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IF your dog loves to run off-leash at the park, your fur baby is expecting or you are concerned about the number of cats living next door, you might want to have a say in the update of Council's Animal Management Plan.

The Rural City of Murray Bridge is reviewing and updating the Plan which every South Australian Council is required to produce to guide compliance in alignment with the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*.

Manager Development and Regulation Geoff Parsons said community consultation was an important part of the process to ensure Council was meeting community expectations for dog and cat management in the neighbourhood.

"Based on an initial round of community and stakeholder engagement where we asked what people would like to see included, a draft plan has been developed – and now we want to know if you think we have got it right," he said.

The first round of consultation was held in February - stage two of the Draft Animal Management Plan consultation will run from Monday 6 May until Friday 31 May 2019.

"The feedback will help Council finalise the goals, strategies and actions which will guide how the Council approaches the management of dogs and cats over the next five years, said Mr Parsons.

The Draft Animal Management Plan 2020-2025 document and Feedback forms can be found online at letstalk.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/animal-management-plan
Hardcopies are available at the Local government Centre, 2 Seventh Street Murray Bridge, and Murray Bridge Library at Murray Bridge Marketplace on South Terrace.

Mr Parsons said it was important to note the plan could only cover the Council's management of dogs and cats as required by the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*.

"Issues outside of the Act's scope including livestock could not be included in the plan," said Mr Parsons.

All responses received via Council's community engagement process will be collated and summarised for consideration by the Council.