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Your animal shelter

Where is it?

Our Animal Shelter (Pound) is located at 446 Riverside Drive, Minnamurra (next door to the Minnamurra Waste & Recycling Facility).

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Help! I've lost my pet!

What to do if you lose your cat or dog:

Ring us and tell us your animal is missing - (02) 4232 0444. (You are legally required to do this within 72 hours of the cat or dog going missing.)

You should also:

- check the pound on a daily basis
- ask around the neighbourhood and check with your neighbours
- check the local newspapers lost and found ads - put an ad in the paper
- check the local vet clinics for injured stray animals
- put free lost pet announcements on the local radio station.

I've found someone's pet

If you can't find the owner within a reasonable amount of time you are required by law to contact us or take the animal to the pound - failure to do so can incur a \$550 fine. People who are missing their pet will check the pound but they won't find it in your backyard.

You should:

- check for identification/registration tag - if the animal is wearing a name tag, phone the owner
- check the papers and radio for lost cat announcements
- ask around the neighbourhood to see if anyone has lost their pet
- take it to the pound.

Impounded animals

Our officers will impound dogs when they are found straying. First priority is to **return the dog home**. If the dog is identified by a collar and tag and/or microchip the owner can be found straight away.

Our officers and members of the public sometimes set traps to capture cats suspected of causing damage to property or the environment. Where cats are identified by a collar and tag and/or microchip, our first priority is to return the cat home if the owner can be contacted.

Members of the public sometimes capture straying dogs and cats and take them directly to the RSPCA as well.

How long are impounded animals held

Animals that are not identified by a microchip are held at the Pound for seven days. Microchipped animals are held for 14 days. Animals that remain unclaimed become the property of the RSPCA. Animals suitable for re-homing are then made available for purchase from the RSPCA. Animals that are assessed as unsuitable for health or behavioural reasons are humanely euthanised.

Impound and sustenance fees

We charge impound and sustenance fees to recover some of the costs associated with providing a

pound service. Fees are charged on a daily basis, so the sooner an animal is claimed, the less it costs. All fees must be paid prior to the release of the animal.

Registration fees

The NSW Companion Animal Act requires all impounded animals to be microchipped and lifetime registered prior to release from the Pound. This includes animals that would otherwise be subject to an exemption, such as working dogs, greyhounds, or animals less than six months of age. We are unable to waive or reduce these fees, however desexed animals are cheaper [to register with payment of the appropriate fee](#).

Seizing a dog from its property

Our officers can seize a dog from its property if it has been involved in an attack within the preceding 72 hours and if we believe that the dog is not able to be secured safely on its property. The officer will leave a notice of seizure on the property if this has occurred.

We may also seize a dangerous or restricted dog if we are satisfied that all dangerous and restricted dog control requirements are not being met.

A claim for release of a seized dog from our pound may be made only if we are satisfied that the relevant control requirements are capable of being met.

After the release of your animal from the Pound, you may receive further correspondence from us about the incident that led to your animal being impounded. This may involve fines and/or notices and orders, depending on the circumstances.