



# Animal Management Plan

## Domestic Animals



The Greatness of a nation and its moral progress  
can be judged by the way its animals are treated.

- M. Gandhi

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# Introduction

Owning pets, no matter what type, can have significant benefits to us, however there is also a large responsibility we must recognise that comes with being a pet owner. Pet owners must ensure they promote their pet's welfare to the best of their ability, they must ensure they provide everything their pet needs, from their nutritional needs, their physical needs, their behavioural needs, their environmental needs and even their psychological needs.

Managing pets within the Nhulunbuy township is a complex issue in itself. In approaching this task, the Nhulunbuy Corporation Limited (NCL) must consider many aspects, including the benefits of pet ownership and the health, safety and wellbeing of its residents. NCL attempt to balance the rights of pet owners with need to provide a safe, amenable environment for the community, we do this through the administration of the Nhulunbuy (Animal Control) By-Laws 1998, these have been amended and are currently in force as of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2023.

This comprehensive Animal Management Plan has been developed to be a practical guide for the management of dogs, cats and animals in Nhulunbuy. It is designed not only to help animal owners clearly understand their responsibilities but for everyone to understand the Nhulunbuy Corporations roll and the correct processes to follow.

## Review

The intricate issue of animal management within the township of Nhulunbuy is ongoing, and as such this animal management plan will be reviewed at minimum on an annual basis or as required.

# Nhulunbuy Corporations Responsibility

The Nhulunbuy Corporation is responsible for planning, delivery and maintaining a variety of services with responsibilities similar to that of a local council, one of these services is Animal Management. The Nhulunbuy Corporation administers the Animal Management By-Laws and works to encourage responsible pet ownership via education, services, and facilities. The Corporation is not responsible for the administration of the Animal Welfare Act, here in Nhulunbuy the police act as the Animal welfare officers and they are responsible for implementing and enforcing the Animal Welfare Act. They work closely with the NCL Animal Management Officer and should be contacted if you feel you have witnessed an animal welfare issue (animal abuse/neglect).

This Animal Management Plan has been produced to help explain the By-Laws and to help pet owners in Nhulunbuy understand their legal and social obligations, it is a practical guide to help manage dogs and cats in Nhulunbuy, and it provides guidelines and directions for Nhulunbuy Corporations employees and Nhulunbuy residents regarding dog and cat management. It considers the amenity, safety, health, and legal obligations of responsible pet ownership in Nhulunbuy and offers support to pet owners and those with complaints by clearly outlining the Corporations procedures and the education programs that are available.

# Animal Management History

Animal management has been an evolving area within the township of Nhulunbuy, over the years there have been a variety of challenging animal management issues, and NCL has adapted to these challenges as needed. There has, more recently been the development of a two dog per property blanket rule put in place, this rule was

implemented due to a raise in numbers of dogs at large and nuisance animals being reported, and after the blanket rule of two dogs per address there has been a significant reduction in these issues. The Nhulunbuy animal management team continue to monitor and assess issues as they become apparent and adapt as needed. A large contributing factor to the efficiency and adaptability of our animal management team is rapid reporting and records of incidents submitted by the public, without these reports of animal management related issues, the result would be a vastly delayed response and NCL would not be able to adapt and respond as quickly as we have in the past.

If you have an animal management related issue, please report it to the Nhulunbuy Corporation as soon as possible.

## Animal Management Officer

The Nhulunbuy Corporation has a well-trained team that is dedicated to animal management, animal welfare and community education. One members of this team is our Animal Management Officer (AMO), the AMO is experienced in animal management and handling, along with experience in other areas including investigation, Animal Health & behaviour, conflict management, and has an extensive knowledge in the Nhulunbuy Corporation (Animal Control) By-laws, procedures, and policies. Our AMO is also highly trained to combat our feral/dangerous animal problems and tirelessly deal with Buffalo, Crocodiles, Wild Dogs and feral cats on the town and industrial lease and surrounding Dhimurru land. For general animal management related matters please call the Nhulunbuy Corporation during office hours. Our AMO is also highly trained to deal with all types of wildlife related incidents, including bats and snake call-outs.



You can get in contact with our Animal Management Team by calling the office on 8939 2200.

The AMO is available 24 hours a day for important/emergency animal related matters and incident reporting.

PH: 0419 838 064

## Community engagement

Legislation and enforcement alone will not encourage pet owners to be responsible. Support through education and advice is another important element to effectively manage animals in Nhulunbuy.

The Animal Management Officer can provide information to the community relating to:

- Nuisance pet behaviour
- Owner education and assistance
- Registration enquiries
- Animal By-Law enquires and

- Any other animal-related matter
- Crocodile education
- Wild animal education

You can access information about animal management through the Corporations website including Registration fees and conditions, Information & fact sheets on a range of topics, Current By-Laws, Corporations strategies, including this Animal Management Plan, Fees and charges associated with infringements, how to lodge a complaint and upcoming events and activities.

The Nhulunbuy Corporation runs a variety of regular community education campaigns to help remind pet owners about their responsibilities and obligations and the consequences of non-compliance. These campaigns are designed to address common areas of complaint and make owners aware of upcoming important dates such as animal registration expiry.

You can enquire about Community Education related matters in person or over the phone at the Nhulunbuy Corporations Office.

## Targeting Specific Issues

### Territory Day/new years Fireworks

Territory Day is celebrated on the 1st of July each year, the associated fireworks can cause immense stress and panic to individual animals, creating havoc within the pet community in Nhulunbuy.

Prior to the event, NCL runs a campaign to help remind pet owners and residents about the effect fireworks can have on pets. Owners are encouraged to make sure their pets are safely contained to reduce the chance of their pet running away. This information is distributed via various methods such as, the Nhulunbuy Corporations website, the Nhulunbuy Corporations Facebook page and Nhulunbuy PAWS Facebook page. The Nhulunbuy Corporation collects and impounds many dogs during Territory Day celebrations and received many lost dog reports. Having your pets registered is key to having them reunited with you quickly.



### Cyclones and Thunderstorms

Cyclones and severe thunderstorms affect Nhulunbuy during the Wet Season, October to March. Due to the high level of anxiety pets can feel during these events, there tends to be many pet problems reported, including nuisance barking and pets escaping. If a cyclone is approaching, the Corporation again uses various social media platforms to remind pet owners about their responsibilities, provide tips for keeping the pet safe and information on what will happen if their pet is impounded because of a cyclone or severe thunderstorm.



For more information about any of these education programs, or to access the information and advice available, call the Nhulunbuy Corporation Office or visit our website.



# Common animal management matters

## Nuisance Dog barking & Crowing roosters

Nuisance dog barking or crowing roosters can be a significant source of irritation to some people in our community and can generate a lot of complaints. We all want to live in a community that is pleasant and congenial and one where pet owners take responsibility for their pets' behaviour. Everyone has different levels of tolerance and sensitivity to animal noise. When the Corporation is investigating a complaint, firstly the presence of a 'nuisance' is established, especially as dogs naturally bark. If possible, evidence is gathered from multiple sources. The Corporation works with complainants and pet owners to investigate, substantiate and attempt to find a resolution that works for everyone.



As per the By-Laws, Roosters are not permitted to be kept on the town/industrial leases.

### Reporting nuisance barking

If a dog is making a noise, including barking, which is persistent and interferes with the peace, comfort and congenial living of a person on other premises, you can lodge a complaint with the Corporation.

### Complaint process for nuisance barking.

The Corporation has an established process for dealing with complaints about nuisance barking. By following this process, the Corporation intends to place more responsibility on the dog owner and help them with professional advice and guidance on dog behaviour patterns.

- When you report a barking complaint, you will need to make the complaint in writing with details about the nuisance that is being caused (form can be found on our website).
- You will be asked to keep a log of the dog's nuisance barking over the next seven (7) days.
- After seven (7) days, the AMO will contact you and seek feedback on the nuisance barking. If the nuisance has ceased, the dog owner will be provided with feedback and encouraged to continue with the action they have taken.
- After receiving the complaint, the AMO will provide the owner advice and assistance to help them reduce the nuisance.
- Should the nuisance barking complaint remain unresolved, the dog owner may be issued with a fine (or infringement notice) or prosecuted.

### Enforcement

Should further barking complaints be received and found to be true, the dog owner may receive a 'show cause' letter on the dog's registration. A 'show cause' letter requests information from the owner on reasons why the dog's registration should not be cancelled. If the dog's registration is cancelled, the dog owner will then have 14 days to remove the dog from the Nhulunbuy town lease and if they fail to do so, the Nhulunbuy Corporation can seize the dog and impound it. If the Corporation removes the dog, it will be impounded and held for fourteen (14) days. If the owner makes no attempt to contact the Corporation or find an alternate property outside the Nhulunbuy town lease, the dog may be destroyed or handed over to Nhulunbuy PAWS to be vet checked and rehomed.



## Dogs at Large

Unfortunately, some pet owners do not recognise the need for dogs to be exercised and socialised outside their own backyard. However, it is natural for dogs to want to explore different environments. As such, dogs that are not regularly exercised tend to roam, making them vulnerable to many dangers. Dogs that roam outside their yards usually have a shorter life span – they often become lost, injured, killed or are stolen while roaming unattended in the street.

### When is a dog at large?

According to the By-Laws, a dog is at large if it is:

- Not properly contained in the owner's property
- Not under effective control by the owner or
- Any part of its body is protruding from a vehicle.

To help prevent your dog from wandering you should ensure it is properly contained, it received the right amount of exercise, and your yard is appropriately fenced. You must have your dog on a lead or enclosed in a suitable container whenever you exit your property. When you are in an off-lead area, you must still ensure that your dog is under effective control, and you must have a lead with you. Effective control is described in the off-lead areas section of this document.



### Enforcement

When a roaming dog is reported to the Nhulunbuy Corporation, the AMO will attend, locate the dog and look for identification such as a tag or microchip. If the owner's address can be identified, the dog is either taken home, or impounded. The problem is addressed with the owner and a fine (or infringement notice) may be issued. (By-law 34 - Dog at Large) If the Corporation can't identify the owner, the dog is impounded, and a photo is placed on various social media platforms. Impounded dogs are kept for fourteen (14) days. If the dog has not been claimed after 14 days, the Corporation may hand it over to Nhulunbuy PAWS for re-homing or dispose of it accordingly. If you have lost your dog, please notify the Corporation and check the NCL and PAWS Facebook page and the Nhulunbuy Noticeboard Facebook page regularly. Before you collect your dog from the pound, you will be required to pay pound fees and potential infringement notices associated with your dog being found at large.

## Dog Attack Incidents

Any attack or harassment by a dog can cause fear or serious injury and is of great concern, particularly if it involves a young child or an elderly person. Nhulunbuy Corporation relies on members of the public to report all dog attacks especially those that have occurred on private property. Reporting all incidents helps the Corporation address problems appropriately and identify emerging issues.



The Nhulunbuy Corporation has established and defined two (2) levels of dog attack.

**Level One:** The dog bites, or holds a person or animal in its mouth, whether or not the holding is accompanied by biting, shaking, pulling or pushing or the person or animal suffers an injury, physical or otherwise. (Dog attack)

**Level Two:** The dog approaches, chases, menaces, harasses, or rushes at a person or animal in a manner endangering or causing fear, alarm or distress to the person or animal. This may include cases where a dog rushes a fence as pedestrians go by and the pedestrian feels fear of an attack. (Dog Menacing)

### Reporting a dog attack

If you are attacked by a dog on private or public property inside the town lease area, please report it to the Corporation as soon as possible on 8939 2200 or the on-call animal management mobile 0419 838 064. This will help the Corporation respond quickly and effectively. You will need to give the Corporation certain details about the event including date, time, location and the sequence of events. The AMO will guide you through the appropriate complaint process.

### Enforcement

If your dog has attacked, you may be guilty of an offence and the Corporation has at its disposal a range of options. As the owner, you may be prosecuted and fined (up to a maximum 20 penalty units for an individual or a business) or even be imprisoned. The Corporation may also destroy your dog. Generally, all dogs that have committed an attack are placed on the Declared Dog Register. In the event of an attack, the Corporation will prosecute the owner of the dog and seek to issue the appropriate infringements.

## Dog ownership & registrations

### Being a responsible pet owner

There are six important areas you need to be aware of to be a responsible dog owner.

1. Be aware of your responsibilities depending on your location.
2. Ensure your dog has adequate food, shelter, and water at all times.
3. Meet the ongoing costs in caring for your dog such as vaccinations, maintenance of health and welfare, de-sexing, microchipping and registration.
4. Provide appropriate obedience training which will help meet your dog's emotional and social needs.
5. Be aware of all relevant By-Laws and the penalties that apply to offences.
6. Select a breed that suits your lifestyle.

The breed of your dog will affect its size, energy levels and temperament. Select a breed to suit your lifestyle and the amount of time you can spend with your pet. This will help you care for your pet's health and welfare, which includes exercise, training and food requirements.

**Remember that you can only keep a maximum of 2 registered dogs at any address on the Nhulunbuy Town and Industrial Lease areas.**

Create a suitable home environment before bringing the dog home. Consider your home environment, including the size of your yard, the sections of the house or yard the pet will have access to and, visual access to public areas such as thoroughfares, footpaths, and local parks. By spending a little time considering your pet's environment, you can avoid boredom and anxiety for your pet.

There are many responsibilities that you, as a dog owner, need to the most common issues and complaints that Rangers respond to include, Registration, Nuisance barking, Dogs at large, Dog attacks and Restricted areas for dogs.

Please remember that this document is intended to be a guide only. Its application is subject to relevant legislation and Nhulunbuy Corporation policy, and it will from time to time be amended accordingly.

## Pet registration and microchipping

All dogs that are over three (3) months of age and have been in Nhulunbuy for three months or more, must be registered. There are many benefits to registration, it is your proof of ownership, the Nhulunbuy Corporation can return lost pets to their owners quickly, you can be contacted easily if your pet is involved in an accident/incident and requires veterinary treatment and the fees provide a source of funds for the Corporations education, enforcement and wild dog, cat and buffalo eradication programs.

To register your dog, you must:

- Effectively contain your dog at all times or ensure your dog is always under effective control
- Be aware that you are only permitted to keep a maximum of 2 registered dogs at any address on the Town and Industrial Lease area
- You must agree to always comply with the Nhulunbuy Animal Control by-laws and conditions of registration

### Microchips

Microchipping your pet gives you the best chance of reuniting with them if they happen to run away or go missing. Microchipping is a quick and easy procedure where a tiny chip, about the size of a grain of rice, is implanted just under the skin between the shoulder blades at the back of your pet's neck.

Each chip has a unique number that is detected using a microchip scanner. The microchip number is recorded on a registry with details about the animal and owner, so if your pet is ever lost or your pet goes missing then we can scan their microchip and get your contact details.

Once a microchip is inserted, it will stay there for the duration of your pet's life. Collars and ID tags are great, and must still be used, but if your pet breaks free from their collar or their tag falls off, a microchip will still help them be identified.

While microchips are the best way for your companion to be returned home, it is only effective if you keep your details on the microchip database up to date. Should you ever move house or change your phone number, or if your companion animals ownership changes, it's vital you contact the microchip database with which your pet is



registered and update your contact details, this ensures it will always display your most up to date contact details if your pets if ever lost and their microchip is scanned.

The easiest way to update your contact details is to search on [Pet Address](#) using your pet's microchip number. Pet Address will direct you to the pet registry that lists your pet's microchip number and will also allow you to contact them if you need your details changed.

If you can't remember your pet's microchip number, contact Nhulunbuy Corporations Animal Management Officer and they will organise for your pet to be scanned and provide you with your pet's microchip number.

In Australia there are seven microchip registries, Australasian Animal Registry, Central Animal Records, Petsafe, HomeSafeID, Global Micro, NSW Government registry and SA Government registry.

## General Condition of Registration associated with Dog registration within the Nhulunbuy Corporation.

NCL apply these general conditions to dog registration on the associated leases:

- *When upon a public place, my animal must be under the control of a competent person. I understand that it is a requirement that at such times my animal is restrained by a leash, cord, chain or similar device. (this is supported by the NCL Animal Control By-Laws).*
- *It is essential that my animal wears a current NCL identification tag at all times. I acknowledge that the registration financial year is from 1st January to 31st December, and that it is my responsibility to remit the annual fee to NCL before the due date to avoid infringements.*
- *If the dog owner is under the age of 18, then a parent or guardian must sign the form as a "joint owner". A person who is registering the animal on behalf of its owner is required to show this authority in writing. This must accompany the application.*
- *I understand that my dog must not wander or become a nuisance to either humans or other animals. I acknowledge that if complaints are made against my animal that my registration may be revoked or cancelled.*
- *I accept the that infringements may be issued for violations, and that unpaid penalties will progress to the Fines and Recoveries Unit.*
- *No more than 2 dogs are to be registered per property, barring exceptional circumstances.*

As per the By-Laws, NCL can vary and impose additional conditions to any dogs registration as and when required. For any questions about your dog's registration please contact the NCL front office during business hours.

## Dog off lead areas

There are a number of areas within Nhulunbuy where owners can walk their dogs off leash, these areas are displayed on the map below, owners are required to keep their dogs on a leash in all other areas throughout the town and industrial lease. There is also two designated off lead areas within the town lease these are the Nhulunbuy PAWS dog off lead area and the south oval.



## Control of dogs in off leash areas

While pet owners are in these designated off lead tracks and areas they must still maintain control of their dogs, owners must observe the following:

- A dog can be off a leash whilst accompanied by a competent person who is in reasonable proximity to the dog.
- A competent person is liable for the control of the dog and must be capable of controlling it.
- A competent person carries and is capable of attaching a chain, cord, leash or harness and have sufficient strength for the purpose of controlling the dog.

For more information please see the below map.

## Restricted areas for pets

There are some areas in Nhulunbuy where you cannot take your pet. There are a number of reasons why the Corporation may declare an area to be restricted to pets, including concerns for public health, safety and environmental protection. These areas are well signed, and it is your responsibility to be aware of them. If you are found to allow your dog to enter a restricted area, infringements may be issued.

### Market areas

Household pets are always forbidden to be in any areas at these markets while they are trading and where food is being served at social functions. Guide dogs are permitted.

### Town ovals

Dog owners are not permitted to walk their dogs on any of the town ovals. The ovals are heavily used by members of the public, from children to adult footballers and no one wants to be tackled where a dog has defecated or urinated. The Nhulunbuy Ovals are always prohibited areas for members of the public walking with their animals.





# By-Laws & Enforcement

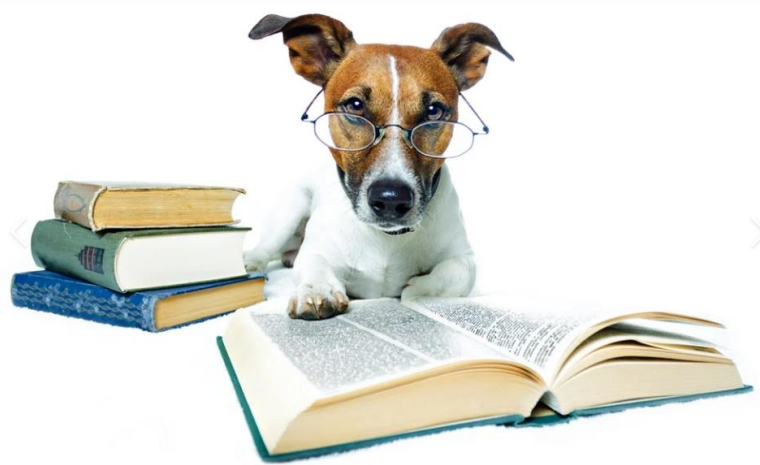
The Nhulunbuy Corporation Animal Control By-Laws are the primary legislation behind the Animal Management Plan. The By-Laws can be viewed or access on the internet by following the links on the Nhulunbuy Corporation Website ([www.ncl.net.au](http://www.ncl.net.au))

Other relevant legislation to the application of the Animal Management Plan is the *Animal Welfare Act*

## Managing complaints

The Nhulunbuy Corporation has well-established processes designed to resolve issues in a manner that considers the needs, rights and responsibilities of all parties involved.

The Corporation has a process that is specific to resolving complaints associated with dogs. The general complaint management procedure follows:



1. Complaints may be made by phone, email, in writing or in person. They may also be anonymous.
2. When the complaint is received, it will be recorded in the Nhulunbuy Corporation database and our (AMO) will be given the complaint for investigation/action.
3. The Authorised Officer (AMO) will contact the complainant acknowledging receipt of their complaint within seven (7) days.
4. The Authorised Officer will:
  - Demonstrate that they clearly understand what the complaint is about.
  - Explain what process with the investigation/action, and
  - Explain a rough standard timeframe to finalise the complaint.
5. The Authorised Officer will investigate the complaint as quickly as possible and use all relevant Corporation procedures. They will also enforce any relevant legislation.
6. The complainant will be advised within 20 days of the progress of their complaint.
7. All investigations and actions, including what has happened, will be recorded on the Nhulunbuy Corporation Database.
8. The Corporation will let the complainant know of any updates on progress made.
9. The Corporation will let the complainant know the result of their complaint once finalised, either in writing or verbally, and will record this on the relevant Corporation Database.

## Anonymous complaints

Sometimes people are more comfortable making an anonymous complaint. Your confidentiality is taken very seriously, and the Nhulunbuy Corporation will not pass on any details that can identify the complainant. The Corporation will do their best to address anonymous complaints. However, it can be very difficult to resolve these issues, or to enforce legislation, without the ability to thoroughly investigate and gather evidence and witness information.



## Complaints associated with dogs and cats

Complaints about dogs and cats can be complex to resolve. More detailed processes, that meet the requirements outlined in the general complaint management process, have been developed to address these complaints.

## Mediation

In some instances, the Nhulunbuy Corporation may refer/direct complaints or disputes to the Nhulunbuy Police Department. The Corporation may decide to take this action when complaints are:

- More general in nature.
- A neighbourhood dispute or,
- Not able to be resolved using the Corporations general complaints procedure.
- Animal welfare related and not Animal Control By-law related.

The Nhulunbuy Corporation will advise the parties involved about the options available to them and gives them appropriate contact details. Any mediation is independent of NCL and NCL will be advised of the outcomes, so they can be entered into the database.

## Appeals against Nhulunbuy Corporations decision.

For matters relating to the application of Corporation By-Laws or the Animal Management Plan, an application may be made to the Nhulunbuy Corporation CEO, who will instigate a review of the decision.

## Complaints about Nhulunbuy Corporation staff

Complaints about the behaviours of Corporation staff or any alleged breaches of the law by Corporation staff may be made directly to the Chief Executive Officer / Town Administrator. These complaints are investigated in accordance with Corporations Dealing with Complaints Policy.

## Complaints about Corporation policy

Complaints about Corporation policy relating to the By-Laws and Animal Management Plan should in the first instance be made to the CEO / Town Administrator. Matters of policy may also be raised with the Corporation's Board of Directors.

## Fees & charges

For a full list of this year's fees & charges please visit our website or call the office for up-to-date information.

# Responsible cat ownership

Because cats are intelligent, resourceful, and hardy, it is easy to think that they do not need as much care and attention as other pets. But cats need love, attention, companionship, feeding and a suitable space to live and play in. Cats are now included in the 2023 amended Nhulunbuy Animal Control By-laws. Even though domestic cats do not need to be registered, cat owners must always contain their cats and have them under effective control. Cat owners can be issued infringements if their cat is a nuisance, is at large or attacks another animal or person.

## Cat owner responsibilities

Ensure your cat has adequate food, shelter, and water at all times. Meet the ongoing costs in caring for your cat such as vaccinations, maintenance of health and welfare, de-sexing, and microchipping. If your cat is microchipped it can be identified by the AMO as to who their owner is.

### Suitable home environment for your cat

Make sure you have thought about which parts of your home your cat can access, where it will eat, sleep and toilet and check that any outside areas they can access are safe and appropriately fenced or contained.

### Keeping your cat safely contained

Suburban environments pose too many risks to allow cats complete freedom. If you meet all their needs, de-sexed cats are happy to live inside your home or in a suitable enclosed area. Research shows the average life span of a cat kept inside is 12 years. The life expectancy of a cat that is allowed to roam is generally much less. It is natural for a cat to hunt, even those that are de-sexed, well fed and cared for. By keeping your cat inside, you reduce the number of times they might attack or threaten our native wildlife or be attacked themselves by other cats and dogs. Keeping your cat inside is not only a By-law requirement but will also ensure that it does not mix with the feral cat populations, reducing potential health issues for your cat. It will also help stop the feral cat population from growing, which in turn helps our beautiful native wildlife in their battle for survival.



## Cats at large

Cats are usually well-loved members of a family. However, even a pet cat that is well fed and looked after, may still roam and hunt. Cats that roam outside their yards have a shorter life span, they often become lost, injured, killed or are stolen while roaming unattended in the street. Their behaviour while roaming can be a nuisance to other people and are severely detrimental to wildlife and can attract infringements or result in the cat being impounded or trapped. Sometimes cats are abandoned by their owners and are left to become strays and join the feral cat population. Feral cats do not depend on people at all for their food and shelter. They roam, scavenging for food and hunting our native wildlife. Nhulunbuy currently has a large feral cat population which poses many issues for cat owners, community members and the Nhulunbuy Corporation.

### When is a cat at large?

A cat is considered at large when it is:

- Not properly contained in the owner's property
- Not under effective control by the owner, or
- Any part of its body is protruding from a vehicle.

It is advisable for owners to have their cats on a lead or enclosed in a suitable container when they are not being contained on the owner's property.

### Trapping cats at large

When a complaint is received about a cat being at large, or a nuisance, the Nhulunbuy Corporation deploy cat traps in a target area to trap the nuisance cat/s. The Nhulunbuy AMO conducts full time cat trapping all around

the town lease area and adjoining Dhimurru IPA land. The Nhulunbuy Corporation Animal Management Officer is extensively involved in the irradiation of feral cats, wild dogs and Buffalo in and around the town and industrial lease. Although it is easy to identify a wild dog, it is not very easy to identify whether a cat found in the bush is feral or a domestic family pet. The NCL Animal Management Officer will cull all cats found at large in the bush around the township of Nhulunbuy and the industrial lease that are not wearing a collar with an identification tag and bell or do not have a microchip implanted.

## Associated Legislation

- NCL Animal Management Policy
- Animal Protection Act 2018
- Animal Protection Regulations 2022
- Nhulunbuy Corporation in-house policies and procedures

## Useful Contacts

Nhulunbuy Corporation Office:.....8939 2200  
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Nhulunbuy Police station:.....8987 1333  
Crime stoppers:.....131 444