

## Lost Pets

### Service Description

The Dog Control Act 2000 states that all dogs in Tasmania are to be kept under effective control and that they do not cause a nuisance. Under this law an owner or the person in charge of a dog can be held responsible for the actions of a dog in their care. There are currently no State laws relating to the management of cats.

If you have lost your dog or cat Council recommends:

- **Search your local area.**
- **Contact your local Council**
- **Contact your local Veterinarians.**
- **Contact the local welfare agencies;**  
**Dogs Home (03) 62435177**  
**Hobart Cat Centre: (03) 62782111**  
**RSPCA: (03) 62443033**

If your dog or cat has been in an accident it may have been taken to the Vet. Many Vets keep a lost pet register and will contact you if someone reports finding a pet like yours. If your animal has been microchipped the Vets automatically "scan" all strays that they encounter and you will be contacted as soon as practical.

#### Dogs

Your dog may have been rescued by an Animal Management Officer and taken to the Dogs Home for safekeeping. Dogs Home staff may know the whereabouts of your dog if some other person has found it. If your dog is not at the Dogs Home leave a clear description of the dog and your details so that if the dog is found a staff member can contact you. Should that fail the next steps to try are advertise in the newspaper or on the radio.

Make flyers to perform letter drops. Do not just wait for your lost dog to come back.

If your dog has been impounded let the Dogs Home know when you are going to collect the dog. Pick the dog up as soon as possible. This not only assists pound staff it also reduces the stress on your dog from being confined in a strange place and minimizes the cost to have your dog

released to you. If your dog is registered and was wearing a collar with a current registration disc attached when impounded, then Council must notify you that the dog is at the Dogs Home. In these circumstances the Dogs Home cannot adopt or dispose of your dog for 5 business days.

If your dog is not registered, or in the case of a registered dog that was not wearing a collar and registration disc when impounded, Council must keep the dog for 3 business days before disposing of it or passing it on to the Dogs Home for assessment and adoption.

### How to use this service

Need More Information or Assistance?

Contact Animal Management Staff.

~ 62166 797

~ 62166 399

### Related Links

RSPCA [www.rspcatas.org.au](http://www.rspcatas.org.au)

Hobart Cat Centre [www.hobartcatcentre.com.au](http://www.hobartcatcentre.com.au)

Lost Dogs Home [www.dogshomesoftas.com.au](http://www.dogshomesoftas.com.au)

[Lost your dog brochure](#)

[Dog Registration brochure](#)



Author Samantha Morris. Education Officer – Animal Management  
Authorised Steven Rigby. City Inspector  
Review Date 12<sup>th</sup> December 2008



# GLENORCHY

*The best place in Tasmania to live work and play*