



# WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

5048 GREAT OCEAN ROAD, MEPUNGA

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## 1 Introduction

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A Waste Management Plan is required for animal boarding facilities, ensuring appropriate disposal and disinfection methods are in place to prevent spread of diseases and ensure hygiene remains at a high level throughout. This Waste Management Plan is associated with Stack's Pet Paradise, 5048 Great Ocean Road, Mepunga (**the subject site**).

The Stack's Pet Paradise will have the capacity for up to 30 cats and 60<sup>1</sup> dogs at the premises at any one time, allowing families to drop off and pick up animals between 8.30am - 11.00am and 3.00pm - 6.00 pm Monday to Sunday. Admission requirements will be in accordance with the Department of Agriculture's *Code of Practice for Operation of Boarding Establishments*.

The proprietor of the business will ensure each animal undergoes daily feeding, watering, inspection and medication, and that the overall level of hygiene is maintained, including the disposal of waste materials. It is imperative that all animals have a permanent supply of fresh, clean water, and that food and water containers are designed appropriately. Depending upon the age of the animal, feeding may occur between one and three times per day, ensuring a nutritionally balanced diet is maintained.

As an environment with high turnover, with boarding ranging from hours to weeks, the facility requires a high level of hygiene. As such, the Waste Management Plan, developed with reference to the *Code of Practice for Operation of Boarding Establishments*, includes appropriate processes to ensure waste will be managed efficiently, maintaining adequate hygiene for the entire premises.

The Waste Management Plan includes the following:

- Waste Management Practices
- Waste Collection.

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<sup>1</sup> Amended November 2024 to increase number of dogs boarded to 60.

## **2 Waste Management Procedures**

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All enclosures will be cleaned out at least once per day (or more often if inspection indicates it is required). As such, the following plan will be maintained to ensure the facility remains clean and hygienic at all times:

### **2.1. Waste Management Practices**

**Twice Daily Requirements (prior to 8.30am and between 11.00am - 3.00pm, may be increased where required):**

- Faeces and other wastes collected from each enclosure using appropriate bagging material and gloves;
- Faeces and other wastes to be disposed of in the allocated skip adjacent to the main cattery building;
- Litter trays to be replaced into enclosures with commercial cat litter, sawdust or shredded paper.

**Daily Requirements (minimum once per day, increased where required):**

- Emptying contents of all enclosures prior to cleaning;
  - All used, contaminated bedding and litter, and all uneaten food, to be removed.
  - Used litter and uneaten food will be placed in sealed containers for disposal.
- Hosing down of each pen will occur once empty to ensure entire enclosure is clean. Waste/faeces disposal and drainage points will be directed to the waste water treatment system, designed, constructed and managed in accordance with the Land Capability Assessment (Brian Consulting, November 2018).
- Drying of each enclosure will then occur to ensure they do not remain wet, particularly sleeping areas.

**Weekly Requirements (or whenever an enclosure is vacated, whichever is the lesser):**

- Disinfection of enclosures and litter trays will be conducted every seventh day, or whenever an enclosure is vacated, whichever is the lesser.

### **2.2. Waste Collection**

The allocated skip bin located adjacent to the building will be collected a minimum of once per week. During peak periods, this may be increased to twice per week.

It is important that waste bin lids are kept closed at all times to assist in pest management, preventing pests and rodents on the site.

