



Disability Services

Community and Home Support SA

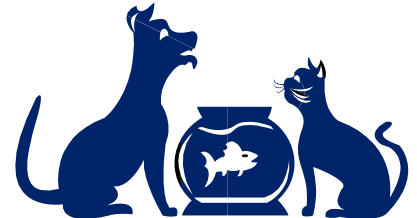
Information Sheet

Animals matter: caring for your pet

We understand that if you have a pet it is probably an important part of your family. We may be able to give you advice and support about how to care for your pet.

It is a serious decision to become a pet owner. It is best to ask people for information so you are clear about what is involved before making your decision.

Pets can be fun, but they also need care and attention. Most pets need you to spend time with them having fun, training them, grooming them and cleaning up after them. Pets can be expensive to keep because they need food and other things for their care, including vet bills.



How can we help you?

We can help you to find information about owning a pet and the care and responsibilities you will be taking on. We can help you make plans for the care of your pet so it has a happy and healthy life with you. We can tell you about things like:

- ▶ Pet care information and websites
- ▶ Boarding and lodging for pets
- ▶ Veterinary services
- ▶ Obedience training for pets
- ▶ Pet insurance
- ▶ Animal welfare agencies
- ▶ Coping with the loss of a pet.

If we don't have the information you need we try to find someone who does.

How you can help us!

- ▶ Tell us about your pet
- ▶ Talk to us if you are struggling with taking care of your pet
- ▶ Talk to us about who can care for your pet if you are not able to do it yourself (if you are sick or need to go away). We can help you plan so that your pet is not forgotten and you know your pet is always being looked after by a family member, neighbour or friend.

Disability Services and RSPCA work together

Disability Services and the RSPCA work together to support pet welfare. The RSPCA protects innocent animals against cruelty and provides treatment and cares for sick, injured and abandoned animals. The RSPCA can tell you about how to be a responsible pet owner.

Who to Contact

Ask to speak to the Animals Matter Coordinator based at the following offices:

Central Adelaide

8366 7333 (East - Gilles Plains)

8348 6000 (West - Regency Park)

Northern Adelaide

8366 7300 (Gilles Plains)

82825500 (Salisbury)

Southern Adelaide

8372 1495 (ASSIST)

8277 8566 (Daw Park)

Greater Adelaide

7424 7888 (Mt Barker)

8552 0600 (Southern Fleurieu)

Country North

8632 0155 (Port Pirie)

8683 2170 (Port Lincoln)

Country South

8532 4503 (Murray Bridge)

8582 2400 (Berri)

8735 1800 (Mt Gambier)

Intake, Assessment and Resource Allocation

8348 6500

RSPCA

The RSPCA office is at 172 Morphett Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Website: www.rspcasa.asn.au

If you are concerned about the safety or care of an animal, know about someone who is being cruel to animals, or if you find an animal that is lost or injured, you can contact the RSPCA on **1300 477 722** during the week from 7am to 7pm, or **1300 264 625** after hours or on the weekend.



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