs.	January – March 2018	TCCS with EPSDD
	Communicate key messages as part of the 'Paws for Thought' responsible pet ownership campaign, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website content • Media releases 	Ongoing from March 2018	TCCS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal contact conjunction with enforcement activities 		
Compliance program	Develop compliance initiatives and activities in line with the Animal Welfare and Management Strategy and finalised Cat Plan to regulate cat containment areas and cat management.	December 2018	TCCS
	Undertake reactive compliance based on complaints	Ongoing	TCCS

*Note: EPSDD and TCCS are currently finalising the drafting of an ACT Cat Plan for the holistic management of cats. The Cat Plan will assist in the development of cat management compliance strategies across the territory and be implemented as TCCS response to the Gungahlin Strategic Assessment.