

WARWICK SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL LAW POLICY NO. 6 (IMPOUNDING OF ANIMALS)

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This Local Law Policy is to be read with Local Law No. 6 (Impounding of Animals) made by Council Resolution on 27/11/97

PART 1 - PRELIMINARY

Title

1. This policy may be cited as Local Law Policy No. 6 (Impounding of Animals).

Local Law Allowing the Policy to be Made

2. Local Law No. 6 (Impounding of Animals)

Exclusion of Cats (Local Law Section 3)

3. Cats are excluded from the definition “**animal**” contained in Local Law No. 6 (Impounding of Animals) and from the application of that law and this policy.

PART 2 - ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF ANIMAL POUNDS

Establishment of Animal Pounds

4. The local government has established pounds within the area. Smaller domestic animals, such as dogs, are accommodated at facilities established at Warwick at the Wentworth Street Pound Facility and at Killarney. Larger animals, such as livestock, are accommodated at Pound Yards at -

Wentworth Street, Warwick
Rosenthal Road, Warwick
Allora
Leyburn

Opening Times for Animal Pounds

5. (1) The times when the pounds will be open for the reception and release of animals are:

Monday to Friday (Excluding Public Holidays)	8.00am to 4.00pm; by arrangement with the local government's impounding officer
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- (2) Sale of impounded animals will take place not less than 2 days after notice of the sale is published in a newspaper circulating in the area..
- (3) The fees to be paid on the release of impounded animals may include such of those classes of fees listed in section 9 of this policy as in the opinion of the authorised officer are applicable to the animal concerned.

Register of Impounded Animals

6. A Register of Impounded Animals is kept at the local government's office. This Register is kept available for public inspection.

PART 3 - IMPOUNDING OF ANIMALS

Notice of Impounding - Fees

7. The classes of fees to be paid by the keeper of an animal to reclaim an animal that has been impounded may include a:
 - (1) release fee; and
 - (2) sustenance fee; and
 - (3) supervision fee; and
 - (4) driving fee; and
 - (5) transport fee; and
 - (6) impounding fee; and
 - (7) repayment of any expenses incurred, including the cost of posting notices and advertising; and
 - (8) permit fee; and
 - (9) registration fee; and
 - (10) veterinary fees;
 - (11) de-sexing fees.

The amount for each of these classes of fees will be as fixed by resolution of the local government from time to time.

Animals on private property

8.
 - (1) The local government and its authorised person will not as a matter of policy enter private property at the request of a property owner or occupier to seize animals other than dogs.
 - (2) A property owner or occupier on whose land an animal has wandered at large may seize the animal and transport the animal to an animal pound by arrangement with an authorised person.

- (3) Any amount set out in the local government's Schedule of Fees for cartage of the animal to the animal pound as a result of a valid private seizing may, if recovered on subsequent sale of the animal, and there are sufficient funds remaining for that purpose after defrayal of the local government's expenses, be reimbursed to the owner or occupier of the property concerned if that person has provided written details of the cartage claimed to an authorised person at the time of delivering the animal to the animal pound.

Sale of Impounded Animals (Local Law section 9)

9.

- (1) The period for which an impounded animal must be kept before the local government may offer it for sale is 2 clear days for dogs and 10 clear days for any other animal.
- (2) The period from when a notice that an animal is available for purchase is first given under section 9(3) of Local Law No. 6 (Impounding of Animals) to when the local government may dispose of the animal as the local government considers appropriate is 3 clear days.
- (3) If the authorised person is of the opinion that community interest in the purchase of an impounded animal is likely to be negligible, the above periods may run concurrently.