



NT and Darwin City



POPULATION OF Northern Territory IN 2017: 157,401 (estimated)

- The Northern Territory has a total area of 1,349,129 km² which accounts for around 17.5 percent of Australia's total land mass.
- NT has the smallest population out of any state or territory in Australia.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders account for 26.8 percent of the Northern Territory's population.
- The 'Top End' of the Northern Territory has a coastline that extends more than 13,500 km.

City of Darwin Municipality

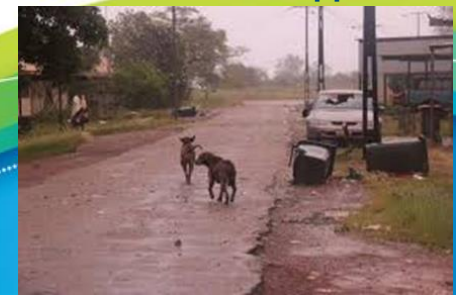
Darwin		
Darwin city		26,581
Darwin suburbs		57,864
Total Population		84,445

- 1.5% average growth per annum (over 10 years)
- Municipal Area - 112 km²
- Rateable Properties - 35,000 as at 31 March 2017
- City of Palmerston and Litchfield Council are the closest nearby council jurisdictions

Community and Social Factors



- **Strong Multicultural influence**
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders account for approximately 30% of Darwin City's population. The remainder of the city has strong multicultural influence from people of all cultures and backgrounds.
- **Climate**
 - Darwin's climate is tropical which means that there is 2 primary seasons WET and DRY.
 - The wet season in Darwin is characterised by high humidity, monsoonal rains, storms and cyclones. Average temperatures range from 24.7 - 32 °C (76.5 - 89.6°F), and humidity averages over 80 per cent. The average annual rainfall is 1727.3 mm (68") and January is the wettest month.
 - The 'Dry' season, from May until October, is characterised by warm, dry sunny days and cool nights. Temperatures typically range from 21C (70F) to 32C (90F), and the humidity levels are much lower: around 60–65%.
- **Access to resources - remote location**
 - Darwin is the furthest and smallest capital city in Australia therefore access to products and services is sometimes challenging due to the distance and travel. There is infrastructure that supports the city however for some specific products they may be required to be transported from interstate. Socio economic factors also contribute.
- **Transient Populations**
 - Darwin has a transient population due to the industry and environmental dynamics. The main industries that support the city are:
 - Mining and construction
 - Defence Forces
 - Tourism
 - Commercial fishing, shipping and marine operations
 - Farming and Agriculture



Regulatory Services

Animal Management



DOMESTIC ANIMAL LEGISLATION

- There is no overarching domestic animal legislation in the Northern Territory however, under Section 188 of the Local Government Act. Councils can make by-laws relating to animal management activities.
- City of Darwin by-laws are known as Darwin City Council By-Laws 2009.
- The By-Laws specifically cover dogs and cats only
- Poultry and livestock are under Parks and Wildlife and Animal Welfare jurisdiction.
- Enforcement of the By-Laws is managed by City of Darwin Regulatory Services Department
- Animal Management Rangers are Authorised Officers



Regulatory Services Animal Management Team



- **Manager Regulatory Services**
- Animal Management Supervisor
- 7x Rangers
- Animal Education Officer (AEO) Petcare Helpline
- Pound Coordinator
- 2x Pound attendants

The Regulatory Services “Department” also consists of:

- Supervisor CBD Parking
- 6 x CBD Rangers – Their role is enforcement of parking By- Laws and IAW Australian Road Rules
- Supervisor Public Places
- 8 x Public places Rangers - Their role is enforcing all other By- Laws eg. Abandoned vehicles, untidy allotments ect.
- The department is supported by an administration team consisting of 5 staff including the supervisor
- **Regulatory Services is currently part of “City Life Department” A recent change from the Department of Corporate Services this year as part of Council restructure.**



Animal Registrations



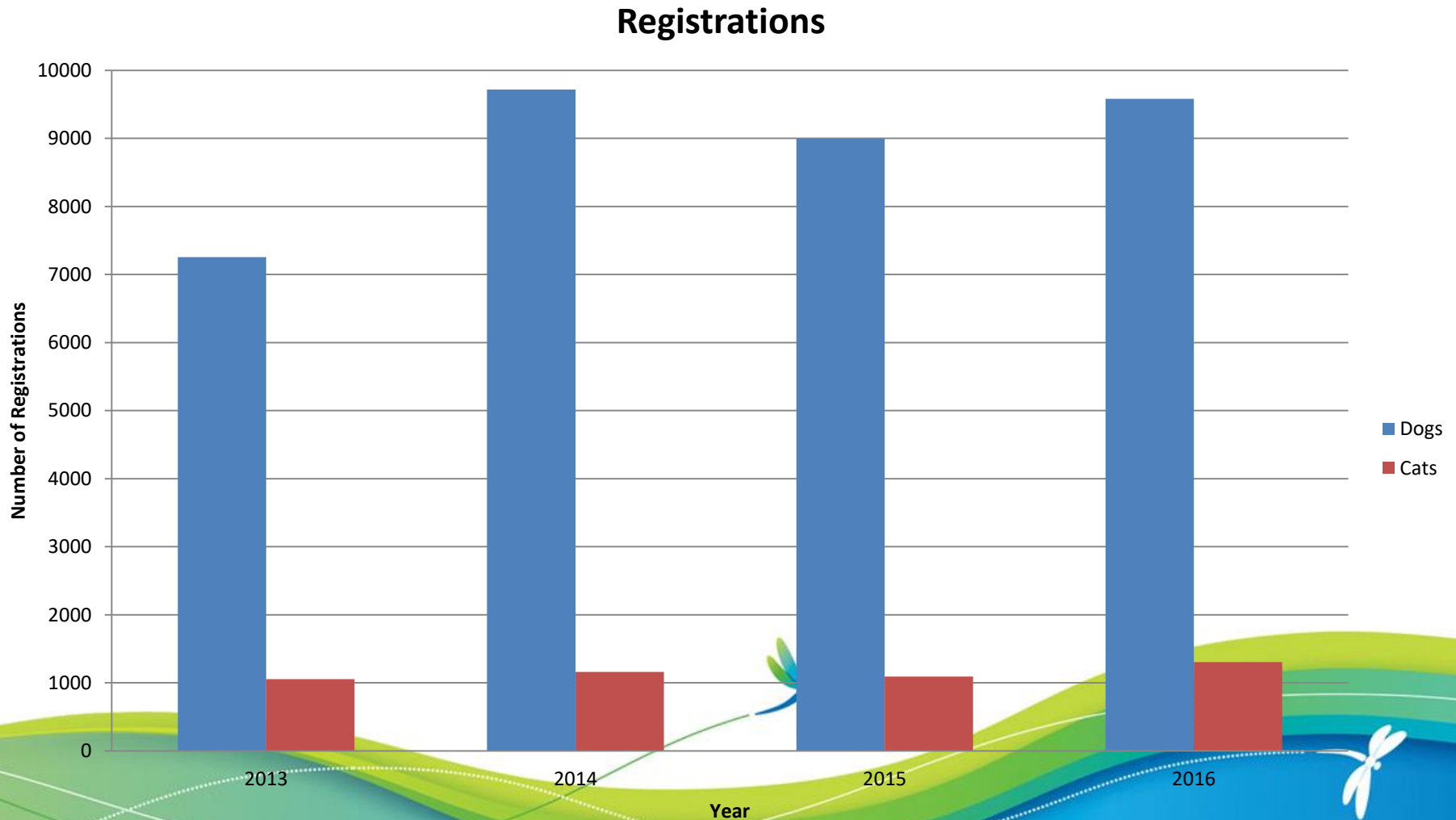
➤ Registered Dogs and cats (2017)

Dogs	6740
Cats	1026

- Council animal registrations are managed by an annual registration system on 1 July every year
- Registration audits are conducted in months following the renewal date
- Last year there were 9584 dogs registered by the end of the registration period
- It is estimated that a total of 10000+ dogs and 6000 cats, this includes unknown dogs and cats
- Approximately 1 in 8 people in the municipality are dog owners



Registration statistics



Enforcement

- Enforcement of Animal Management By-Laws is broken into 8 Subdivisions however the easiest way to describe the areas are:
- Dog at large
 - Dog attacks Level 1 and level 2
 - Dog causing nuisance

The sub categories are:

- Diseased and injured animals and animals at large
- Removal, of dead or diseased animals
- Occupier is deemed owner
- Declared Dogs
- Attack by dog 55A
- Declared Dog (Category 1) 55B
- Declared Dog (Category 2) 55C
- Declared Dog (Category 3) 55D



By-Laws

- Revocation of declared dog status
- New dog in municipality
- Registration of dogs and cats and licensing of premises
- Registration fee
- Application for registration
- Dog tag
- Licensing premises
- Cancellation, variation or suspension of registration or licence
- Cancellation, variation or suspension of registration or licence by request
- Cancellation, variation or suspension of registration or licence otherwise than by request
- Operation of notice
- Dog exercise areas and dog restriction area
- Dog exercise area and dog restriction areas

By-Laws

- Unregistered dog or cat
 - Failure to comply with condition of registration
 - Requirement for licence
 - Keeping dog in dog restriction area
 - Dog not fitted with dog tag
 - Removal of identification device
 - Containment of dog
 - Dog or cat at large
 - Enticement
 - Dog attack
 - Dog chasing motor vehicles
 - Dog defecating
 - Dog causing nuisance
 - Abandoning dog
 - Obstruction of council official and removal of dog or cat from pound
- 

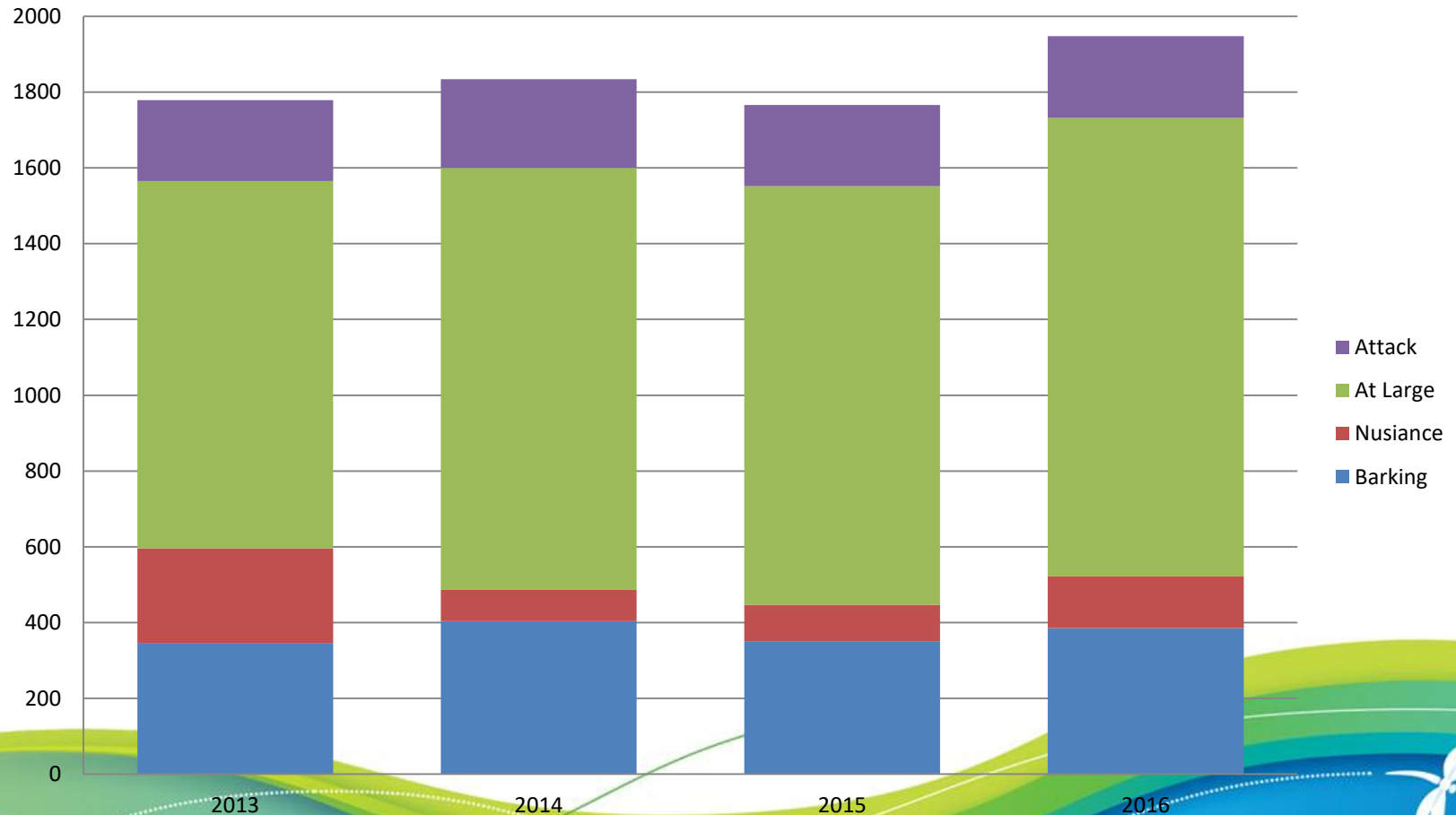
By-Laws

- Failure to respond to notice of impoundment
- Sterilisation marks and certificates
- Enforcement
- Seizure of dog or cat
- Pounds
- Establishment of pound and determination of fees
- Darwin City Council By-laws
- Notice of impoundment
- Release of dog or cat from pound
- Diseased dog or cat
- Sale or disposal of impounded dog or cat
- Miscellaneous matters
- Change of ownership or address
- Dog races and other events



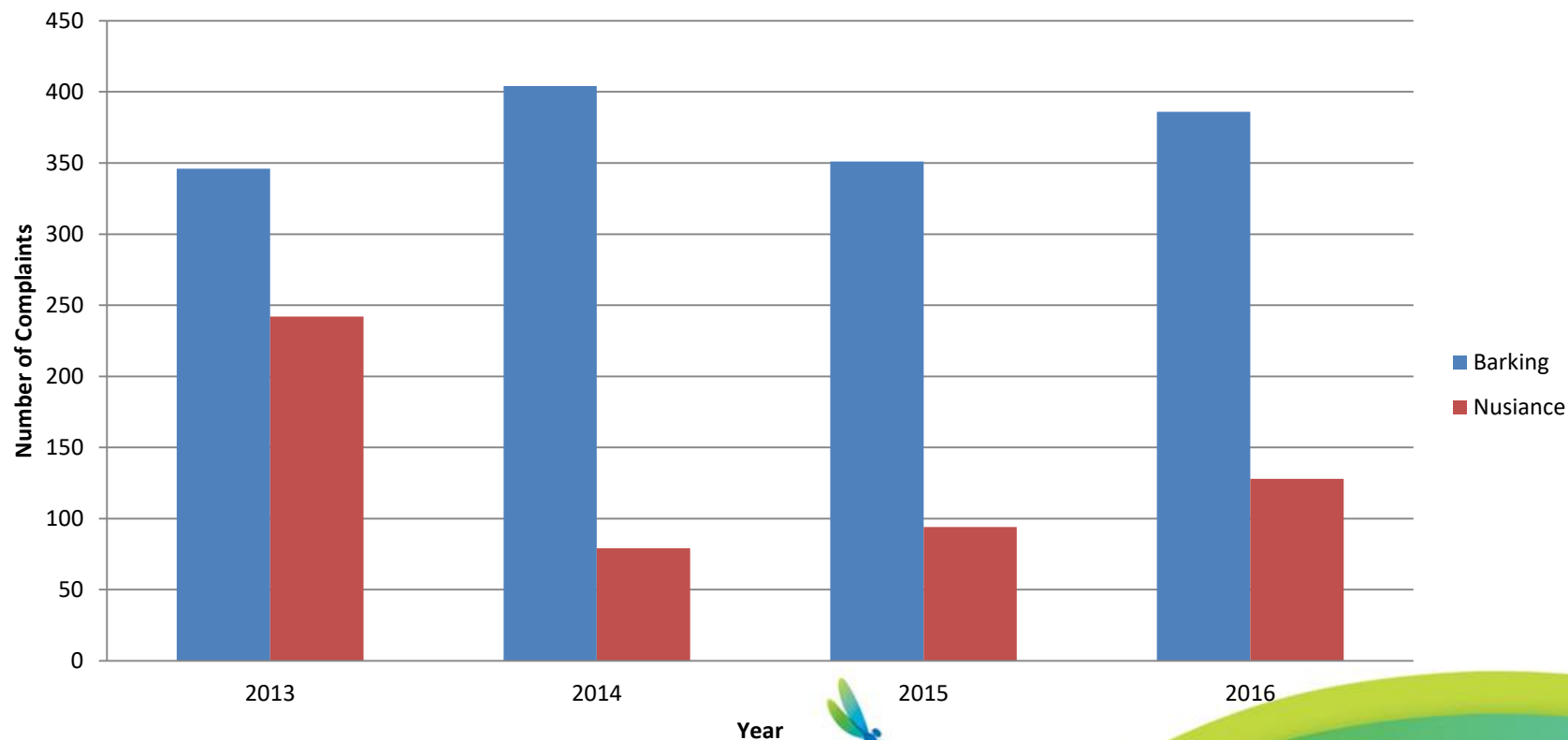
Complaints

Animal Management Complaints



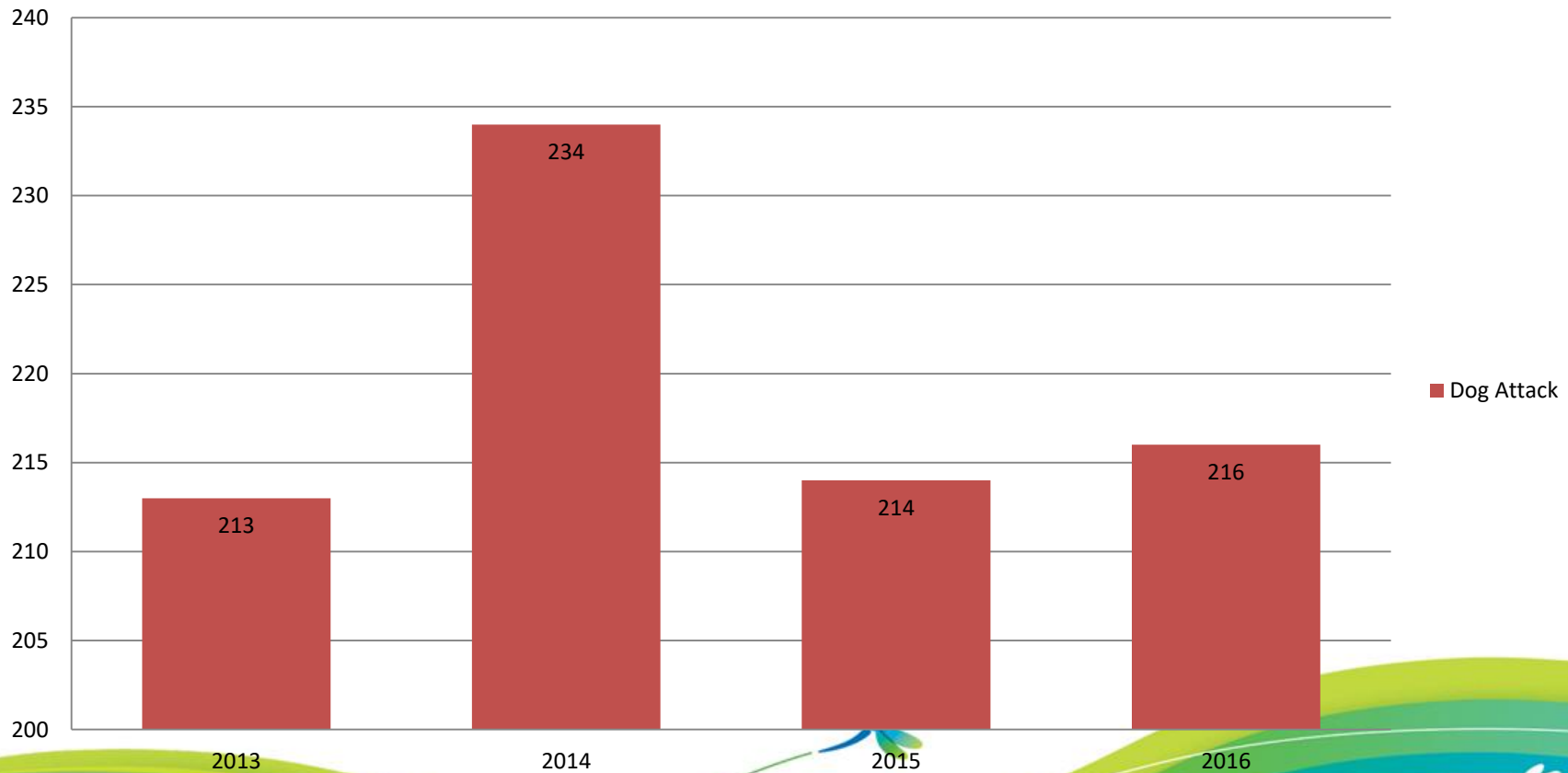
Barking /Niusance

Barking and Nuisance Complaints



Dog Attacks

Dog Attack



How???



Why???

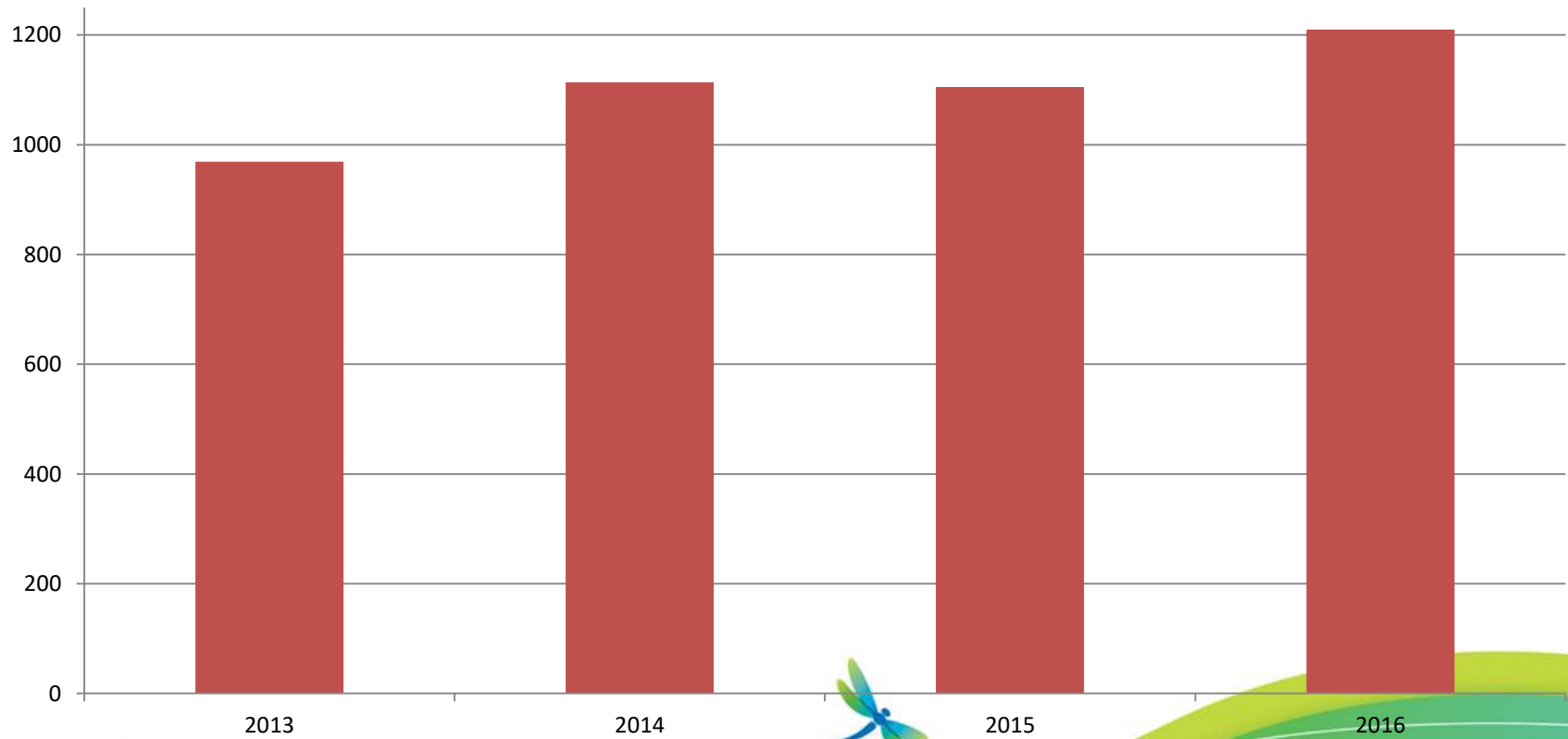


What???



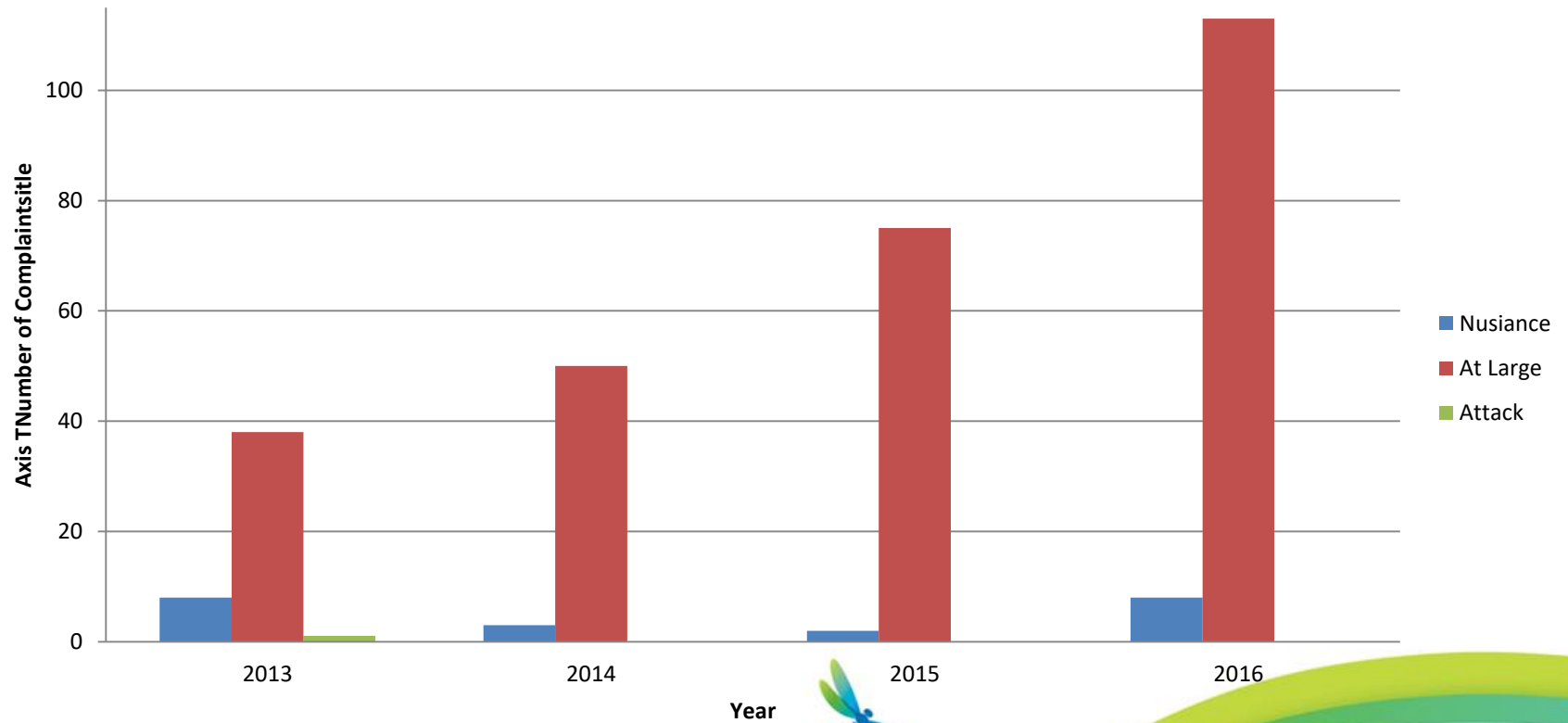
At Large

Animals At Large



Cats

Cat Complaints



City of Darwin Pound

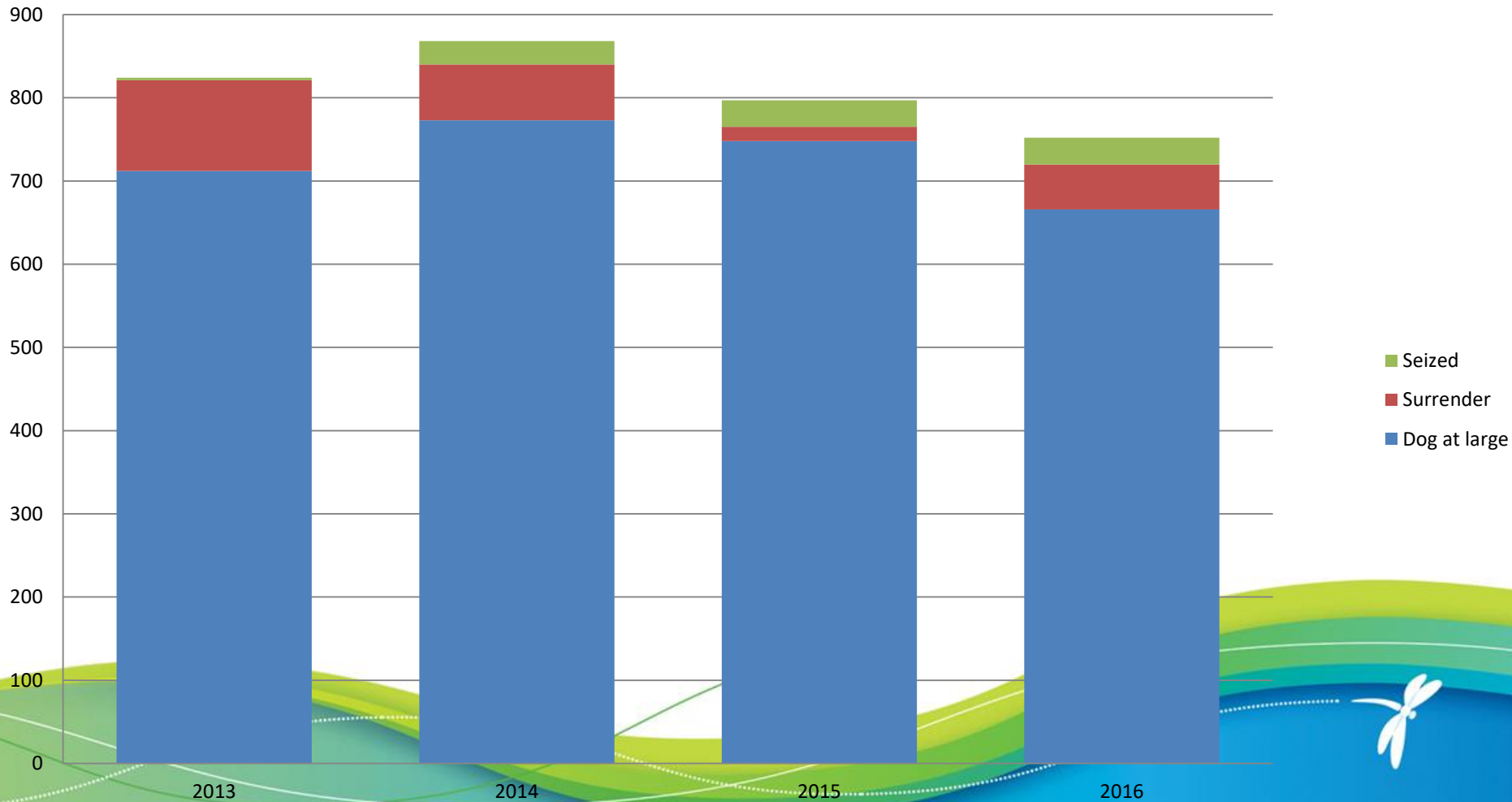


- Pound is a shelter for dogs and cats that are impounded for various By-Law breaches. The Pound is Council owned and operated.
- It has 25 kennels and 40 cat enclosures
- Treatment and assessment room
- Isolation room
- 2 running enclosures
- Staffed by the Pound Coordinator and 2 pound attendants
- RSPCA receives funding from CoD for the purpose of rehoming animals from the pound that are suitable for rehoming to the public. These animals are De-sexed, microchipped and rehomed at time of release to new owners. RSPCA Darwin is a regional branch and does not employ Inspectors and has no enforcement capabilities. It is purely an animal rehoming shelter



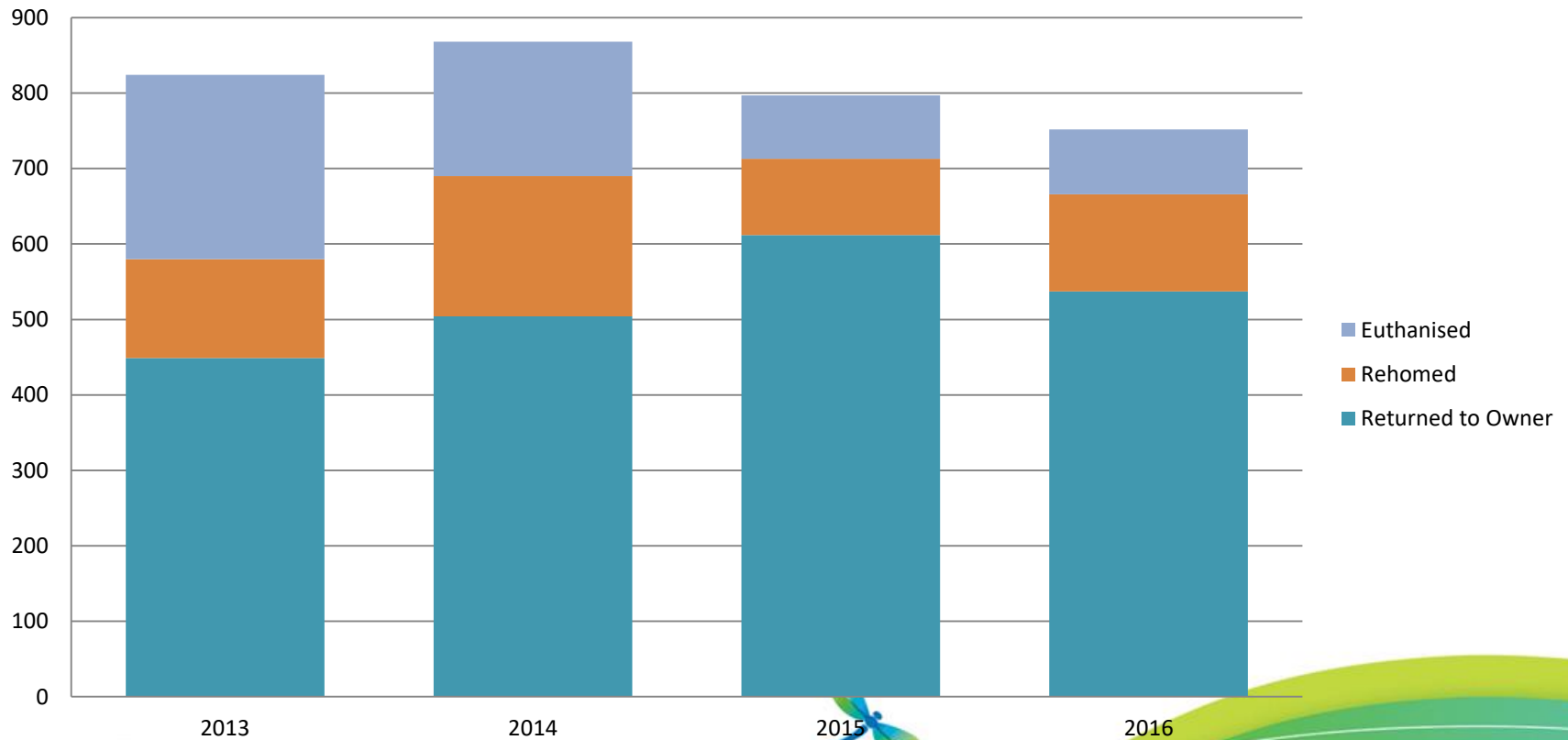
Pound Statistics

Reasons why animals were Impounded

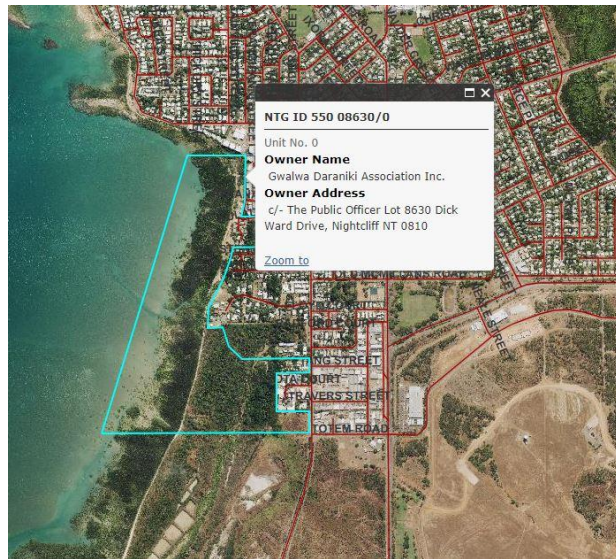


Outcomes

Outcome of Impounded Animals



Community Health Programs











Community Health Programs



Within the municipal boundaries of Darwin there are **four** Indigenous communities:

- Bagot Community Incorporated
- Kulaluk - Gwalwa Daraniki Association
- Minmarama – also under the Gwalwa Daraniki Association
- One Mile Dam with the Kumbutjil Association

Although the communities are not within Council Jurisdiction we have collaborated with AMRRIC to facilitate annual health days within the communities. We also facilitate 6 weekly internal and external parasite control program.



Community Health Programs



The City of Darwin implemented its first community health and de-sexing program with AMRRIC for Kulaluk and Minmarama in 2008. the approach was to make a conservative effort in getting to know community members and begin to build a relationship. Following the event, it immediately addressed the issues of animal overpopulation raised by earlier consultation with the community leaders.

At this time it became apparent to Council that such programs were quite successful in reaching out to community members who may not otherwise engage with service providers privately to assist them in the health management of their animal. The primary purpose of Council supporting the program was to promote the importance and long term benefits of de-sexing, vaccinations, registrations, microchip identification and parasite control.



Community Health Program



Since then, Council have sponsored AMRRIC to run an annual Animal Health Day program for all communities located in the Darwin area. Recently other funding has been supported by Larrakiya Nation and Yilli Rreung Housing. Community leaders, Indigenous Engagement Officers and all residents living in the communities have fully embraced these programs and the momentum continues to grow as more community members have participated in the programs over the last few years.



Community Health Program



Most dogs and a small percentage of cats that reside in the communities are registered and microchipped with the City of Darwin. Animals that may have strayed or become injured are taken to local veterinary hospitals and shelters and are able to be identified and owners contacted immediately. Reports made to Council of any dogs involved in an incident allows Rangers to ascertain, in most cases, the dog's property and confirmation of ownership in order to reasonably rectify the situation and prevent further issue.

The primary outcomes of the program are:

- Vastly improved health of dogs and cats in the communities
- Most dogs are registered with Council and microchipped
- Complaints from the wider community due to Nuisance, at large and dog attacks have minimised by 70%
- Relationships are strong with the communities and the leaders of the communities

Bagot Community

95 Registered Dogs



Minmarama Community

74 Registered Dogs



NTG ID 200 05182/0

Unit No. 0

Owner Name

Gwalwa Daraniki Association Inc.

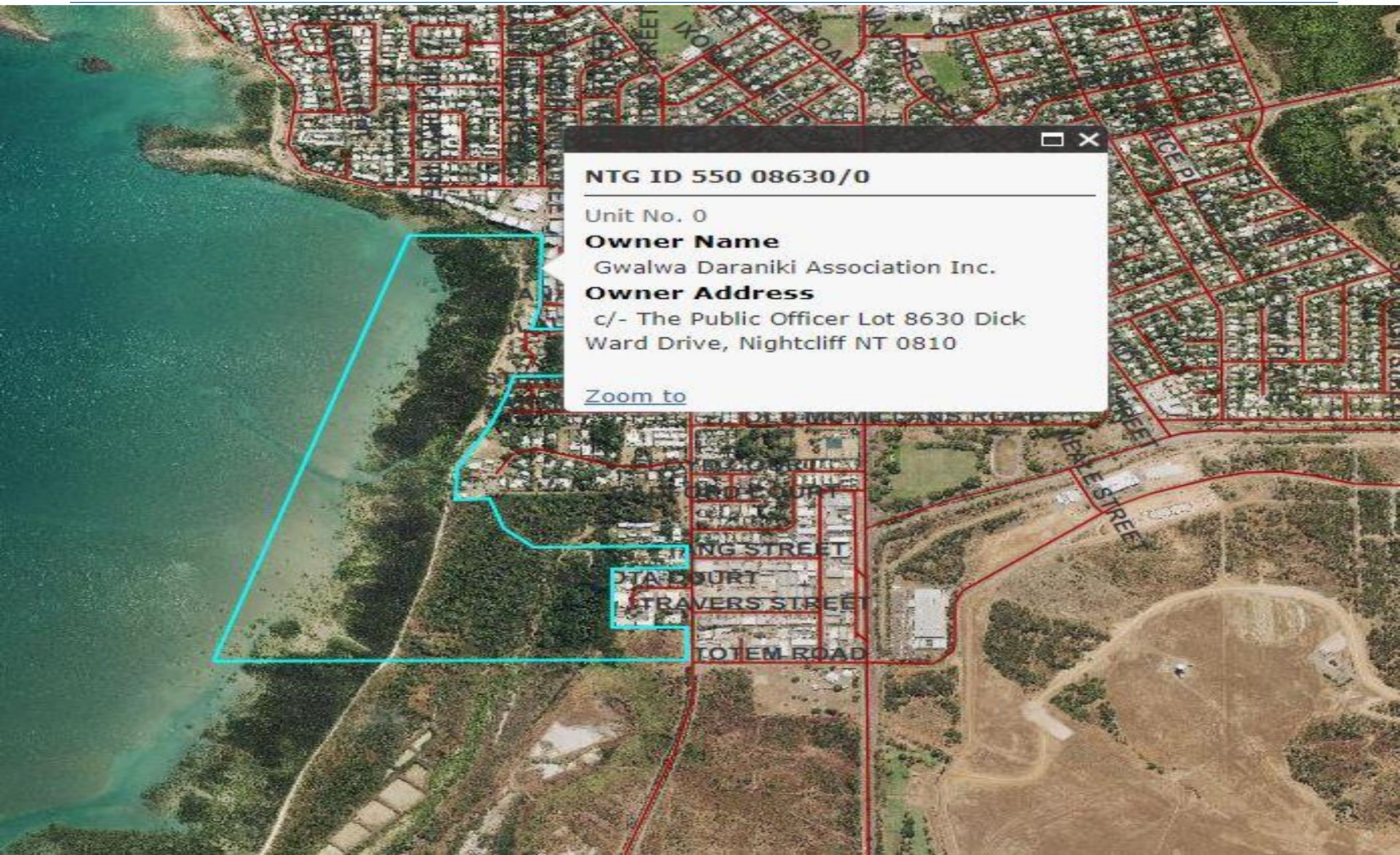
Owner Address

c/- The Public Officer Lot 8630 Dick
Ward Drive, Nightcliff NT 0810

[Zoom to](#)

Kulaluk Community

42 Registered Dogs



NTG ID 550 08630/0

Unit No. 0

Owner Name

Gwalwa Daraniki Association Inc.

Owner Address

c/- The Public Officer Lot 8630 Dick
Ward Drive, Nightcliff NT 0810

[Zoom to](#)

One mile Community 12 Dogs Not Registered



Unique Darwin



- Cyclones
- Storms
- Fireworks
- Animal welfare
- Parks&Wildlife
- Dog Breeds
- Dog behaviour
- Provide a 24/7 on call service fo dog attacks



Moving forward

- Reviewing animal management strategy
- Working with other council areas
- Public Education

