

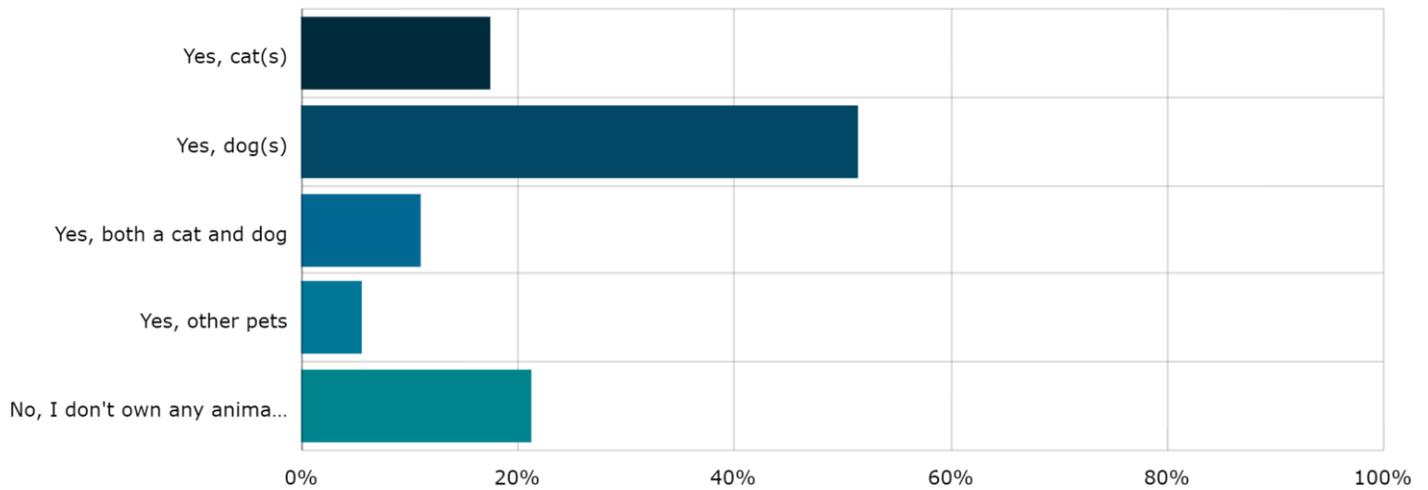
Domestic Animal Management Plan  
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177 Contributors      186 Contributions

## Contribution Summary

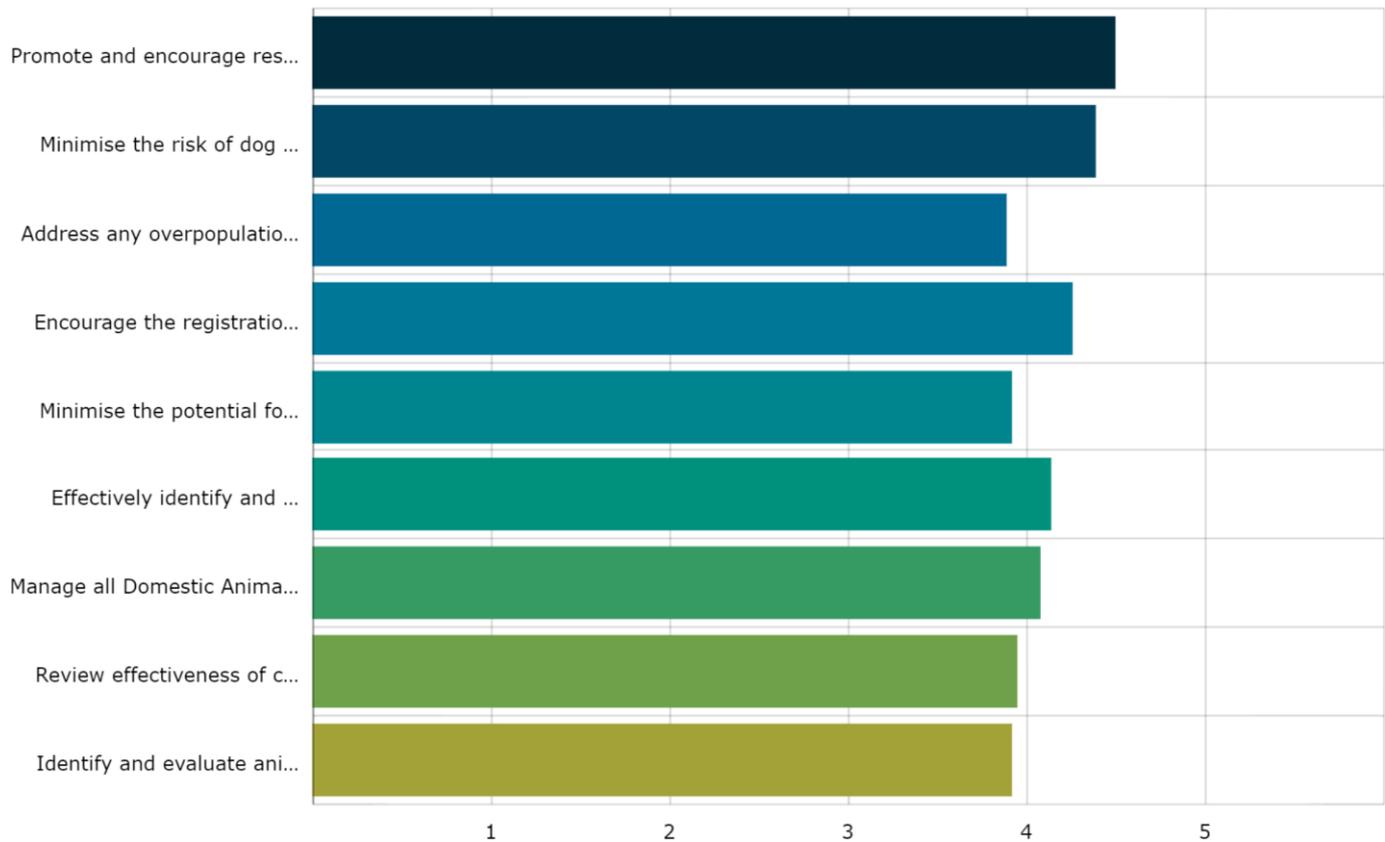
### 1. Do you own a domestic pet?

Multiple Choice | Skipped: 1 | Answered: 185 (99.5%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes, cat(s)	17.30%	32
Yes, dog(s)	51.35%	95
Yes, both a cat and dog	10.81%	20
Yes, other pets	5.41%	10
No, I don't own any animals	21.08%	39

**2. The Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) must address the following issues. Please rate the level of priority you would like to see given to each: (1 - Not a priority, 2 - Low priority, 3 - Medium priority, 4 - High priority, 5 - Essential)** Matrix | Skipped: 1 | Answered: 185 (99.5%)



	1	2	3	4	5	Count	Score
Promote and encourage responsible pet ownership	2.72% 5	3.80% 7	7.07% 13	14.67% 27	71.74% 132	184	4.49
Minimise the risk of dog attacks in the community	4.32% 8	3.24% 6	9.73% 18	15.68% 29	67.03% 124	185	4.38
Address any overpopulation and high euthanasia rates for dogs and cats	5.43% 10	8.70% 16	21.20% 39	22.28% 41	42.39% 78	184	3.88
Encourage the registration and identification of dogs and cats	4.86% 9	2.16% 4	13.51% 25	22.16% 41	57.30% 106	185	4.25
Minimise the potential for animal cruelty	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0	0.00
Effectively identify and manage all Domestic Animals	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0	0.00
Manage all Domestic Animals	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0	0.00
Review effectiveness of current policies	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0	0.00
Identify and evaluate animal welfare issues	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0	0.00

potential for dogs and cats to create nuisance	7	18	41	37	82		
Effectively identify and manage all declared dangerous, menacing and restricted breed dogs kept within the municipality	5.98% 11	8.15% 15	10.33% 19	17.93% 33	57.61% 106	184	4.13
Manage all Domestic Animal Businesses within the municipality and ensure compliance with relevant Code of Practice	2.72% 5	8.15% 15	15.76% 29	26.63% 49	46.74% 86	184	4.07
Review effectiveness of current Local Laws in relation to animals	5.43% 10	5.98% 11	15.76% 29	34.78% 64	38.04% 70	184	3.94
Identify and evaluate animal management services and training programs for Authorised Officers	5.52% 10	4.97% 9	20.99% 38	30.39% 55	38.12% 69	181	3.91

### 3. Do you support an increase in animal registration fees to fund the provision of additional animal management services?

Multiple Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 186 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	35.48%	66
No	41.40%	77
Unsure	23.12%	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>186</b>

#### 4. Are you aware that a night-time cat curfew now operates in Monash?

Multiple Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 186 (100%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	75.81%	141
No	21.51%	40
Unsure	2.69%	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>186</b>

**5. Do you support stronger enforcement and issuing of fines rather than warnings for animal-related offences, such as dogs off-lead in on-lead parks and dogs and cats creating nuisance?**

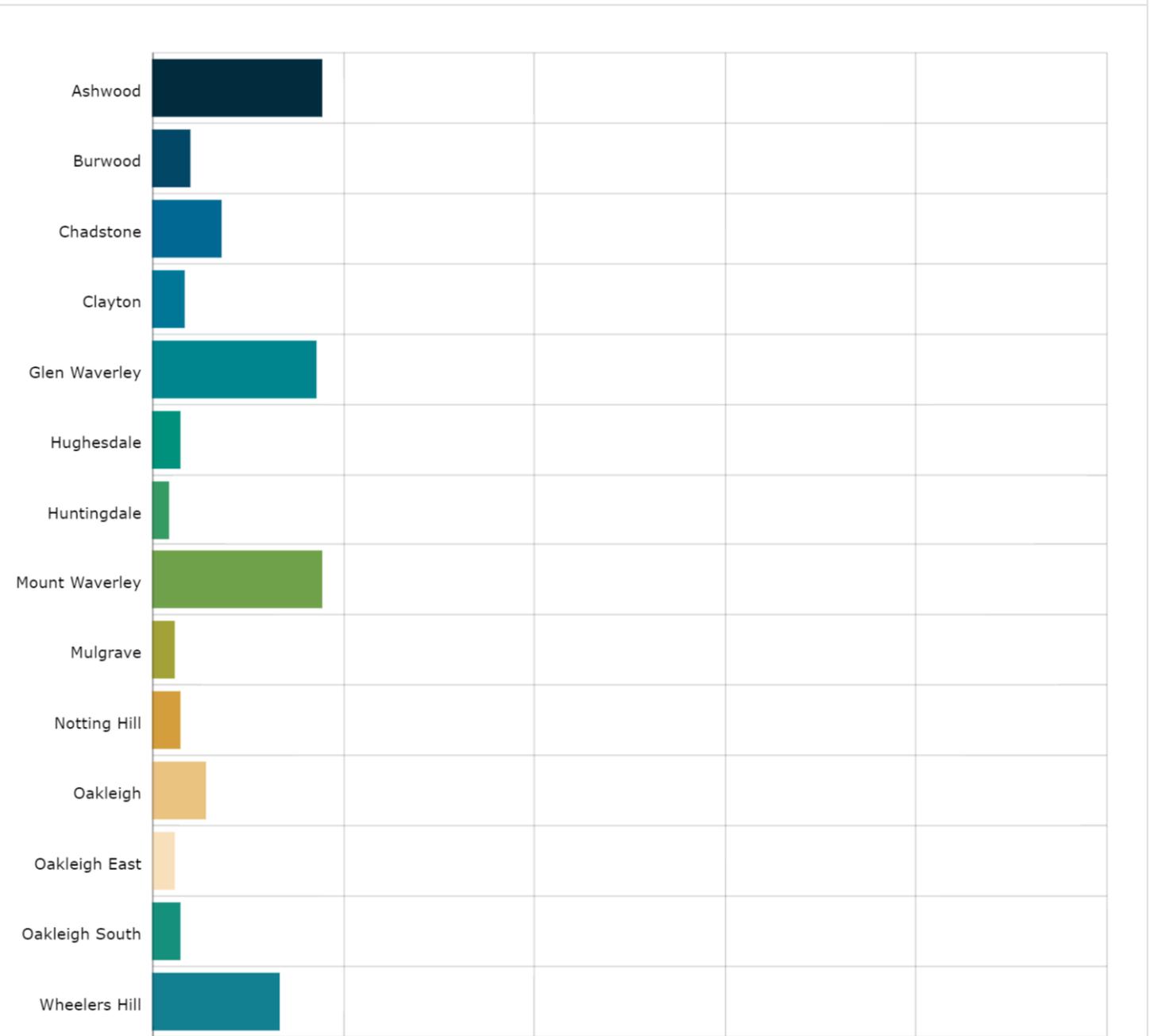
Multiple Choice | Skipped: 2 | Answered: 184 (98.9%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	55.98%	103
No	33.15%	61
Unsure	10.87%	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>184</b>

## In which suburb do you live?

Dropdown | Skipped: 5 | Answered: 181 (97.3%)

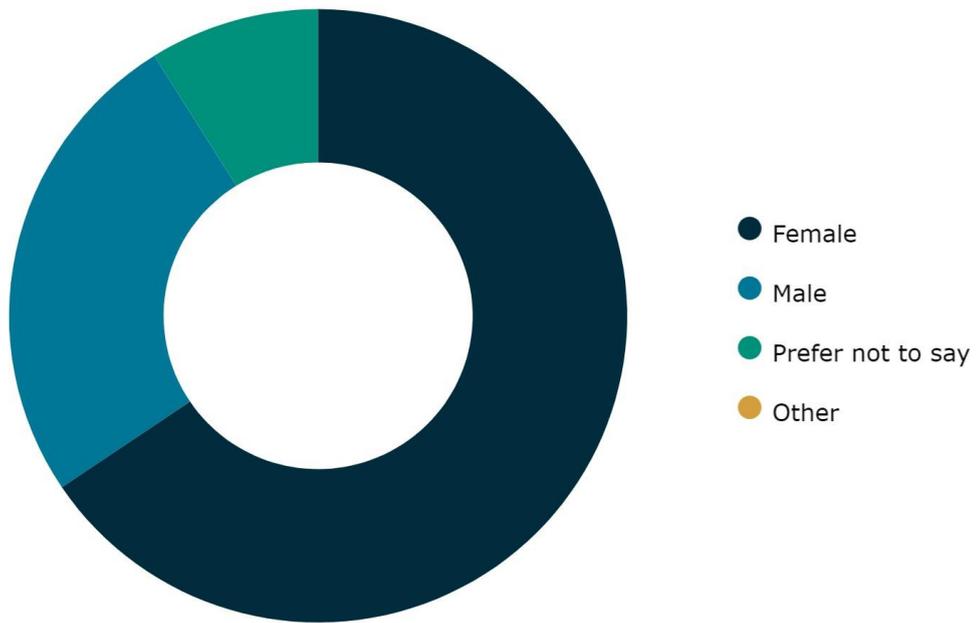


Answer choices	Percent	Count
Ashwood	17.68%	32
Burwood	3.87%	7
Chadstone	7.18%	13
Clayton	3.31%	6
Glen Waverley	17.13%	31
Hughesdale	2.76%	5

Huntingdale	1.66%	3
Mount Waverley	17.68%	32
Mulgrave	2.21%	4
Notting Hill	2.76%	5
Oakleigh	5.52%	10
Oakleigh East	2.21%	4
Oakleigh South	2.76%	5
Wheelers Hill	13.26%	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>181</b>

## What is your gender?

Multiple Choice | Skipped: 6 | Answered: 180 (96.8%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Female	65.56%	118
Male	25.56%	46
Prefer not to say	8.89%	16
Other	0%	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>180</b>

## Summary of Verbatim Comments made in Community Survey May 2021

### Promote and encourage responsible pet ownership

Regular reminders in monthly bulletin.

Monash and in particular Notting hill need a fenced off leash area. More people will own pets if there is a safe area like a fenced off lead area to exercise their pets. It builds community and promotes being responsible for pets.

Educate via a new "love your pet" newsletter distributed electronically to rate payers and known pet owners. Show tangible benefit to register your pet. Possibly include pet suppliers info so this becomes a real resource. Do your homework.

Attachment flyer on rate info and by emails to registered pet owners

We trained the dogs so that they can have access to everywhere they are allowed but ironically we can't take them to dog park because park is full of irresponsible dog owners. Please make the park enjoyable for those follow the rules, not letting these regulation breakers free their dog and no picking up poo and let the dogs to fight.

Pet owner registration with information advice. How do we stop a dog barking in our area now? It barks every time the owners leave home.

Most people here appear to be very responsible

Many dog owners do not pick up their dog poo. There should be more spot checks, especially around the Huntingdale wetlands area. Also, I've seen cats roaming the streets around Scotchman's creek at night. There is little point in creating laws if they are then not enforced.

Fence in unleashed dog areas. Fines for owners caught not following rules or law. Marshals to do on-the-spot checks.

More poo bags/bin struggle to find any

Owners cleaning up after their dogs, especially at night.

There should be fencing around children's playgrounds and these areas in particular should be no dogs allowed. I see this happens in other council areas so it can be done. Also there should never be a children's play area that has an off lease dog area.

Further public notices about cleaning up after pets, provision of poo bags in public parks and more promotion of the cat curfew.

Provide free neutering programs for cats. (I have neighbours' cats constantly entering my yard and urinating on my house weatherboards....)

Penalties and consequences for owners whose animals are a danger to the community. Rewards for owners who do the right thing, e.g. cheaper registration for those who complete approved training programs.

Have dogs trained.

More availability of poo bags in public areas and bins near by to dispose of them

Identify and communicate the key issue. Environment and green space are generally \*the\* biggest attraction/differentiator for Monash (and Melbourne as a city). Mismanaged pets - notably dogs - are currently arguably \*the\* biggest threat to this benefit.

The great majority of dog owners do the right thing, but a significant minority do not. As a result it's now uncommon to walk in the park or even down the street \*without\* encountering uncontrolled dogs. Off-leash dogs and dog droppings don't just disrupt other residents and wildlife. They are also inevitably connected to other unlawful and antisocial behaviours - selfishness, routine lying, disregard for lawful authority, threats/intimidation, trespassing, illegal dumping, vandalism etc etc - even by otherwise decent and law abiding people. These behaviours and attitudes then also influence children.

Registration form needs to make expectations absolutely clear and unavoidable. For example, can use \*multiple\* compulsory signatures or check boxes to enforce owner commitment to key points. e.g. "I have reviewed the list of designated off leash areas in my vicinity and commit to keep my dog on a leash in ALL other locations." ...fines, etc etc...

More, bigger, clearer signage may help. Might also need to emphasise that wilful vandalism of such signage is a crime, and that offenders presumably can and will be jailed.

Have reduced fees for animals that have proven obedience training and ability to mix with other pets. Second offenses have higher fines and stronger enforcement.

Promote shelters as providers of dogs; encourage pet ownership by promoting the availability of arrangements for pets when owners are on holidays.

Brochure + website links

Free training for owners and animals

communicate information to owners through email or social media. possible road side signs throughout municipality.

Liaises with vets in the area and apply fines if required. Address complaints within short time frame

Education and communication around the respective laws, ongoing in monthly communique.

receive information upon first time registration to assist new pet owners

Cleaning up after dogs defecate

I would like DNA samples taken of all cats and dogs that are registered so that their poo can be tested, weather on public or private land, and the owners fined for not picking up their dogs' and cats' poo. Cats' poo carries *Toxoplasma gondii*, which is a bacterium that causes mental illness in humans. Taxoplasmosis can be fatal for people with weakened immune systems

Annual Television advertisement. Reminder of pet responsibilities in the Monash Newsletters throughout the years that includes how to set up a cat enclosure at home. Including 2m side gates to be latched or locked for dogs.

Education. Clear messages about what pet ownership means in all council correspondence.

Minimise the risk of dog attacks in the community (contd.)

Education via Seminars, Leaflets, at home counselling, increased patrolling

Pet training and registration seems to be very lax. More council workers monitoring public spaces.

Encourage participation in Puppy and Dog Training Courses

Encourage purchase of animals from professional sources

Particularly cleaning up of dogs, not allowing dogs to go to the bathroom on nature strips or on private lawns

I don't think this is a major issue. But can be achieved through training in the community.

Ensure that proper signage, information is made to pet owners encouraging responsible ownership, supervision and management of pets.

Provide incentives for ongoing training of dogs

It would be great to have separate areas for little and large dogs that are fully fenced.

I think the creation of a fenced dog park with a designated area for small dogs would reduce the likelihood and severity of dog on dog attacks.

Identify dangerous breeds. Collar for dangerous breeds. Information for owners if their dog is aggressive and how to minimise risk through adequate socialisation and training.

Have a program that gives discounts for muzzles for registered/neutered dogs...?

register dangerous breeds and enforce council rules re dogs on leash in public places which are not always observed (ie. many dogs off leash in the Valley Reserve) offer

Encourage dog training which is the main issue for attacks, and proper socialising.

Owners are usually the problem, not the dog.

Send out info re what to do when you or an animal is attacked. Procedures to follow.

Separate large and small dog demarcated areas

Have an enclosed dog park with separate areas for small and large dogs

Separate the small and large dog area within the dog park

Create fenced separate small and large dog sections at off leash dog park

Provide some of the public knowledge on how to deal with potential attacks. So many people don't know what to do and end up making the situation worse for themselves and their dogs

Have on and off leash areas and make sure the rules are enforced accordingly. Have a small dog area and a large dog area (both fenced off and separated)

A fenced off-lead dog park near Ashwood area that separates small and big dogs will be very beneficial in keeping dog attacks between larger breeds against smaller breeds.

Pls create a small fence off dog park

If you build a dog park, make sure there is a small and large dog area.

Dogs should not be off leash unless proven to be safe..no allowance of dangerous breeds.

Advertising to educate that dogs should not be walked off lead in the streets and that aggression in small dog is unacceptable

Educate people near off lead dog areas how to behave around dogs

When creating a fenced in dog park, create a small dog space and a big dog space allowing a safe space for all animals. Some big dogs play really rough together sometimes creating an unsafe environment for smaller dogs.

All walking tracks should be in lead as digs often threatened if some on lead and some off lead.

Big dog/small dog segregation in inclosed dog park.

Consider building an enclosed dog park with separate fenced-in areas for small and big dogs

Ensure no dangerous dogs and act promptly for any dog attacks

If dogs are training and allowed in our society eg shops/cafes, less attack will occur because dogs then will be socialized and have learnt dog etiquette

All dogs should be on a lead when outside of their respective homes.

This is important as many dog attacks are not told to council. A survey from vets should be done to ascertain level of problem.

I think something needs to be done about irresponsible dog owners who think they have a god given right to let their dogs they are taking for a walk off leads. As soon as they see a cat sitting in it's garden they run into the garden and terrorise the cat. Community awareness needs to be raised so that people know it's illegal not to have dogs on a lead. There needs to be targeted campaigns in areas.

I would suggest a balance of the carrot and stick approach. People who mistreat animals (anything from abuse to abandonment) should suffer some consequences for this (and depending on the severity of it, potentially not allowed to own pets again). On the other hand, providing owners with information resources (perhaps a section in the Monash newsletter about available resources or tips for your pet), especially to raise general awareness of pets' needs, would hopefully be quite helpful.

Breed of dogs with more propensity for aggression should pass a sociability test to be allowed off lead.

Fully-fenced dog park

Making sure "at-risk" breeds in the community are kept muzzled and education on breeds that are likely to cause issues

Respond to any reports immediately and fine owners of dogs who behave dangerously.

Make it clear that aggressive dogs should be on leads or owners should communicate if they're dog isn't ok with other dogs e.g. a guide for owners who let their dogs off leash

Compulsory sterilisation of dangerous breeds and a muzzle required on the dog being walked if classed as a dangerous breed. Also a higher registration.

Require puppy school or training for dogs. Dogs that are noisy when the owners are away are a problem

Again more education of dog owners.

We do not attend the dog park opposite our home ( Argyle Reserve) with our dogs ( cavoodles) as they have been attacked on two occasions. One attack required our dog to have quite serious veterinary care. The owner of the vicious dog was not near his dog when it attacked and he left the park with no consequences. Our dog was also attacked on our property while in the front garden with our family when a dog put its head under our new front gates and bit our dogs mouth, also causing injury and much pain to our dog and veterinary care. The owners walked off and were never seen again. We extended the size of our gates and place wooden planks at the bottom to hopefully reduce the risk of our dog being injured on our property.

Education of both dog owners and non dog owners.

Dogs on leash. Education of community not to approach dogs that are tied up or how to approach an animal safely.

Information to dog owners at registration time.

One issue which is a constant annoyance is the number of dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs - whether in parks or on nature strips. Somehow this needs to be communicated that it is not acceptable.

Dogs should be on lease when out of doors. When owners and dogs are out on walks owners must carry bags to collect their dog's 'poo'.

Hefty fines for owners

Large dogs especially should not be permitted. Dogs should be kept on a leash when in public.

Dogs to stay on leash in all public areas.

I sat on dept of primary industries responsible pet ownership steering committee that created the dogs in schools safety incursions.

This is not an issue within the Mount Waverley community - I would go so far to say any attacks on the community would be a result of poor behaviour by the victim.

Ensure all dogs are on leashes when outside owners property

Registering dangerous or aggressive breeds and passing legislation that these breeds should have special conditions (i.e. muzzles, more secure leads etc.)

Dogs on Leeds, harsher penalties to owners including jail terms and compensation to victims

Additional Dog poo bag stations and bins. More dog water drinking stations. Promotion of Dog friendly groups

Insist on dogs being kept on leads in public areas at all times, (unless in designated off leash areas).

Don't let other activities, such as ball sports, operate within off leash dog parks. Off leash dog areas should be set aside purely for dogs and their owners, not for everyone else to play ball in or play with their young kids in. Dogs need to be able to exercise in a less stimulating environment. Off leash areas should be fenced and people without a dog should be required to stay out.

Yes

Continue to monitor dangerous breeds and ask people to report dangerous breeds.

All dogs on leads, have animal behaviour in newsletter to train people about normal healthy animal behaviour. There is ignorance in the community about healthy animal behaviour.

no dogs off leads and large dogs muzzled

More dog off-leash areas, particularly within the large spaces of unused grasslands under the powerlines in Mount Waverley. This will promote healthy exercise for pets and their owners, lead to better socialised dogs that are less likely to attack, and also promote neighbourhood unity. Please see the Haughton Road off-leash dog park for an example of a hugely positive impact on the community for a relatively low cost.

Ensuring that aggressive dogs are wearing muzzles when being walked.

People need to be liable if their dog attacks a person or another animal. And this must be made known to the public.

This will follow if more emphasis is placed on dogs being kept on-leash

Place identified dogs as dangerous as a result of menacing incidents, attacks, rushing incidents, on private property and in neighbouring streets, parks, sporting grounds etc.

Ridiculous. Is this survey produced by a dog-phobic? What risk? I see no risk.

Forget this category. Don't waste money or energy on it.

Registration of all dangerous breeds and banning of the worst breeds. Restrict access to parks and public places for these breeds.

Staff talking to the community in the parks.

Dogs should not be able to be leash free on sporting ovals as owners are unwilling to control their dogs or pick up their waste.

Council should enforce the dogs on leash within 20 metres of a playground or organised sporting events.

Enforced free training of dogs that must be attended by all pet owners.

Ban dangerous dog breeds

There are too many dogs allowed to run free at off leash areas without proper training. They have no reliable recall and often owners do not have a lead (but they manage to remember to bring a ball!).

I agree with the idea of preventing ownership of dangerous dog types but as is often the case, the dogs have not been socialised nor exercised and therefore the dogs are not necessarily to blame, so each case should be treated on its merits.

Make more dog parks available which are not shared with sports so that people are encouraged to exercise their dogs. More split dog parks for smaller and larger breeds. Council starting local dog social media pages to allow people to discuss concerns. Statistics and areas where attacks have taken place advertised to allow responsible owners the conscious choice of avoiding a particular park

Simplified information, in multiple (dominant) languages to the area

Education as above. Once dog attack happens, it's a bit late. Kids & parents need to be taught to respect dogs and not create problems.

Education is better than rushing to fine residents to line your pockets.

You are too heavy handed and unnecessarily intrusive with no animal benefit, other than trying to justify your jobs existence.

Dangerous dogs need to be registered. Easy reporting if attacks. Fines issued for offending dog owners.

Patrolling streets and parks

Same as above please check more regularly at the fenced park and make sure dogs are in effective control and owners are monitoring their dogs.

Obviously occasionally we dog sit our son's dog and i am staggered how many dog owners walk their dogs without leads - their dogs may be fine i have no idea how our son's dog would behave so it is always on a lead.

I don't have an aggressive breed, so I'm not sure how to address this.

Fence the unleashed dog areas. Increase fines.

Off lead I closed park

Registration of dogs.

Have clear signs of dog on leash areas and never ever have off the lease dog areas anywhere near a children's playground. Children's playground areas should be fenced off. The new playground at Electra reserve in Ashwood is a prime example of how dogs are allowed to freely roam through the children's playground.

More public information about the consequences of dog attacks (I.e. the punishment to owners and the potential implications for the dogs involved)

The council should teach children how to behave with dogs so the dogs don't get provoked and attack. They should also add more fenced-in off-leash parks so the dogs can burn energy

Registry of dog owners associated with attacks.

Patrol parks occasionally!

Develop enclosed off-leash areas, e.g. a park like Pawfield Park in Caulfield (<https://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/our-city/parks-and-playgrounds/caulfield-racecourse-wedge-pawfield-park>) with separate and safe areas for small and large dogs

If dogs are on leads attacks should be non existent or minimal.

Restrict dangerous breeds.

Second offenses have higher fines and stronger enforcement.

Are there many? Having pets on leads should minimise this.

Enforcement & fines. Registration of dangerous dogs & inspections of house to ensure safety of neighbours & dogs properly contained

Educating public

All dogs on leads unless I. Designated area apply fines where appropriate

People, in particular chinese mainland immigrants, misunderstand that in public parks they need to keep their dogs under control. this leads to many unnecassry dog attacks, i was witness to two in the past few weeks I suggest to put up signs in mandarin, as many of them don't speak english. Also we need far more control and a clear fining structure.

designated fenced off lead areas in public spaces

Off leads times specified

Certain breeds of dogs should be banned from the City of Monash and if dangerous dog breeds are found to be kept, the dogs destroyed and the owners heavily fined. In addition, if cats are discovered breaking the night curfew, the cats should be destroyed with no right of appeal for the owners.

Mandatory training for dogs at all stages of life. Fines must include training.

Act on complaints. I don't see this as requiring a lot of policy changes

Keep a register of any dog-person incidents in the area

Education via Seminars, Leaflets, at home counselling, increased patrolling

More council workers monitoring dog owner behaviour and issuing fines for people who do not actively monitor their dogs who are in areas with kids playgrounds. Too often owners are letting their dogs off the leash near playgrounds because they are too close to "leash free" areas, and owners think they are ok to let their dog roam unmonitored.

Restraint of certain breeds in Public Areas

Address any overpopulation and high euthanasia rates for dogs and cats

Prohibit it

I do not agree with euthanasia in dogs and cats unless the animals are seriously unwell. I am for adoption and support many shelters.

Encouraging adoption by offering discounted registration for adopted animals.

Give more support to no-kill shelters, and more incentive for people to neuter their pets. Harsher penalties for back-yard/home breeders who contribute to so much unnecessary euthanasia.

Come down hard in illegal dog & cat breeding.

Highlight the ownership responsibilities & consider a program of returning pup/kitten to breeder if unable to manage.

Support responsible pet ownership generally so euthansia for behaviour reasons reduces.

More discounts for desexing, More research into why dogs/cats are surrendered, etc

Increased fees for non sterilized cats and dogs.

No puppy farms and reduce euthanasia by more dog training for neglected dogs.

Better awareness of animals available for adoption

Free or discounted spay/neuter days

Yes more sensitivity on this issue

Look at other ways through free adoption promote it on websites advertise perhaps  
Really need a campaign to ensure pets are desexed to prevent overpopulation. Also have all pets microchipped ensures that lost animals can be returned to their owners.  
Responsible dog ownership and training of owners and breeders of dogs should help with dogs with problems being given to shelters.  
More dog rehabilitation and cheaper rates for neutering.

not sure

Have low costs for neutering pets, awareness of the max number of pets, and education on the work of keeping a pet.

Promote adoption of strays. Higher registration fees by a greater amount to pets not desexed.

Na

Is this a problem still? Council could offer a service to trap stray cats

This should be done.

Higher registration fees for intact animals. Education regarding animal health and welfare.

Encourage and discount registration for adopted pets.

Work with the shelter and re homing

More adoption promotions and rewards, such as reducing costs of adoption

Active management of the feral population

Unsure

pet breeders- dogs, cats, pet shops should all have their licenses taken off them, we don;t need any more dogs or cats bred there are too many in the pounds/shelters, people should adopt these first or dont get a pet. greyhound racing should also be banned as should horse racing which results in many animals euthansed- but huge COI here with government personnel (corrupt industry). monash will not do anything about pet breeders so why ask in survey?!

This is a problem at a council rate - why are you not publishing your euthanasia rates publically. This should be public data. No resident of Monash has the right to comment on this issue without evaluating data. This therefore is a NON issue.

Not seeing this as an issue

I don't support hurting an animal due to overpopulation. I only support euthanasia if an animal is sick beyond help or is a danger to people or other animals

Keeping registration fees low for desexed animals as an added incentive to reduce birth rates. Actively encourage adoption rather than buying. ( In council newsletters etc).

I don't consider that it's Council role to regulate population or euthanasia of dogs and cats.

Focus on sterilisation.

No

## **Encourage the registration and identification of dogs and cats**

Make it into law

I have been a pet owner since a child and have always registered our dogs and cats. Council should encourage people by providing say an early registration payment discount.

Later desexing of dogs is now recommended in many quarters. The registration cost for undesexed dogs under the age of 12 month could be reduced and/or discount provided for approved training.

Discount for multiple registrations. Discount for adopted animals. Ensuring that animals have collars and tags.

offer some incentives, ie. reduced fees for two years' registration

Any dog or cat found off property without identification cannot be released until it has been registered & identified by the owner. Any owner not complying and continually allowing their pet off their property should have a ban on owning pets.

More discounts, more incentives, carrots rather than sticks

Yes

Educate people about what is being done with their money for registering and ensure the services registrations fund services people who exhibit good animal ownership as well as people who don't- make this clear - send letters/ brochures to pet owners about what is being done with the money and what is being offered

Educational events for pet owners

Most important

This is not relevant as it;s just a way the council can create another job position which is not needed.

This really goes hand-in-hand with being a responsible pet owner. So regular campaigns would help. This is essential.

Start handing out fines to owners who are caught with unregistered dogs or cats.

Offer the option to purchase collars or name tags with pet registration/renewal to streamline the process (low-profile collars for cats that hate large collars and nametags would be a good idea too). I would also suggest include some information with the registration/renewal about how far cats can wander when outside and that having them wear a collar with contact details will make it much easier for people to bring a person's pet home or call the owner if needed.

wearing registration tag

Issue registrations to addresses known for pets and have metal tags available for cheap as plastic is bad for the environment and cats will chew through the plastic tags.

Communicate the advantages of registrations, breakdown where the money goes. I pay registration for both dogs but no idea where the money goes. I've written before to switch the degradable plastic bags to biodegradable but no action is seen

For sure and heavy penalties for not registering these animals. Every dog we had was registered with the City of Monash

Fun park events for registered dogs. Pet photo competitions for registered animals.

Lottery rewarding some registration numbers with free registration for 1 or 2 years.

Discount for adopted pets. Extra fees for pure bred and from breeder pets.

Door knocks!

Dogs & cats should have identity tags.

Removal of unregistered?

It is very important that pets can be identified.

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implement fines for non-compliance

I have never met anyone who has not registered their dog. This is a non-issue.

Confiscate dogs and cats found without registration and information tags

Maybe offer a rate reduction to registering pets that offsets the cost of registration.

yes

Give pros as to why registration is important via different media

Keep the fees low and affordable will encourage compliance.

I think that is achieved already.

There are people who need animal companions but can not afford the fees to register their pets.

1. Fees to be reduced for pensioners/low income earners etc

2. Fees waved for homeless people.

Pet registration should be checked and having officers checking these in parks or pathways in a positive/supportive manner would encourage this. People understanding why they need to register and what the overall benefits to the community are should be communicated.

Having a waiver period of fines for registering an older pet may encourage people to register.

Always, if people can't afford then they can't afford dog or cat care

Keep reg costs low but increase information about why it is required in regular council communications

Identification yes but what does the annual registration achieve. What do I as a cat owner get for the \$\$ that I pay each year?

I do the right thing every year but for those that do the right thing, maybe vouchers of some sort then owners like myself would not get angry.. ps the registration goes up every year regardless. Work within your budget like we have to and stop giving councillors big fat pay increases for doing nothing extra.

Any unregistered animal is impounded and a fine imposed, and proof of registration required before release.

Educate ratepayers, social media, breakdown cost and where fees for registering animals actually goes to.

Aren't things in this department reasonably well handled as it is?

Change nothing. Spend nothing more on this non-concern.

Offer some sort of reward

Door knocks

Enforce the law that all domestic animals must be registered but keep the fee reasonable especially for those who would find the cost difficult therefore discriminative.

Impose fines for unregistered animals

Do spot checks, door knocking and increase fines.

Absolutely. It appears there may be a number of pets not registered although difficult to tell now that tags no longer issues.

Letter box drop in monash informing people of the rules and their responsibilities with access to a specific social media portal for neighbours to report concerns about cats/dogs out after curfew or causing concerns.

Discount for dogs that have attended recognized puppy school or dog training.

Simplified information, in multiple (dominant) languages to the area

Your current intrusive policies discourage registration.

You need to develop a more positive approach.

Currently we know if our pets (especially if they're old) end up at council pounds that they are highly likely to be killed, as their scared behaviour is interrupted incorrectly by lazy council pound staff.

Cheaper rates if registered by a due date. Fees go up otherwise.

No knowledge

I think dog registration should be pro rata . We shouldn't be charged the full rate when we get a dog later in the year. Also there should be a puppy charge as we wanted to register our puppy but obviously they aren't fixed until a later age but council has no flexibility. Many people don't register puppies because of this.

Provide notices throughout the year to ensure new pet owners are aware of their responsibilities

Hefty fines for those who sell unregistered pets. Registration should be a mandatory part of the sale process.

Make it cheaper to register a cat.

Waste of time and money. We get nothing for it. Most cats and dogs have microchips and tags with addresses and phone numbers. If a dog or cat is found people here contact the owners directly. We do not want the council involved. Money grab

On the spot checks should address this. Maybe reminders in Monash council newsletters or a stand at a local event.

Get vet and grooming shops to report. Spot check pets in parks

Have pet registration part of general rates.

More education or enforcement of this so that dogs in particular can be identified easily in the event of an attack.

The was once a stray near my house with no collar or signs of identification. I could not approach as the dog started barking at me and I didn't want to be bitten. Council would not attend unless I had the dog contained which was not possible as I didn't want to risk being bitten by this aggressive dog.

My mother's dog was attacked by an off lead dog in quiet street. This was reported to council but during investigation the dog could not be located.

Free regos

Spit checks

I believe that many dogs in the parks are unregistered, since the tags dont have to be shown anymore it seems the number has increased. bring back the dog tags!!!!

fines for non-compliance

A reduction in rates for registering animals

We should encourage behaviour by fining any dog or cat owner, severely. After all, Council shows no mercy to a 90+ year old World War II veteran for parking incorrectly, why should a dog owner get discretion for failing to register their cat or dog.

Highlight in the Newsletter and television advertising the benefits of this.

Enforce the rules you have

communication - letter box drop, along with annual notices [hard rubbish collection, rates, etc], Council newsletter

Monitoring of tags of animals by council workers at public spaces.

This is a must and second offenders should lose ownership of the Pet

Recovery after pick up by Council Workers should be subject to heavy fines

Critical

**Minimise the potential for dogs and cats to create nuisance**

## Training in the community

I am extremely happy that council has finally introduced a curfew for cats. I have a domestic and he has never been outside - they don't need to.

Educate pet owners on what constitutes nuisance and give them support to find and implement solutions

Confining cats to their owners property.

Barking dogs to be fitted with collar that discourages barking.

follow up more effectively any complaints

This is training. Owner training on the needs of their dog/cat.

Education!

Monitoring problem areas.

Seek assistance and input from qualified force free trainers

Very concerned about cats roaming and killing wildlife. People need to be strongly incentivized to desex their cats and keep them inside. Still too many cats able to go wherever they want.

A fenced off area for dogs (seperate for big and little) in ashwood.

Ye rewards for responsible ownership and continuing education

Employ animal behaviourist who can help referred cases and people can access effective solutions

Educational events for pet owners

A separate enclosed area for digs off leash which encourages dogs socialising. Also separating large dogs from small breeds is safer as dig attacks happen. A vet survey needs to be done on big dig attacks happen frequently with big dogs and small breeds, even death.

This is a very broad question. What about starting with more bins at entrances to areas frequented by walker/dog walkers, giving the walker the opportunity to pick up rubbish and to pick up after their dog.

The cat curfew was solely needed. However, I notice that some residents have not adhered to this in my area. It might be helpful to have a system of warnings then a fine if the owner doesn't comply. There should also be significant fines for dog owners who let their pets out unleashed, allow their pets to soil in public areas and do not address their pet's constant barking.

dog and cat education for owners is essential.

Most of the nuisance issues arise from stray cats. If people can be made aware of what to do and services available for humanely catching and rehoming strays, this would help control the stray population.

Yes encourage more puppy schools to help dog socialisation. All large dogs should be proven to be safe off lead by attending an obedience class and get a certificate.

An off lead area, enclosed that separates large and small dogs is much safer. My small dog was recently attacked by a big dog. After attending an off lead park which separates large and small my dog has had a wonderful fun safe time and so have I. This also encourages community engagement.

allow areas that dogs and cats can be.

Police the cat curfew

I haven't come across this

It seems a difficult problem but there are a number of cats that enter our garden and attack birds. It seems hard for Council to do anything about that.

Require puppy school or training for dogs. Dogs that are noisy when the owners are away are a problem

Make people keep dogs inside at night to decrease barking

EEducation of both pet owners and non pet owners.

Mandatory at night time.

Ensure that animals are confined to the yards of the property they live in.

Issue fines.

Pooing in neighbours compounds.

Offer nuisance cat traps and signage at on leaf ovals and parks.

Fines

Support those impacted as currently it appears that council is "hands off" and unsupportive of those impacted by persistent nuisance where effective engagement could be pivotal and resolve the matter

ABSOLUTELY! Advertise the curfew time for cats.

The sound of barking dogs is VERY UNFAIR for neighbours. Everyone should be able to experience PEACE in their own home and not be disturbed by the constant barking of dogs. Pet owners should be encouraged to care for their dog properly and not leave them to become stressed or lonely.

Dog owners need to be aware if their dog gets distressed when they are away from home and then there is dogs barking or crying. Also do not allowed those large dogs that bark at you everytime you walk past their

property. It can be quite terrifying

cats should be kept inside=- esp at night, native animals should be encouraged to be kept as pets.

I think cat owners should be commended for their due diligence in conforming to the cat curfew. The amount of cats at night is minimal.

This is a major issue and council needs to be more proactive in catching the owners of offending animals

Not seeing this as an issue

People who hear or see an animal being a nuisance to report it and not have to deal with it

Have stronger enforcement on dogs that excessive bark without owners taking measures to address the issue.

Dogs bark and cats wander. It's life. But not all dogs and cats are vicious killers.

Pet instead. The vast majority of us are responsible pet owners and we really do want the best for our pets as well as our neighbours.

ownership is becoming an onerous task instead of a pleasure. Stop regulating, and trust the public to be considerate towards our neighbours Heavier fines for cats & dogs roaming at night time, which I have seen over a short period of time wildlife being decimated.

Barking dogs are a nuisance however it should be up to the owners to curtail this bad behavior before a neighbor has to complain. Keeping cats indoors at night and within your property boundary should be discussed. Dogs are not allowed to roam the neighborhood so why do cats get afforded such free reign.

Training children how to be around animals. Respecting their space

Educate ratepayers, reduced vet fees.

Circulars distributed to encourage the public to clean up after their dogs.

Tough one sorry.

Educating pet owners by actively engaging them in conversation and constructive solutions to the problems.

Keep hunting dog like American/Japanese Akita inside the house during night time (8pm to 8am) as it barks at possum/rat at other side of fence.

keep it 4m away from the neighbour's fence to reduce the impact of strong barking noise.

More off lead dog parks

Sure - see suggestions above. I live near a very lovely young family who have a disabled child and they are quite busy. They own two beautiful pomeranians that are NEVER exercised so they regularly escape and wander the neighbourhood ... They are lovely dogs and really wouldn't hurt anyone but they do wander the neighbourhood and create a nuisance. Traffic mainly. What to do?? Maybe a neighbourhood roster to help them exercise their dogs - there's an idea. Perhaps this is something that can be suggested on your education blitz - maybe offer to take your neighbours dogs for walks.

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Council needs to do more to address complaints about barking dogs. Onus is on the complainant to record times and evidence. Seriously, if someone goes to the effort of complaining the dog is definitely a nuisance. Our neighbours across the road had dogs that barked each time someone walked past. Council did nothing. Thankfully they moved. Never have I been so happy.

This is all education as per my first point. Fines are not the only answer and demonstrate your real motivation.

Cat curfew is great. Reports for dogs who have escaped.

Patrols as above and inspect premises of dangerous breeds too ensure their properties are secure

Good luck with that we have visiting cats at night from neighbours and barking dogs.

Happy to discuss the problem with my neighbours myself

Fine owners

Inclosed dog park

Cats should not be allowed out as they kill so many native animals.

Council must act quicker on complaints

enforce existing laws with heavy penalties. make it easier for the community to advise of nuisance pets.

Cat curfew is a great initiative that you have taken

Fines for excessive barking

Dog barking is still a massive issue in the area. People leave their dogs in backyards, and as result they bark all day.

These owners need to be fined heavily in my view. No mercy.

This is a problem in shared areas for eg Southern Reserve and Mackie Rd where children and other family

dogs take and destroy children's balls

Cat and dog owners must be held to account. Constantly barking dogs when neighbours come out of their homes and cats and dogs pooping in their neighbours' properties are behaviours that should not be accepted and must be punished. Furthermore, dog owners taking their dogs for walks and leaving the dogs' faeces all over the streets for people to trample is not on.

Enforce the rules you have. Also, actively respond to reports of stray or feral animals. At present, you request the person reporting it to secure the animal. That is not feasible for feral animals in particular, and generally not for strays.

Not sure how you can do this effectively

increase fines

More council people at public parks and spaces.

Not sure how you can do this apart from ownership responsibility

Especially barking

### **Effectively identify and manage all declared dangerous, menacing and restricted breed dogs kept within the municipality**

Don't encourage the idea of dangerous or restricted breeds. We all know it's about how dogs are trained by their owners.

Definitely agree this is important. People should feel safe walking the streets with their dogs on a leash and not have to be afraid that they or their pet will be attacked.

This is an important safety issue. The process should be transparent.

Yes, definitely, there should be a sign on their fence.

Is this a local council thing? I thought it was a state thing. But identifying dangerous breeds/dogs with a collar.

All dogs should be identified if registered.

If a dog is declared dangerous, there should be proper grounds for doing so & ensure the owner has properly contained the dog on their property. There should also be some training enforced for both dog and owner (particularly the owner). If the dog is taken off the property, it should be on lead & have some kind of muzzle on.

Yes they're horrible

This is important. There should be no dangerous breeds bred at all.

Ensure the animal and owners are checked regularly that they are complying with policies and enable access to dog behaviourists

Certain breeds should not be allowed in cities

How many dogs are we talking about? It's again about encouraging dog training and handler education. Not about punishing the dog and owner and adding more stress to their life, they probably already find it hard owning a dog with issues.

Yes and I don't think dogs of those breeds should be allowed at all.

I think certain breeds of dogs that have been bred for aggressive purposes should not be bred or allowed in cities at all.

Respond to reported incidents promptly

A uniform I'd tag would be good. Can be a different colour to the green tag

This is a must.

Through registrations and response to community complaints.

Cats are more a nuisance. Dangerous dogs have identification requirements. Cats run freely across the road and into the green belts around me, causing damage to wildlife populations.

Minimise the dangerous species.

Council should be more proactive about this.

Neighbours should not have to experience the fear of a dangerous dog when passing by a house, especially one that has paws which can reach the top of a fence.

Menacing dogs are those which constantly bark in the neighbourhood.

not sure i think some breeds are demonised

No such thing as a dangerous dog - only stupid owners. That being said, if a dog is rehomed with violent tendencies it does need to be tracked. This can be in the form of property inspections, yearly check-ins and training support. This training support would gladly be provided for free by residents who would volunteer their time - further enhancing the community bond.

Registering dangerous or aggressive breeds and passing legislation that these breeds should have special

conditions (i.e. muzzles, more secure leads etc.)

how is this done?

Through registration identify dangerous breeds and advise/check if the dog has done anything to affect anyone

Yes

This would be hard for the council to identify and manage without the support and information a neighbor or local resident would need to supply.

To limit to one per family and proof of training, like a p plate driver

Advertise that people should contact the Council to report a dog that may be dangerous, menacing and restricted breed dogs.

Again a registration of owners and doing the best to stop backyard breeders.

Advise ratepayers where dangerous dogs are, educate ratepayers on why dogs may be declared dangerous etc.

Please DROP the 'dangerous breeds' notion/ rhetoric. There aren't dangerous breeds; only ignorant human custodians.

'Menacing' is a stupid, loaded word. Loaded with prejudice. Menacing is in the eye of the beholder.

Registration of all dangerous breeds and banning of the worst breeds

Random patrols.

Enforce a law that allows this to take place

If rangers were to be at the dog park and build a relationship with the many dog owners who attend (when sport isn't being played) you would quickly get an understanding of the local dog ownership environment and points of concern

Understand that it's the owner who raises the dog poorly, not the dog's fault.

Encourage dog registration as per above so that you have a truer view of the dogs in the area.

Absolutely necessary!

Check dog breeds per registration info and visit properties as above

No problems here. People self manage

Confiscate and euthanise them

Dangerous breed dogs should not be allowed.

Remove these breeds from the city

Enforcement & fines. Registration of dangerous dogs & inspections of house to ensure safety of neighbours & dogs properly contained

Increase fines for owners

Resident and vet feedback crack down on restricted breeds

Absolutely necessary. No american bulldogs off-lead in public parks!

through registration?

We should effectively identify and manage all declared dangerous and menacing breeds by completely banning them. By completely banning them, we remove any Grey areas.

Newsletter showing pictures of these animals.

Upon registration of non-dangerous animals, flyer given out to all owners that identifies these animals.

Respond to complaints.

I think this is very important as there are many unsuitable breeds of dogs that inhabit small backyard and are left and not exercised

Not sure

### **Are there any other specific animal management issues within Monash that we should address?**

No

Provide more leash free fully enclosed dog parks for owners and their pets.

There are no provision of dog waste bins along the pathway and grassed areas north of the Monash fwy between Huntingdale and warrigal roads, even though there has recently been warning signs sprayed on the pavement stating that dog owners should bin it or risk fines.

Cats roaming around parks and reserves, not just at night, but during the day.

there are still too many irresponsible dog owners not picking up their animals' waste

I would like to see the provision of fully enclosed off-leash dog areas - 1 for large dogs and 1 for small dogs.

Great opportunity for dogs to socialize without affecting other patrons to park area. Owners are able to

socialize as well. Creates a community spirit and gets like-minded people together. Could advertise on surrounding fence area good pet ownership and dog ownership laws etc. As an example - pawfield park at - 2 booran rd, caulfield east vic 3145

Fenced off area for small dogs

Creation of fenced dog park in Ashwood area

I would love you to adopt the City of Charles Sturt attitude to animals in the city of Monash.

I do know that Charles Sturt is lucky to have one or two really fabulous, educated proactive dog trainers on staff, who really help with this push

<https://www.charlessturt.sa.gov.au/services/pets-and-animal-management>

finer for people who continuously don't pick up their dog's business and provide pop bags at popular dog parks like many other parks in other municipalities - helpful for those people who have forgotten.

We need more off lead dog parks that are safe for small dogs!

Pls create a small dog park fenced ASAP my dog has been nearly attacked so many times by the. Big dogs in Gardiner reserve

We would love more dog parks! So good for people relating in community, good for mental health and great for dogs.

Good to have a fenced in park that caters for Doggy play and separates big and small dogs. Some agility activities for big dogs. Good for dog owners to meet.

Also no off lead on walking tracks, just on lead. Special separate areas for off lead. Only dogs off lead if they pass a compliance test. Safety for people, dogs and children.

More water avail when walking would be helpful.

Make poop bags available at off lead areas -even the best dog owners run out or forget sometimes

Yes the walking tracks should be all on lead and an enclosed area for big and small dogs important. This also encourages a community spirit with the dog owners

Access to off-leash areas to exercise dogs. I've seen that there will be construction outside of Jells Park for tennis courts. Will there be a replacement dog off-leash area? A fenced area, or at least away from roads (the current one has road on two sides), would be greatly appreciated.

The aim of allowing older people to remain in their own homes and keep a cat or dog :- I would like to see a group of competent animal Carers organise a system where Council provides the names & addresses of elderly people who could be helped with the caring of their pet. Examples :- the Carer would walk their dog or bath it. Also help with cutting nails or brushing thick coats. Driving to and from Vet visits. Talking about correct diet if pet is also old.

Bins and bins. What does it matter what my gender is, completely irrelevant to this questionnaire.

I would suggest addressing dog owners that allow their pets to soil resident's properties but this is near impossible to deal with.

I think drinking water should be available. There should be an off lead fenced in area separates larger breeds from smaller breeds. Many vets will tell of dog attacks. Unfortunately big dogs do more damage. This type of area encourages community connection through the dogs and helps dogs socialise safely. Many people don't take their small dogs to off lead areas because they have had bad experiences and have heard of other people's bad experiences.

The main issue for me is dogs that aren't on leads running into my garden (which isn't fenced) and terrorising my cat who is sitting in my garden trying to enjoy the sun. Unfortunately he doesn't grasp the concept that the backyard is a safer place for him to be.