

Draft Dog and Cat Management Plan – Public Consultation Report

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1. Background

The draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030 (the draft Plan) provides a strategic framework for managing dogs and cats within the City of Adelaide. The draft Plan promotes responsible pet ownership and supports a safe, inclusive and sustainable urban environment aligned with the priorities of the Strategic Plan.

On 14 April 2026 Council endorsed the draft Plan for public consultation. Public consultation was undertaken from 18 May to 7 June 2026. The engagement approach and community participation outcomes are outlined in the following sections.

This report summarises the feedback received during consultation, which has shaped the preparation of the final draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030 submitted for Council endorsement.

2. Approach to engagement

Public consultation was undertaken from 18 May to 7 June 2026 through the Our Adelaide engagement platform, inclusive of targeted communications to registered pet owners, social media promotion and printed materials.

To support community awareness and participation, the following engagement activities were undertaken:

- An email was issued to all registered pet owners in the City of Adelaide, with 61% of recipients opening the email.
- An email notifying Our Adelaide subscribers of the consultation was sent to more than 300 subscribers whose stated interests aligned with the project. The email was opened by 54% of recipients.
- Information about the consultation was included in the Our Adelaide newsletter, which was distributed to more than 11,000 recipients and had an open rate of 38%.
- Paid Facebook advertisements ran from 25 May to 7 June 2026 to promote the consultation and encourage community participation.
- Six organic social media posts were shared across Council's Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn channels.
- 20 A3 corflute posters were placed at key parks and public spaces across the city, including designated dog parks and areas commonly used by dog owners (example in Appendix A).
- Key stakeholders, including the Dog and Cat Management Board and Animal Welfare League SA, were directly notified and invited to participate in the consultation.

The activities supported broad community awareness of the draft Plan and provided opportunities for members of the public to provide feedback on the future management of dogs and cats within the City of

Adelaide. The result was a total response rate of 40, which is well in excess of the previous consultation for the current Plan, which had three responses.

3. Who participated

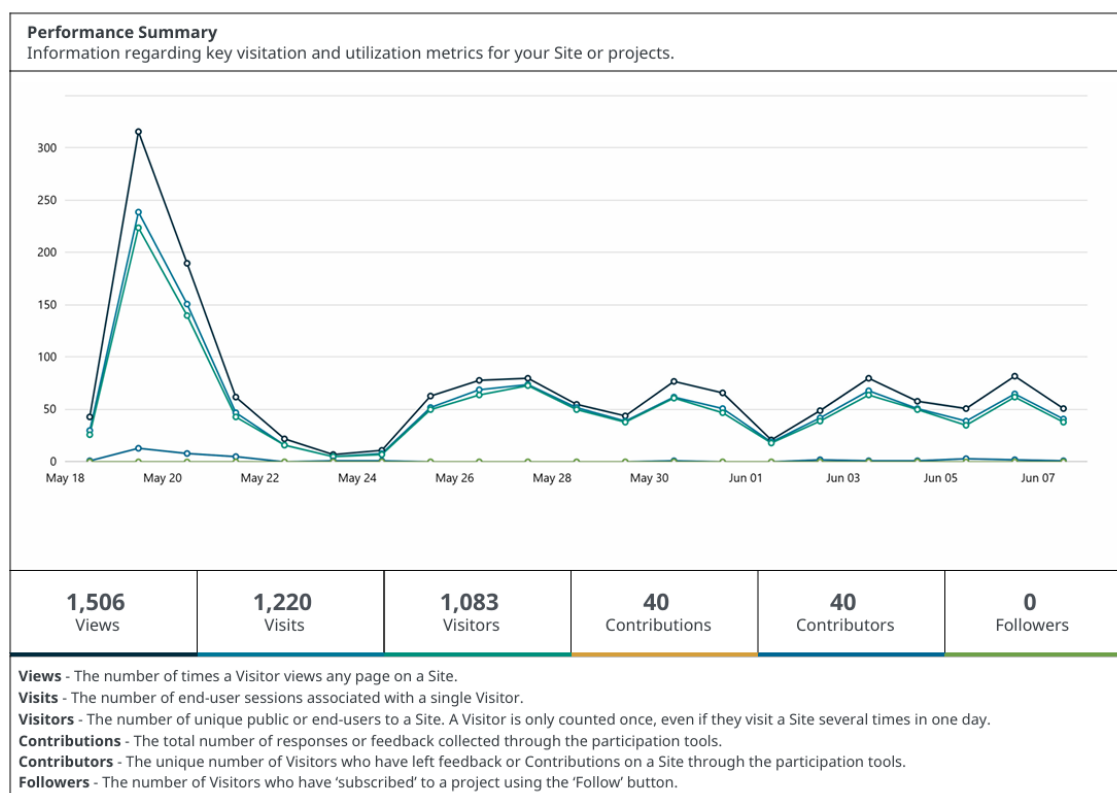
During the consultation period, there were:

- 1,083 unique visitors to the Our Adelaide webpage
- Over 8,300 people reached across social media channels.
- 458 downloads of the draft Dog & Cat Management Plan 2026-2030.
- 1,514 registered pet owners notified via email.
- 40 online responses submitted via Our Adelaide, with 65% of respondents living in the City of Adelaide.

Of the 40 respondents, the connection noted with the City of Adelaide was:

Connection	Percentage
Live in the City of Adelaide	65%
Own property in the City	57.5%
Work in the City	27.5%
Visit the City	22.5%
Study in the City	7.5%
Other	5%

To provide insight into community awareness and participation throughout the consultation period, engagement with the Our Adelaide page was monitored. The graph shows visits to the consultation page over the consultation period, highlighting peaks in engagement following targeted communications and social media promotion.



4. Consultation themes

A thematic analysis was undertaken on all written responses received during consultation. The strongest themes raised by the community are summarised below.

Theme	Summary of feedback	How feedback has been addressed
Cat management	22.5% of respondents requested greater emphasis on responsible cat ownership, management of roaming and stray cats, community education and consideration of impacts on wildlife.	The final Plan strengthens education regarding responsible cat ownership, promotes microchipping and desexing and includes additional actions relating to community education and monitoring legislative changes.
Compliance and enforcement	Respondents requested increased visibility of Community Safety Officers and stronger enforcement of existing dog control requirements, particularly in relation to dogs off-leash in designated on-leash areas.	The Plan continues Council's compliance work and includes actions focused on education, compliance monitoring and community awareness.
Community safety	Respondents highlighted the importance of balancing responsible pet ownership with community safety, particularly for children and the elderly.	The Plan continues to prioritise responsible pet ownership, education and enforcement to support safe shared use of public spaces.
On-leash and off-leash areas	Views were mixed. Some respondents supported additional off-leash areas and dog parks, while others preferred more on-leash or dog-free areas and suggested restricting off-leash exercise to fenced locations.	Additional action included in the Plan committing to a review of dog access arrangements to ensure they continue to reflect changing community needs.
Infrastructure and amenities	Respondents identified opportunities to increase the availability of dog waste bins, bag dispensers, water stations, signage and dog park maintenance.	These suggestions will help inform future operational planning and consideration of infrastructure improvements.
Population growth	52.5% of respondents considered that increasing residential density would increase demand for pet facilities, services and open space, while also requiring ongoing review of pet management arrangements.	The Plan recognises population growth as a key consideration and commits to reviewing arrangements over the life of the Plan.
Dogs in playgrounds	Feedback was mixed. Most respondents (52.5%) supported dogs remaining in playgrounds provided they are on-leash and under effective control, while others (27.5%) supported some dedicated dog-free playgrounds.	Council will continue to monitor community feedback and will now review dog access arrangements as a specific action in the Plan. Existing arrangements will remain whilst the review is undertaken.

5. Consultation outcomes

Overall, respondents were supportive of the draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026–2030.

The consultation identified six key themes:

- stronger focus on responsible cat ownership and management
- increased compliance and enforcement of existing dog control requirements
- balancing pet ownership with community safety
- community desire to conduct a review of on-leash, off-leash and dog-prohibited areas
- future improvement of pet-related infrastructure and amenities
- planning for future population growth and changing community needs.

Feedback received during consultation has informed the final draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026-2030 submitted to Council for endorsement, including additional actions relating to dog access arrangements, and further commitments relating to community education.

Appendix A – Example of public consultation material

Your furry friends want us to hear from you!

Share your feedback on the proposed Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026–2030.

Consultation closes 11.59pm, Sunday 7 June.

Scan the QR code to share your thoughts:



The illustration shows a woman with dark skin, wearing a yellow t-shirt, brown shorts, and blue sneakers, walking two dogs. She is holding a pink leash in her right hand and a green ball in her left. The dogs are a black and white speckled dog and a black and white dog with a brown patch on its face. They are walking on a light green background.



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Appendix B – All submissions/verbatim comments (de-identified)

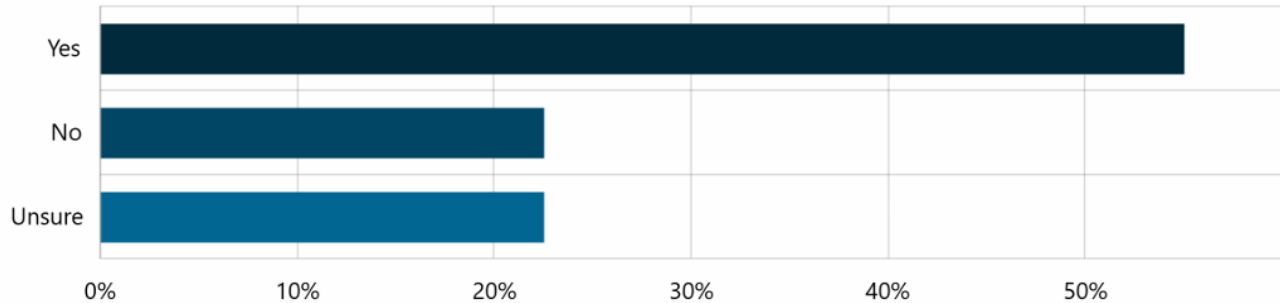
Question: Do you have any feedback on the draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2026–2030?

Verbatim comment
People taking their dogs to shops/cafes makes life very difficult for service dogs and their people. We have had several incidents where untrained dogs have lunged at my dog. Adelaide is supposed to be inclusive and accessible for everyone but it's not great for people like us. Very disappointing. Friends have also been annoyed by dogs in the mall and around cafes with their owners who thinks it's charming if their dog begs for food, barks or pees. Can we please have dog free spaces except for service dogs? We deserve safety and a pleasant experience.
Not any evidence of ongoing education for pet owners. In particular, dog owner requirement to have effective control of their dogs at all times (even off leash), picking up of dog poop. In addition, cats should NOT be allowed out to roam. You have such beautiful parklands under your control however, you are one of the few councils nationwide that allows cats to roam day and night and I am sick of seeing dead wildlife as a result of cats killing them.
We live in the CBD area around McLaren Street. We have appr. 15-20 stray cats on this street most evenings/ nights. We believe something needs to be done about this and couldn't find this to be addressed in the plan.
I hope all owners allow pets in the house/townhouse and no need for strata approval. We need more vet clinics in the CBD.
Overall plan -Objective and Actions are reasonable
This is a comprehensive plan, easily understood. I can only comment on dogs. I would like to see some more specifics on the number of officers allocated for oversight of on- leash parks and how reports can be made to ensure action is taken for repeat offenders. I've walked my dog(s) in Wellington Square for over 20 years. This is an on-leash area with young parents crossing the square with children on way to Primary School and older folk from Helping Hand walking with frames. Dogs off-leash in the area are a danger for both groups simply because they can quite accidentally scare or knock them over, let alone attack them. There are two small signs (I'd like to see 4 large signs at each entry) and NEVER in the time have I seen an officer checking the area. On the occasion I called ACC it was suggested I follow the dog's owner home, and report back! Not a very satisfactory process by any imagination.
Can we get more information on how council will support renters who are also pet owners? Stratas can still overrule the new legislation and deny renters with pets. Looking at the management plan, there doesn't seem to be much information about this.
Do you have an approach to dealing with stray cats? The most effective strategy is community cat desexing. Cat Adoption Foundation is currently rolling out such a program in collaboration with Salisbury Council - to show that it works and to develop a structures and processes that can be replicated elsewhere. This collaboration with Salisbury is very successful - it has desexed over 700 cats in 18 months and is still going. Read more here: https://www.g2z.org.au/assets/newimages/Transforming%20Cat%20Management%20-%20Collaborative%20Model%20-%20Virginie.pdf Based on the report it sounds like stray colonies are a smaller issue in the CBD, but I know some exist (southwest corner). A similar approach could be useful here too, to get/stay on top of stray cat management.
Looks fair
One of the issues with dog compliance is not enough bins or bag provision around north Adelaide. Barking hard to monitor. One neighbour even if dog barks once complains ... Examples of what is acceptable versus what define issue ...
Yes, as a long term city resident and pet owner
I object to Bullrush Park being an on-leash location. Its is the only park in the vicinity of the northern end of North Adelaide where a dog can play off-leash. There has never been an issue with dogs off the lead in this area. By making it on-leash, the residents located around the Melbourne Street areas will not have a park they can take their dogs in walking distance.
I don't believe this should be a cash grab for the council and introducing fees for this plan will not work as so many are facing difficulty with the costs alone of day-to-day life.

There is a severe lack of provisions for cat management. There should be provisions for outdoor/roaming cats (ie a plan to reduce roaming cats, increase education for cat owners, mention of wildlife impact and health impact for the pet)
I didn't see anything about management of feral cats
It is clear about on leash and off leash areas which is good to know and have a map of areas, names of parks etc Information about what is nuisance barking is needed. More street bins for dog droppings to be put in. Information about using red bins etc in the street for dog droppings. Need for more street bins, cleared often.
no
Not enough consideration given to non dog owners, who do not want to be jumped on or bitten. Many dog owners do not control their dogs. but simply say he won't hurt you. Dogs should be muzzled in public.
What about considering other pets - rabbits, rodents, reptiles (do people still keep these as pets?). Cats and rabbits also bite.
Cat registration and night time confinement should be mandatory
Yes. Don't add anymore dog parks to the Parklands. The Parklands are being eroded away leave the land in it's natural state. Dogs are always off leashes in the West Parklands and are often not under control. As this is one of the least used part of the Parklands I have never seen any council dog controllers in the area even though I walk there every day.
As a resident of North Adelaide there appears to be considerably fewer off leash areas to walk our dogs than say the other side of town. Maybe a few more areas of parklands/ golf courses could be opened up, maybe within specific time frames?
Yes you should change the rules to allow dog owners to take their dogs into cafes. Our laws are way behind other jurisdictions and nations. The vast majority of dog owners are responsible and sensible when it comes to controlling their dogs and not letting them bother others.
Off leash dog areas are important for all users of the City of Adelaide. As a daily user of Victoria Park I feel there is enough space allocated, however I would like to see some cycle and scooter free zones allocated. Walkers and dogwalkers are regularly placed in unsafe situations with cyclists and scooter riders using all paths at excessive speed with no regard for others. Slow down warnings painted on some paths are largely ignored. Lastly, I would like to see some of the off-leash areas protected from being fenced off by the increasing number of events being held in this area. The temporary event fencing is often in place weeks before the bump in of the events and particularly the north south path that runs parallel to East Tce is quite dangerous when the fence is in place. The fencing on the edge of the bitumen path and forces walkers, dogs, runners, cyclists and scooter users onto the same path with no space to the side to escape. We need to become more like Europe.
As a daily user of Victoria Park, I believe our off-leash areas are well-sized but poorly managed in terms of safety and access. The increasing speed of cyclists and scooter riders on shared path, combined with the premature installation of event fencing that forces all users into dangerous, narrow corridor, regularly puts pedestrians and dogs at risk. I urge the Council to designate specific cycle-and-scooter-free zones and paths, better regulate the timing and placement of event infrastructure, and adopt a more pedestrian-prioritised urban planning model to ensure the park remains a safe, accessible space for everyone.
Looks ethical Would like to propose one more point which was brought to my attention by animal welfare league when I was donating my late dogs bedding and the last of his food. I was told by Management some people do not have money and are supplied free food and bedding for their pet by the Animal welfare league. People that have no residential address or dwelling should not legally be allowed to have possession of any animal. An animal is a responsibility that requires care, nurture, vaccine, shelter, food, water a nice hot bubble bath a caring owner and a warm bed snuggle.
Cat owners should be required to confine their animals within their properties at all times.
Larger, simpler signage everywhere. A complaints / report phone number in large font on all signs. Cats should not be allowed outside the house. Killing too much wildlife.
Looks good to me

The plan is very compliance driven and not aligned with trends in pet ownership. Adelaide city council remains one of the least inclusive when it comes to pet ownership to the extent that even pet waste bags are a rare find and not located with rubbish bins.

Question: Do you believe City of Adelaide should review the on-leash, off-leash and no dog at all times areas within the duration of this plan?



Yes/No/Unsure	Verbatim comment
NO	There are plenty of options for both on leash and off leash areas
NO	Seems well considered already
YES	To make it safer for all when using shared spaces
YES	Dogs are becoming a nuisance in the Apartment blocks and surrounding areas. I am tired of dogs snapping at other dogs, howling on balconies, barking in restaurants, sitting on seating for humans in public spaces and defecating on streets.
YES	Some owners do not care what their dog does when off leash. E.g. there is one lady who consistently allows her 2 dogs to play in the vic park wetlands chasing the wild ducks. I've approached her several times and she is abusive.
NO	Plan is clear and appropriate
NO	Dogs should be kept safely on a leash at all times in public spaces to protect the safety of the dog, other people and other animals. Leashes provide effective control, reduce the risk of accidents, incidents and conflicts, and assist to ensure shared public spaces can be enjoyed by everyone.
YES	We need to ban bikes and large run clubs from off-leash areas to ensure safety; while the amount of off-leash space is sufficient, these vital public areas must be strictly protected from being locked down and rendered inaccessible by major events. Some run clubs are running 4-5 wide on a path and dangerous and intimidating.
YES	Remove Bikes and Scooters from the off leash areas - the number of off leash areas are enough however there needs to be protection of these areas to prevent the major events from locking park users out of this valuable public space
YES	See above comment
YES	See above
YES	More no dogs at any time areas.
YES	Park usages change
YES	Off leash areas should not occur in areas where general public have access. Eg Victoria Park. Off leash areas should be contained within fencing.
UNSURE	Don't have a dog
NO	It's fine as is.
UNSURE	What impact will this have for the residents who own dogs already?
YES	I believe the City of Adelaide should review the current on-leash, off-leash, and no-dog areas throughout the life of this plan, as cities are not static environments. Population growth, increased apartment living, changing patterns of park usage, rising dog ownership, and evolving community expectations all place new pressures on shared public spaces.

	A framework that may have been appropriate several years ago may no longer reflect how people actually use the city today. A review is important to ensure public spaces remain balanced, accessible, and inclusive for everyone, including dog owners, families, older residents, people with disabilities, cyclists, and those who may feel uncomfortable around dogs. Good city planning requires flexibility, ongoing consultation, and the willingness to refine shared spaces so they continue to meet the diverse needs of the whole community over time.
YES	refer to above re Bullrush Park
YES	Dogs are more behaviourally unpredictable and incidents will occur, they don't always get on with humans or their own.
YES	Clarity good
UNSURE	Regular review is useful
UNSURE	I mostly focus on cats, don't know enough about dog management to have an opinion.
UNSURE	I'm not a dog owner.
	with changes to possum park & other parklands use, it seems reasonable to reconsider if on/off-leash restrictions remain appropriate it'd be nice to have only on/off leash restrictions & to remove the 'no dog at all times' limits
YES	why are the squares all on leash only?
NO	I think the areas designated are fine - as long as there are personnel to monitor.
YES	Maybe to lessen the dog attacks I think its much better to put the dogs on a leash at all times
YES	We own a dog and always abide by the on/off leash rules. However, we do see lots of dogs off leash in on leash areas (e.g. at the new wetland parks area) but we never see anyone policing this.
NO	There is plenty of dog off/on leash areas
UNSURE	I think it works quite well now. However, I selected unsure because reviews and feedback should continue even after the introduction of new management plan.
YES	It is essential for community safety
YES	I believe all dogs should be kept on leash for the protection of the wider community. They are animals not humans.
YES	Off leash should only be in fenced areas. The dog attack rate is terrible even if it is lower than last year. Keep us safe and keep the untrained dogs behind fences.

Question: City of Adelaide has a target of 50,000 residents by 2036. How do you believe this will impact pet ownership and community needs for pet facilities and services?

Verbatim comment
You are going to need serious dog control rules. All those dogs (half of the residents owning a dog is your current data), running around the parks is going to be unsafe for both the dogs and people - many people do not train their dogs.
Capping pet ownership per household.
Yes
I don't if parks can have times when off lead is permitted.
You will need to start education (and fining) people NOW - you are currently waaaaaaay too soft in terms of how you operate. Stop cats roaming, fine dog owners for irresponsible behaviour (not having effective control, not picking up poop). These issues will only become worse as the population grows.
We need more vet clinics

Yes-will have more pets esp in apartments .Prepare for more poo stations and bags to minimize poos on walkways
I believe the facilities for dogs are more than adequate with plenty of choice.
if achieved, demand/need will increase & if more facilities are not provided ACC will face increasing maintenance burdens & potentially complaints where existing facilities are overused.
All weather facilities (ie. indoor) would be great - particularly with the impact of climate change becoming more evident with high summer temperatures & high-volume rain events. Council could encourage new high density developments to include pet exercise/dogwashing/cleaning facilities to support responsible pet ownership. This could extend to appropriate noise mitigation in apartment dwellings to reduce potential noise impacts
Yes! This will affects rental opportunities. If most places are bound by strata laws that can't accommodate the growing population and pet owners, people will be forced out of the city.
Not if appropriate plans are made and implemented in the same time frame.
More availability of poo bag dispensers and rubbish bins. Pet water dispensers are a welcome
Small green spaces in dense apartment areas for fogs to toilet ... as per many European cities
I am unaware of any pet services in the city mile. I do often see residents going out for daily exercise of walking their dog.
The City of Adelaide will likely need ongoing review processes, robust community consultation, and evidence-based planning to ensure pet infrastructure evolves in line with population growth.
Ultimately, planning for pets is not separate from planning for liveability, it is part of creating a healthy, connected, and inclusive city where people and communities can thrive.
Population growth will almost certainly increase demand for accessible, well-designed pet facilities and services, including off-leash exercise areas, shaded parks, waste-disposal infrastructure, water stations, veterinary access, and pet-friendly public spaces.
As residential density increases, the importance of nearby open space grows, as many residents may lack access to private backyards.
This means public spaces will need to support both pet owners and the broader community in ways that remain safe, inclusive, and balanced.
Why does it need to be a population of 50,000 by 2036? It is already overpopulated in 2026 with 26,000 odd residents; this will only make moving around the city a grid lock.
More services will ne needed. Provisions for roaming cats need to be implemented.
It will increase
I would like to see more options for well-behaved clean dogs in the eating areas of cafes etc be allowed at the discretion of the cafe owner, etc. It would improve public flow into city businesses generally. Could do a thing where the dog needs Level 4 Obedience Cert by a Vet to do this, like they do for Melbourne transport.
I am an Associate Professor at Flinders University (city campus) and I research assistance animals and community disaster responses. I'd like to talk about a study involving this possibility, to see if it improves accessibility and improves business resilience.
There will need to be more contained off leash areas.
Possibly
No impact
This is too many people and the number of dogs and cats will wreck our Oarklands.
Yes
First do a review of what's available now and the condition the dog parks. For example the small dog park off Pulteney st Pityarilla (park 19) needs some serious work on the grounds. If you monitor the rise in population and dog ownership and adjust suitable areas and If you made a feature of the council area catering for dog owners as well as non dog owners you will attract more residents and it will add to the happiness levels of the city. And if the Lord Mayor could refrain from having an opinion that would be great to. The great majority of people pick up after their dogs and are very good at encouraging others to do so. Sounds like she is not a dog lover

there are many responsible dog owners in the City of Adelaide, having a range of areas for dogs and owners to use is important for wellbeing, improving mental health and promoting community engagement. I know many people who live in the community, only because I have a dog and meet people whilst out walking. We need to become more European when considering the importance of people and dogs in our community.
The City of Adelaide boasts a large community of responsible pet owners, and providing diverse off-leash areas is vital for enhancing wellbeing, boosting mental health, and fostering local connection. Personally, my dog has been the primary catalyst for meeting my neighbors and building a community network. To truly support this, we should adopt a more European mindset that recognises and embraces the essential role dogs and people play in a vibrant, connected urban society.
More pet owners may feel the increase pressure and demand for pet services. ie. doggy day care, doggy wash, doggy au pair, dog walking services dog food and hygiene need these are essential services to lifespan of an animal and an increased pressure on veterinary services. A greater demand for dog obedience.
I acknowledge that cat owners love their pets but cats are lethal to wildlife and should be banned from wandering.
Wait and see
Need to increase facilities in ratio.
There will need to be more vet services, tougher restrictions on pet ownership, following up of infringements and places to buy quality pet food and toys.
Pet ownership will become more responsible There are too many let owners that do not care if their pet is off a leash and it frightens some of us
Pet ownership will probably decrease slightly due to the type of housing being added (apartments), or at least shift ownership to smaller dogs and cats more.
Another dog park (or pair of dog parks like the North Adelaide parks) in the south parklands might be beneficial in the long term, especially if the southern CBD continues to density, but I think the current dog parks are great for the time being.
People are increasingly looking for dog friendly activities as the pet parenting approach (usually smaller animals), especially in younger people, is seen as an alternative to children. With many younger people living in the city, more pet friendly facilities and places are needed to support social and recreational activities for people and their pets. And, for goodness sake, make waste bags readily available to reduce the amount of pet waste!

Question: Dogs are currently allowed in playgrounds in the City of Adelaide if on a leash. Do you believe there should there be any playgrounds in the City of Adelaide that don't allow dogs/cats?

Verbatim comment
Yes! Your playgrounds are brilliant but many are getting a bad reputation because of dogs. Please give us dog free parks - start with Quentin Kenihan, I've seen a dog in there chase a terrified child - the dog was on a lead but no-one was holding it.
I feel dogs should not be allowed in playgrounds ever. Playgrounds are for our most vulnerable and should not be accessible for unpredictable animals.
They should be tame and on leash
If under control this should be allowed. However playgrounds are primarily for children so if the dog owner is not with kids I can see no reason for the dog to be present at the playground.
No. Dogs need socialisation.
I don't think the issue is with dogs in playgrounds, I think the issue is with dog OWNERS in playgrounds with their dogs. It's like parents driving with young kids in the car, they're not concentrating on the road properly!
on leash should be ok.
Some dogs are aggressive so its much better to put them on a leash especially when children are present.
Dogs on leash in playgrounds reasonable esp family has dog as pet
No. Families go on walks with dogs on leash so as long as they observe on leash this should be adequate.

No, allowing dogs in playgrounds encourages families (of all configurations) to undertake physical exercise & to socialise. Taking the dog/cat & the kids to the park is a great way to engage in the community & should not be discouraged - requiring dogs to be on lead should be sufficient
Sure! Not everyone is into dogs and cats, so there should be parks and playgrounds for them too.
Again, don't know enough about this to have an opinion.
Parents often have children and a dog at the playground. Fine as long as the dog is controlled
As long as controlled at least dogs and children both getting exercise
Breed restrictions of those have mauled people in the past from any children play areas.
Yes, I think that there should be a few playgrounds for children that are animal free, for safety and ethical reasons.
No if they are on a leach they can be controlled.
Yes
No as lomg as on leash
No. Princess Elizabeth playground removed back fence but no clarification has been available on the spot for dogs on leash. Signage would help.
No, they should be allowed.
Yes, absolutely. And inspectors need to enforce compliance.
Not sure - as long as it doesn't affect people's health and safety (people clean up after their dog, and dogs are under control). Many people, including children, love to admire dogs, and if they don't own a dog it is a good opportunity for them to watch and sometimes pat and engage with dogs - this is great for education and wellbeing.
Unsure
Dogs should not be allowed in playgrounds. I have a 3 year old grandchild and the pine bark and lawn areas often stink of dog wee. It is revolting. The council does appear to do a good job of removing dog poo and rarely see this.
No . But owners must be responsible for the removal of any waste and the behaviour of their animals (no matter how ' harmless') . And council may need to supervise these playgrounds
On leash is fine for me.but understand that not all would agree.
Dogs in playgrounds on leash are important so that families with dogs can still enjoy this space.
Dogs in playgrounds on leash are important so that families with dogs can still enjoy this space. Not all dogs are the same, and owners should be held accountable for their dogs behaviour.
Childrens playgrounds should be dog free, Childrens playground are designed primarily for children, while separate dog parks already exist to provide an opportunity for an off leash recreational experience for dogs.
No
100%
I live on South Terrace where residents of [REDACTED] South Terrace take their dogs to the playground and let them off the leash to run around within the fenced area and defecate in the garden areas. These people do not have children. Dogs should be allowed with attendant family members only and be on a short leash, restrained at all times in the playground areas.
For sure please !
Perhaps one, for children who have had bad experiences with animals. The next new playground could be designated as such to avoid interrupting current residents use of playgrounds.
Absolutely they should be allowed. Many families have pets and children. If they are not allowed, families will go elsewhere.