

## 1 Policy History

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1	11/05/2010	0142	11/05/2010
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## 2 Policy Objective

To provide clear protocol for the management of infant and feral animals deposited at the Griffith Pound and Rehoming Centre ("the Centre").

## 3 Policy Statement

Pursuant to Section 64(2) of the Companion Animals Act 1998, feral and infant companion animals seized or surrendered to the Griffith Pound and Rehoming Centre may be able to be destroyed prior to the standard holding period as set out in Section 64(1) of the Act.

Such destruction may occur if it is the opinion of Council Compliance staff that such animals are unsuitable or unlikely to be re-homed.

Infant animals may be suitable for fostering arrangements which will be coordinated by Compliance staff. This process will be in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding between Council and foster caring groups or individuals.

## 4 Definitions

'Feral' is an animal in wild state, especially after having been domesticated (Oxford dictionary).

'Infant animal' relates to puppies and kittens less than 12 weeks of age.

## 5 Exceptions

None

## 6 Legislation

Section 64(2) of Companion Animals Act 1998

## 7 Related Documents

None



## 8 Directorate

Sustainable Development