

Conservation in Manly

You're part of the solution

Manly is home to some of Sydney's most iconic wildlife and protecting them is our shared responsibility.

How can you help?

- Learn where the penguin habitat zones are and avoid taking your pets near them.
- Keep your yard secure to prevent pets from roaming.
- Talk to your neighbours about wildlife safe pet ownership.
- Support local conservation groups such as the Manly Penguin Wardens.
- Follow updates about wildlife protection.
- Teach your children how to look after wildlife and treat pets in a responsible way.

Every small action adds up

By keeping your pets close, you're helping to ensure Manly's little penguins, bandicoots and other native species can thrive for the generations to come.

Protect local wildlife

Being a responsible pet owner



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Manly's native wildlife need your help

Roaming cats and off leash dogs are major threats to endangered species in Manly such as little penguins and bandicoots.

Why?

Your pets can unintentionally cause harm and threaten local wildlife for several reasons.

- It's estimated that roaming pet cats kill hundreds of millions of native animals in Australia each year. On average, one roaming cat can kill almost 200 animals per year.
- Studies haven't shown that 85% of roaming cats hunt without bringing their prey home, meaning owners often don't realise this is happening.
- Manly's little penguin population is endangered, so even a single dog attack could devastate the colony.
- Bandicoots, lizards and small birds are especially vulnerable to roaming pets.
- Keeping your pets close, protects local wildlife and ensures your pets are safe from cars, toxins and attacks from other animals.

How to be a responsible cat owner.

- Cats are natural hunters and they are most active at night, so keep your cat indoors after dark.
- Provide indoor activities for your cat such as shelves, toys, scratching posts.
- Create a safe and enclosed space for them.
- Supervise them when they're outside.
- Use collars with bells or bright colours to reduce the success of their hunting.
- Microchip and register your cat so it can be returned safely if it escapes.

How to be a responsible dog owner.

- Ensure your dog is on leash near wildlife zones and keep pets out of penguin critical habitat altogether.
- Avoid sensitive areas at dawn and dusk when wildlife is most active.
- Always follow local signage and seasonal restrictions.
- Use recall training and reward calm behaviour when your dog is near wildlife.
- Report roaming dogs or wildlife concerns to Council. Roaming dogs or cats in a National Park should be reported to NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service on 1300 072 757.

