

# 2026 - 2030 Animal Management Plan



## Community Engagement Summary

**Weipa Town Authority** values the important role pets have in our community, providing friendship and improving the health and wellbeing of many residents. Our goal is to ensure that all residents and pets can live harmoniously and safely together in our vibrant community.

In October 2025 we asked you for feedback to help develop and shape the **2026–2030 Animal Management Plan**. The purpose was to better understand community awareness, satisfaction, and priorities regarding the management of animals within our community.



# 75

VALID SURVEY  
RESPONSES RECEIVED

## What We Learned

### Our Focus Area

68%

#### PET OWNERS

68% of participants are pet owners.

32%

#### NON PET-OWNERS

32% of participants are non pet owners.

65%

#### OF RESPONDENTS

are aware of current animal management laws.

### Local Concerns

Top 3 local concerns identified by our survey participants.

01



WANDERING AND  
STRAY DOGS

02



BARKING  
DOGS

03



ENFORCEMENT  
& COMPLIANCE

*"Wandering dogs. I no longer take my dogs for a walk solo as they've been attacked multiple times by wandering hunting dogs" - Weipa Resident*

*"Education campaigns would be a great way to build community, dogs do bark, help for some residents that are having issues would encourage some tolerance"*  
- Weipa Resident

### Community Pet Education

Top 3 education topics identified by participants.



DESEXING  
EDUCATION



PET OWNERSHIP  
LAWS & REGULATIONS



LEASH AND  
REGISTRATION RULES

84%

Support increased community education on the **benefits of desexing**.

74%

Consider partnership between **WTA, veterinarians & CAPS** "very important"

*"Stronger enforcement, more penalties to hold people accountable".*  
- Weipa Resident