



Agreement between Campbelltown City Council and Organisations Wishing to Rescue Dogs and Cats (Rescue Organisations) from Council's Animal Care Facility

In order to ensure efficient coordination and a clear understanding of the roles performed by Campbelltown City Council and the Rescue Organisation in re-homing of dogs and cats from Council's Animal Care Facility the following sets out the responsibilities of each party:

Council will:

1. Inform the Rescue Organisation if suitable dogs or cats are available for re-homing.
2. Only supply dogs or cats for re-homing under the following circumstances:
 - The dog or cat is considered to be suitable for re-homing or the rescue group is able to rehabilitate.
 - The dog or cat is owned by Campbelltown City Council due to it being held beyond the period prescribed under the *Companion Animals Act 1998 and Companion Animals Regulation 2018* or has been surrendered to Council by its owner
 - Council has not been able to release or sell the cat or dog and is satisfied that re-homing via the Rescue Organisation is acting in the best interest of the animal and the community.
3. Microchip each cat or dog prior to release to the rescue organisation.
4. Ensure that its Officers will conduct themselves in a professional, ethical and courteous manner and treat all members of rescue organisations with dignity and respect in relation to the various dealings that are associated with the terms of the agreement.

Rescue Organisation (together with its foster carers, wherever applicable) must:

1. Maintain their approval as an Animal Rescue Organisation with the NSW Division of Local Government as an exempt organisation under Clause 17(1)(c) of the *Companion Animals Regulation 2018* and continuously comply with any associated requirements, terms or conditions.
2. Advise Council in writing of any changes to the Rescue Organisation's carers within the Campbelltown Local Government area.
3. Ensure that the Rescue Organisation's carers within the Campbelltown Local Government Area limit the number of animals within their care at any one time to two dogs and six cats, unless prior written approval has been provided by Council to increase that number.
4. Ensure that the premises of the Rescue Organisation's carers within the Campbelltown Local Government Area and the care provided is sufficient to provide for the welfare needs of the animal and will not cause a nuisance to adjoining premises or the broader community.
5. Acknowledge and accept that Council, upon releasing of any animal to the Rescue Organisation or any associated foster carer, under the terms of this agreement, is no longer financially or legally responsible for the care or management of the animal.

6. Comply with all relevant requirements of the *Companion Animals Act 1998*, *Companion Animals Regulation 2018*, *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* and all other relevant animal welfare guidelines or codes.
7. Ensure that any animal in the care of their organisation in excess of 12 months is registered or that the animal is registered to the new owner prior to it being re-homed.
8. Provide any relevant information associated with the keeping, care or disposal of any animal released to the Rescue Organisation, under the terms of this agreement, to Council, as and when required by Council.
9. Ensure that all representatives from the Rescue Organisation (including any associated foster carer) conduct themselves in a professional, ethical and courteous manner and treat all Council staff, including its Animal Care Facility staff, with dignity and respect in relation to their various dealings with Council that are associated with the terms of the agreement.
10. Ensure that all rescued animals are vaccinated, heartworm treated (dogs only) and desexed prior to rehoming.

This agreement is effective from the date of signature by both parties and remains in place until terminated by either party following a period of 21 days written notice.

The parties to this agreement are:

Campbelltown City Council

Position of Authorised Officer

Authorised Officer's Name

Authorised Officer's Signature

Date

Rescue Organisation

Name

Position of Authorised Officer

Authorised Officer's Name

Authorised Officer's Signature

Date