

## Quality Data Collection, Management and Analysis: The transition from repository to strategy

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The Dog and Cat Management Board has appreciated the value of pet relevant statistics for many years and developed strategic partners to improve evaluation of the information. The use of data to provide evidence for a particular approach to management is not new – it's now just easier to process than it has been.

The Board, through stakeholder relations and commissioned research, is now, more than ever, able to position itself as a reasoned and evidenced voice in the community on dog and cat management issues.

The role of the Dog and Cat Management Board is to advise both the Minister and Local Government Association on issues directly relating to dog and cat management in South Australia. This includes oversight of the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* relating to dogs, issuing guidelines and providing advice to councils, undertaking or facilitating research relating to dog or cat management and conducting educational programs relating to dog or cat management.

In order to measure performance on the delivery of its legislated functions, the Board has over the years developed several operating frameworks to focus activity towards addressing legislated functions. In this presentation we will discuss the transition of the Board from a holder of information to a strategic planner and developer and the importance of meaningful evidence to support policy development and strategic decisions.

1988 - 3.2 million pet coats Oz  
 2007 - 2.2 " " " "  
 Numbers ↓.  
 Reclaiming rate 1% vs 37% dogs

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Life expectancy of free-living cats is 3-4 yrs & not a good life - welfare?

