

Where does your money go?

Dogs and cats are part of our vibrant community and it is important that, as a Council, we provide adequate services for you and your pet.

Animal registration fees have been set to provide improved animal management services to meet community expectations. We want to be transparent and show you what your registration fee contributes to.

In 2023-24 we expect to collect around \$485,000 in animal registration fees. In the same period we will spend around \$580,000 to manage animals. The diagram below shows how we spend each dollar:

1¢ PRINTING + POSTAGE
for mailouts

17¢ AFTER HOURS SERVICE
cost for weekend and night time services

4¢ GAWS

(Geelong Animal Welfare Society) fee for rehousing unclaimed animals

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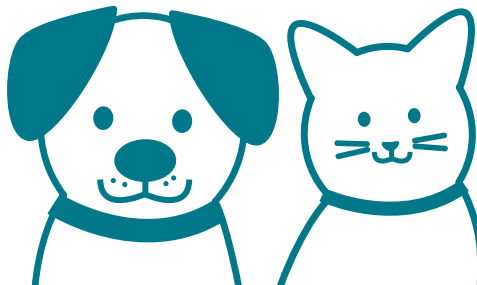
3¢ CASUAL RANGER

during peak visitor period from December to Easter

5¢ STATE GOVERNMENT

levy paid to government, used to promote responsible pet ownership and support animal welfare

HERE IS HOW WE SPEND EACH DOLLAR:



47¢ RANGERS

to cover patrols and staff training and to respond to requests such as lost animals, roaming cats and dogs and barking dogs

18¢ OPERATING COSTS

items including vehicles and technology

3¢ POUND RENTAL

including food

1¢ EQUIPMENT

including cat cages, dog tags and citronella collars and animal handling equipment

1¢ BEACH PATROL

beach vehicle annual operational costs

IN OUR SHIRE THERE ARE CURRENTLY



6,067
registered dogs



878
registered cats

In 2023, we received 991 animal-related customer service requests



93 reports of **lost animals**
146 callouts to collect **animals at large**



123 animals were **impounded**
with an excellent return rate of around **80%**.



57 dog attacks
7 involving people, 50 involving other animals
83 barking dog complaints responded to