

## Consultation Ahead for Cat Curfew and Dog Leash Order

South Gippsland Shire Council has decided to move forward with a community survey on the potential implementation of a cat curfew and dog leash order.

A leash order aims to provide the community with clear areas where dogs can play and be exercised free of restraints. A cat curfew would require cats to be confined within a house or enclosure for a particular period of time, such as sunset to sunrise.

Research conducted has identified that all other Gippsland councils currently have a leash order in place and with majority also having leash free areas and cat curfews.

These potential requirements are being investigated after receiving community submissions on Council's Domestic Animal Management Plan.

Council staff will conduct the community survey to seek feedback and will provide Council with a report on the findings by the end of the year.

South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Lorraine Brunt said she looked forward to seeing what the community had to say.

"I would like to thank our community members who took the time to share their thoughts on the Domestic Animal Management Plan.

"It is from their feedback that Council will look into the potential for leash orders and cat curfews.

"I understand the community will have different views on the issue and I look forward to seeing the results from the community survey so we can consider this further," said the Mayor.

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