

# CAMDEN COUNCIL

## Media Release

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### Showcasing Camden's Commitment to Companion Animals

Mayor of Camden, Councillor Lara Symkowiak proudly presented Camden Council's Companion Animal initiatives and education material developed by Council's Companion Animals Advisory Committee to the Minister for Local Government, the Honourable Don Page on Monday.

The education material is aimed at children in years 3 to 6, incorporates a range of images on how children should interact with family pets or dogs they see in the public.

Mayor of Camden, Councillor Lara Symkowiak thanked the Minister for visiting Camden Council.

"I would like to thank the Minister for visiting Camden Council on Monday. Companion Animals is something I am extremely passionate about and I was pleased to present this material and Council's initiative to the Minister".

"Council's Companion Animal Advisory Committee is looking at conducting information sessions in local schools which will allow the children to speak with Council Rangers and learn what it takes to own a pet and how to interact with dogs within their community".

"I am committed to continuing working with the State Government to building strong relationships and promote the initiatives and programs Council delivers to its community that are above and beyond" she said.

The Minister for Local Government is also the Chair of the NSW Companion Animals Taskforce and congratulated the Mayor on the program and initiatives.

Council's Companion Animals Advisory Committee was formed to allow Council and members of the community the opportunity to work together to help develop initiatives to educate residents on the importance of being a responsible pet owner.

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