



## **Animal Inspection Program 2022 APPROVED INSPECTION PROGRAM – DOGS**

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2009 & ANIMAL MANAGEMENT (CATS & DOGS) ACT 2008**

In accordance with section 133 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 113 of the Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act 2008 Richmond Shire Council resolved at its meeting on 19 April 2022 that a selective approved inspection program will be carried out on properties within Richmond Shire, to monitor compliance with the registration requirements of the Animal Management Act 2008 and compliance with the provisions of Council's Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2018 regarding the provision that owners must provide a proper enclosure to prevent their dogs from wandering.

### **Purpose and Scope of Programs**

To ensure that:

- all dogs over the age of 12 weeks are registered and microchipped in accordance with the Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act 2008;
- that the owners of dogs have a proper enclosure that prevents their dog(s) from escaping from their property;
- Properties with more than 2 dogs have a permit.

Council's Authorised Officers will be visiting homes between the hours of 6.00am and 6.00pm Monday to Saturday, with the majority of inspections to be carried out during normal working hours, or at such time depending on the circumstances of the householder. The programs will run for a period of three months.

### **Program Times**

Systematic inspection program for compliance with the registration requirements of the section 46 of the Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act 2008 will commence on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 and end on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

The systematic inspection program for compliance with section 14 of Council's Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2018 – duty to provide proper enclosure and prevent the animal from wandering will commence on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 and end on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

### **Properties to be inspected**

Properties that will be inspected include properties in the towns of Richmond and surrounds and any other streets in the shire identified as areas having issues with problematic dogs.

### **Access to Resolution and Program**

The public may inspect a copy of Councils resolution and the program at Councils office until the end of the program. These documents will also be available to view on Councils website [www.richmondshirecouncil.com.au](http://www.richmondshirecouncil.com.au) until the end of the program.

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