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## AIAM Conference Adelaide - 6-8 October 2010

The 2010 AIAM Annual Conference is to be held in the Stamford Grand Adelaide in Glenelg, 6-8 October, with an AMO training day scheduled for Tuesday 5 October.

Monday 4 October is a public holiday in NSW, ACT and South Australia and may offer delegates from those states an opportunity to arrive early and have a pre-conference holiday in the region.

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### EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>AIAM ANNUAL CONFERENCE</b> on urban animal management	6-8 Oct 10
AMO Training Day	5 Oct 10
Next issue of The Phoenix	Aug 10

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## Message from the AIAM President



Dick Murray, AIAM President

Greetings all, and welcome to the mid-year edition of Phoenix. Main thing for me to do in this edition is to un-wrap this year's conference program for you.

You will see that there are two components to the program in 2010:

1. A two and a half day program of conference presentations, and
2. A single day of AMO training.

A full AIAM Committee meeting was convened in March to create this conference program and since then, Chris Button and Elke Tapley have done all the hard pushing and shaping necessary to complete the finished product. I am sure everyone out there appreciates what a demanding business it is to get such a major enterprise all set and sorted. My thanks go to all the Institute Committee team for this effort.

The overall conference theme this year is "Animal Management: Pulling it all together". The separate session themes for our conference program are as follows:

- Human behaviour in animal management
- Community behaviour in animal management
- Governance in animal management
- Animal behaviour in animal management
- Initiatives in animal management
- Training for animal management
- National position statements for animal management
- Special interest papers and awards papers



Have you ever felt like this after a day in your animal management office?

Well, this conference program is very much about dodging the quills. It is going to be an uplifting and enabling conference. This is one of those pictures that speaks a thousand words and has application wherever you work in animal management. It will apply for elected councillors, legislators, managers and patrol officers.

While the paper titles in the program are sometimes a little cryptic this year, what lies behind those titles is all still good, solid, supporting and interesting animal management stuff. Cryptic titles are what enthusiastic speakers do and enthusiasm is all good as far as I'm concerned. Goodness knows what will happen next year if they really get the bit between their teeth!

When finalised paper abstracts will be posted on our Institute website. All of the full depth and quality of this program will be revealed. Keep a good eye on that website [www.aiam.com.au](http://www.aiam.com.au)

You will see that this year's AMO training day is directly aligned with an Animal Control and Regulation Certificate IV Training Package Competency and will be accredited training under the authority of a Registered Training Organisation.

We plan to also have every conference paper this year aligned with an appropriate Competency or Element of either the Cert IV ACR TP or the Certs III & IV in Local Government (regulatory services) for RPL purposes.

I want to thank again all of our committee members and especially Elke Tapley and Chris Button for starting the ball rolling by "pulling the conference program together" for starters.!

I don't think we have ever had such a good start to a conference year and the benefit of that is that registrations will be available before the end of May.

The main thing for you to do right now, is to start getting your ducks lined up so you too can be there with the rest of us.

Book in soon, before all the accommodation in Glenelg is sold out!

Last thing before closing, is for me to ask that everyone receiving Phoenix should see if they can think of half a dozen other people they know in animal management and forward the mail to them.

Conferences run on people power – more delegates means more buzz and spark for everyone.

All the best. See you there.

Regards,

Dick Murray



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## Council Initiatives .... What is your Council doing?

### Gold Coast City Council are reducing stress in the office!

Following a loss of colourful characters to the Animal Management Unit within Gold Coast City we recently inducted a new member to the team. His name is 'Charlie' and as with all new inductees he is full of energy, enthusiastic but with a normal lack of knowledge about the legislation or rules regarding animal management.

Charlie is a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel who was recently found in the street. He was too young to place in the pound and we all know the down side of that, so he was taken home by various staff. He endeared himself quickly and was offered a position in the education unit which he took with four paws.

Charlie is based in the office and has brought about a change in the dynamics of the usual hectic and sometimes tense office environment. All AM units experience bad calls and bad days but Charlie provides an endearing 'don't worry about it' look while he allows you to stroke a soft fluffy coat. I have noticed the odd usually tough AMO or Inspector stopping to throw a toy and enjoy the enthusiasm Charlie makes about bringing it straight back. I also overhear people chatting about their own pets and comparing Charlie to them. He has provided some good relaxing discussion between people who may not normally have things in common.

All in all Charlie has to date been an asset to the unit and once he has his training with Craig & Tracey Murray will no doubt impress the kids and other residents when he exemplifies what can be achieved with a good pet.

It was a pleasant surprise to me that during a recent high level discussion with regional Animal Management Officers at Logan City Council the Manager Carolyn Johnson has also seen the benefits to the office of having animals in the mix. 'Lucy Olivia, Logan Pound Puppy, 'White Dog' and 'Pound Cat' welcomed all the delegates and provided a distraction from the normally technical and difficult issues raised at the meetings. Carolyn also offers visitors an opportunity to meet 'Pound Donkey' and 'Little Horse' who wait



Charlie and his Angels

at the fence for the carrots that come their way with every visitor.

Not sure what Lucy, White Dog and Pound Cat' thought of the discussions about

Amstaffs and APBT's, but I am sure they all agree with the group and the opinions surrounding a recent Supreme Court ruling in Queensland that confirmed they are all dogs.

I look forward to other stories from institute members regarding what you are doing in your office to assist with staff morale and initiatives to reduce the stressful environment that can often occur.

### Nillumbik Shire Council ... SMS alerts.

As with most councils, Nillumbik Shire Council has a large number of animals, including dogs, cats and horses, becoming extremely distressed during fireworks displays. During, and after these displays, Council would experience a spike in the number of animals wandering and being impounded.

To reduce the impact of firework displays on animals, Nillumbik have introduced SMS warning messages to be sent to all registered dog and cat owners within a 5 kilometre radius of the firework display.

The warning message reads similar to: "Nillumbik Shire Council (9433 3111) alerts pet owners to Town Fair fireworks Sat 12/9 at 8.45pm-8.55pm. Fireworks can frighten pets: keep indoors/confined." Council has also sent generic SMS to all pet owners stating " Please be aware of legal and illegal fireworks on New Years Eve and keep your pets confined or indoors."

This service has been well received by pet owners and has had a huge impact on the number of impounded and wandering animals. For example, Rangers would impound up to 20 dogs during a fireworks demonstration at a Town Fair. Last year using this SMS service, Rangers only impounded one dog, which happened to be unregistered! Nillumbik are also using this service to inform pet owners of responsible pet ownership programs and registration renewal requirements.

### Glen Eira City Council offering reduced registration fees for obedience trained dogs.

Dog owners who have had their four-legged friends trained through an approved dog obedience training organisation are eligible for reduced registration fees.

Under a new incentive scheme introduced by Glen Eira City Council in August last year, owners of obedience trained dogs will have their annual pet registration fee waived for a full 12 months.

Council's Manager Civic Compliance John Bordignon said it seems logical and sensible that owners of obedience trained dogs receive some additional positive reward or incentive.

"Owners will also receive a 50 per cent reduction off the standard reduced fee for subsequent years," Mr Bordignon said.

There are four organisations which are approved and whose qualified trainers are issuing certificates:

- Dogs Victoria;
- Australian Association of Professional Dog Trainers Inc;
- Australian Association of Gentle Modern Dog Training Instructors Inc; and
- The Delta Society.

The approved assessment program covers:

- heeling or walking with handler;
- sociability with other dogs;
- staying on command (known as a stay test);
- coming to handler on command (known as a recall test); and
- absence of aggression towards humans or another animal.

For further information, contact Council's Service Centre on 9524 3333.



## AIAM PRELIMINARY PROGRAM **DAY 1** WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER

8:30	Welcome
<b>1: HUMAN BEHAVIOUR - Feature Session</b>	
8.45	<b>KEYNOTE:</b> Recognising Signs and Symptoms of Mental Illness - <i>Dr David Whittingham, Psycare, Qld</i>
9:25	<b>KEYNOTE:</b> What is the 'Managing Aggression Program' - <i>Dr David Whittingham, Psycare, Qld and Mr Geoff Irwin, Gold Coast City Council, Qld</i>
9.50	The Board Model for State-Wide Dog and Cat Management: Does it work? - <i>Mr Ben Luxton, Dog &amp; Cat Management Board, SA</i>
10.15	Questions
10:30 - 11:00	<b>MORNING TEA IN EXHIBIT</b>
<b>2: COMMUNITY</b>	
11:00	How are Fenced Dog Parks Used in Adelaide? - <i>Dr Susan Hazel, University of Adelaide, SA</i>
11:20	Tying in the Community - <i>Mrs Louise Laurens, Moreton Bay Regional Council, Qld</i>
11:40	Promoting Sensible Selection - Select an Owner: Puts emphasis on compatibility in the hands of the dog - <i>Mr Ben Luxton, Dog &amp; Cat Management Board</i>
12.00	The Principles of Making Animal Management Local Laws - <i>Mr Trevor Green, Redland City Council, Qld</i>
12:20	Questions
12:30 - 13:30	<b>LUNCH IN EXHIBIT</b>
<b>3: GOVERNANCE</b>	
1:30	To Act or Not to Act? Managing a council's liability exposure in the exercise of its legislative powers - <i>Ms Cimon Burke, Wallman Lawyers, SA</i>
1:50	Educational and Technical Considerations of Personnel Involved in Companion Animal Welfare During Disasters - <i>Ms Hayley Squance, Massey University, NZ</i>
2:10	Tips and Traps for Young Players: Investigations and brief preparation - <i>Ms Kate Oliver, Norman Waterhouse Lawyers, SA</i>
2:30	Learning to Behave: The science behind animal behaviour and management - <i>Dr Linda Marston, Monash University, Vic</i>
2:50	Questions
3:00 - 3:30	<b>AFTERNOON TEA IN EXHIBIT</b>
<b>4: UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE</b>	
3:30	The Five Needs of Performance™ - <i>Mr David Harding, Excelebrate Learning And Development Australia, SA</i>
3:55	Risk Indicators for Violence and Aggressive Dog Ownership - <i>Dr David Whittingham, Psycare, Qld</i>
4:45	Questions
6:30	<i>Casual Dinner</i>

## AIAM PRELIMINARY PROGRAM **DAY 2** THURSDAY 7 OCTOBER

<b>5: UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIOUR - Feature Session</b>	
8:30	<b>KEYNOTE:</b> Why Pet Owners Don't Always do the Right Thing - <i>Ms Vanessa Rohlf, Monash University, Vic</i>
9.10	Development of a Valid and Reliable Assessment to Measure Amicability in Dogs - <i>Ms Tammie King, Animal Welfare Science Centre, Monash University Vic</i>
9.30	Science and Dog Training: Getting it out of the lab and into practice - <i>Dr Linda Marston, Monash University, Vic</i>
9.50	Questions
10:00 - 10:30	<b>MORNING TEA IN EXHIBIT</b>
<b>6: ANIMAL MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES - Feature Session</b>	
10:30	Dog Barking Update - <i>Mr Chris Button, Onkaparinga Council, SA</i>
10:45	Training for a Quiet Pound - <i>Dr Linda Marston, Monash University, Vic</i>
11.15	Developing Standard Operating Procedures for Dog Management by Council - <i>Ms Andrea Malone, Local Government Association, SA</i>
11:35	Animal Management: It's as easy as the DNA on a cotton swab - <i>Mr George Sofronidis, Genetic Technologies, Vic</i>
12:20	Questions
12:30 - 1:30	<b>LUNCH IN EXHIBIT</b>
<b>7: ALL AROUND TRAINING</b>	
1:30	<b>KEYNOTE:</b> How to Enforce Management Behaviours Without Force - <i>Ms Vanessa Rolf</i>
2.10	Dangerous Dogs - <i>Mr Steve Hearn, Dog &amp; Cat Management Board, SA</i>
2.30	NSW Dog Attack Data 2009 - <i>Mr Steve Larsen, Pittwater Council, NSW</i>
2.50	Questions
3:00 - 3:30	<b>AFTERNOON TEA IN EXHIBIT</b>
<b>8: AIAM POSITION STATEMENTS</b>	
3:30	Draft AIAM Position Statement AMO training in Australia
3.45	Draft AIAM Position Statement on the Management of Dangerous Dogs
4.00	AIAM Annual General Meeting
7:00	<i>Conference Dinner</i>

## AIAM PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

**DAY 3**

**FRIDAY 8 OCTOBER**

### 9: SPECIAL INTEREST - Feature Session

9:00	Zero Euthanasia for Western Australia Utilizing Foster Care program – Ms Sue Hedley, Saving Animals From Euthanasia, WA
9:25	Malaysia Magic – Ms Sharleen Jordan, CY O'Connor College of TAFE, WA
9:50	Award Winners
10:15	Questions
10:30 - 11:00	<b>MORNING TEA IN EXHIBIT</b>
<b>10: GOVERNANCE</b>	
11:00	Quality Data Collection, Management and Analysis: The transition from repository to strategy – Mr Ben Luxton, Dog & Cat Management Board, SA
11:20	Conducting Council Audits – TBA, Dog & Cat Management Board, SA
11:40	Townsville wrap
12:00	<b>CONFERENCE CLOSE</b>

DISCLAIMER: The program is preliminary only. AIAM reserves the right to modify or alter this program as it deems appropriate. Updates will be posted to the AIAM website as soon as practicable after changes have been made.

## AMO Training Day - Tuesday 5 October

The venue for training is the German Shepherd Dog Club, Barrett Reserve, West Beach, just a 10 minute drive from Glenelg, the location of the conference venue.

Attending this day is an opportunity for AMOs to undertake training with recognised expert dog handlers and gain skills that are core to their role of handling dogs of unknown temperament.

The workshop, to be run by Craig A. Murray, has been specifically designed to educate the attendee in how to read the natural drives and instincts and body language of the domestic canine. This enables the attendee to have key indicators when entering premises or encountering dogs that alert to a potentially unsafe or dangerous incident.

Topics Covered:

- Basic Dog Psychology
- Recognition and Identification of Breeds and their Traits
- How Dogs Read Humans
- Identification of Character
- Natural Drives and Instincts
- Unsound Temperament Categories
- Dominance Styles
- Safety Props
- Visual and Audible Signs
- Video Footage of Dangerous Dogs for Identification
- Using Your Body Language to Deflate an Incident This workshop is required to run from 9am to 4pm.



The training will include: Recognising aggression in dogs & dealing with aggressive dogs and will be accredited with competencies from the Certificate IV in Animal Management and/or Local Government Regulation.

Information about the trainer, Craig Murray can be found on the AIAM website.

To register for the Training Day, please complete and return the AIAM Conference Registration form included in this edition of the Phoenix or register online through the AIAM website - [www.aiam.com.au](http://www.aiam.com.au)

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Peter Chandler MP (Shadow Minister for Natural Resources, Environment and Heritage, Parks and Wildlife, Shadow Minister assisting on Education)

## AIAM Committee meet with the SA Dog & Cat Management Board

We must have known summer was about to end in southern Australia when we chose the dates for the recent AIAM Committee meeting. The weather was beautiful, sunny and hot when we touched down in Adelaide for our first face-to-face since the Geelong Conference in October 2009.

It was agreed that the Committee had learnt a lot over the last twelve months preparing for the Victorian Conference, particularly about how the Department of Primary Industries', Bureau of Animal Welfare (BAW) works behind the scene in Victoria assisting AMOs conducting research and managing legislation change.

As the conference for 2010 is being held in South Australia where there is another organisation that leads legislation change, an afternoon meeting was organised by Robyn Butterfield and Chris Button, Deputy President of AIAM, where the committee sat around the table with the Dog and Cat Management Board (DCMB).

The agenda provided an opportunity for the state representatives present to report on current legislation, problems and solutions within their states and the DCMB to reciprocate with the state of play in South Australia.

It was a particularly interesting afternoon. The states were well represented by 11 committee members covering almost all states. The DCMB was also well represented having 8 representatives present.

Each committee member provided a state report to the meeting. If you are interested in a comprehensive report on the day's discussions, please contact the AIAM office ([info@aiam.com.au](mailto:info@aiam.com.au)) and this will be emailed out to you.

*Elke Tapley, Secretary AIAM*



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## AIAM Executive Profile



**Mykel Smith**, Coordinator Local Laws, Townsville City Council Qld 4814

Mykel has worked in the animal management field for the past 10 years, beginning as an Animal Management

Officer with the Townsville City Council progressing to the Senior Compliance Officer with Thuringowa City Council. Due to the amalgamation of Thuringowa and Townsville, Mykel was appointed Coordinator Local Laws for the new Townsville City Council. Mykel will complete his Bachelor of Business, majoring in Marketing and Management, in December 2009.



**Claire Gick**, Director, Benotto Animal Management/City of Bunbury WA

Claire has a background and qualifications both in Veterinary Nursing and Municipal Law Enforcement. She

has worked as an animal management consultant in recent years producing community events, sterilisation schemes, legislative consultation groups and animal management plans for Local Government. She has trained a dog to top Obedience and Agility competition titles as well as gaining and Australian Championship for showing. Claire runs Benotto Dog Lifestyle Classes educating owners in the benefit of exercising, socialising and educating their dogs and puppies in addition to some private behaviour management consultation. She is a regular cat foster carer and an active supporter of local animal rescue groups.

*Two more AIAM Committee members will be profiled in the next edition of The Phoenix.*

## Are you a member of AIAM yet?

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*Encourage your colleagues to join!*

We need you to assist us to develop an environment for best practice in animal control and regulation service delivery in Australia!

Meet a few of our 2010 presenters (Biographies and abstracts for all speakers can be found on the website)



**David Whittingham**  
B.Psych (Hons.) M.Psych  
(Forensic) MAPS

David is a Forensic and Clinical Psychologist and joint Managing Partner of Psycare, a Brisbane-based company of consulting psychologists,

specialising in both corporate and clinical psychology services

David has extensive experience working with both individuals and organisations in the areas of forensic, clinical and occupational health psychology. David has joined PsyCare after working in the United Kingdom for the last 15 months where he provided specialist forensic and clinical psychological services including schema focused therapy, mindfulness and motivational enhancement interventions to clients. .



**Vanessa Rohlf**, a former Veterinary Nurse, is a Monash University PhD candidate studying owner attitudes predicting responsible dog ownership behaviours.

She was awarded her Psychology honours

degree in 2003 for her thesis investigating traumatic stress in animal care workers. She currently lectures and tutors in the Department of Psychology at Monash University.

Vanessa's research interests include owner factors predicting health outcomes in pets, the role of pets in human health and happiness, and job satisfaction in animal care workers.



**Louise Laurens** is currently the Education Officer, Moreton Bay Regional Council and Secretary for the South East Queensland Regional Animal Management Group (SEQRAMG).

Louise has been responsible for pet education in Caboolture, Redcliffe and Pine Rivers. She re-designed and implemented the Prevent-a-bite and RPC program for under 3, kindergarten, prep and grades 1-12. An ex veterinary nurse, she also implemented 'Preparing your pet for your baby' courses working with Redcliffe and Caboolture Hospital's Ante-Natal classes and midwives.

Louise also designed and implemented the State Government funded Pilot program – 'Snip and Chip' and the PetSmart program, characters, DVD and song.

## THE AIAM ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM

Two awards will be made this year by the Institute:



### 1. AMO of the year award

- Nominations permissible and welcome from the field of animal management in general and from any State/Territory;
- Nominations will be judged by the Institute committee members;
- Top three nominations will be allocated a 10 minute presentation in the general conference program;
- The award for best will be presented at the Institute's conference dinner function.
- Winning AMO will receive free conference registration, three nights accomodation and \$200 towards an airfare to the AIAM Conference PLUS \$500 cash, courtesy of AIAM Inc.

### 2. Animal Management Plan of the Year

- Nominations for this award must be sponsored (put forward) by a State or Regional Ranger/AMO association;
- One nomination is sought from each Ranger/AMO Association;
- Nominations will be judged by the Institute committee members;
- Each of these nominations will be allocated a 10 minute presentation in the general conference program;
- This award will also be awarded at the Institute's conference dinner function.

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## AIAM General Meeting

The next Institute's General Meeting, which is open to all members, will be held on 25 June 2010 in Adelaide at the City of West Torrens, 165 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Hilton SA 5033 on 25 June 2010.

Full details and agenda will be circulated to all members shortly. For more information, please contact the AIAM Secretariat by phone (02) 6161 9024 or email [info@aiam.com.au](mailto:info@aiam.com.au)

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Organisations can consider the prime Principal Sponsorship of the Institute or one of the many other sponsorships on offer for the conference (including the Program or the Training Program, or one of the social functions).

Consider booking a booth at the conference and being part of the conference exhibition.

It is a great opportunity to ensure you are part of the AIAM Annual Conference in Adelaide in October!

See you there...

## What's that your wearing?

**Mykel Smith asked the question -**

Can anyone help? I have been advised that the collar that this dog is wearing in the photo is banned.



I have not heard of any bans on particular collars but am sure there is something out there. Could you please let me know if it is banned and who would be responsible for determining what is banned.

**A response from Claire Gick:** That is a "prong collar". Like a check chain that gives a hell of a kick. When the dog pulls, the chain tightens and the prongs point inwards more and more until the chain is then loosened. They were somewhat popular in the 70's and 80's for military dogs and strong type dogs who could not be trained, held or made to work with a standard check chain.

I believe this one is actually inside out and think they have been made redundant by not only the no pull head haltis and no pull harnesses, but also by remote electronic correction collars.

They are not considered positive and are not permitted in competition in Australia. I would be surprised if any affiliated dog club would allow their use. I am not aware that they are illegal in WA, but have not seen one in a shop or wholesaler in the 20 years I have been dogging around.

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## The AIAM Annual Conference on urban animal management

6-8 October 2010

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If you or your Council have implemented any interesting new animal management initiatives, we would like to hear about it. Providing copy for Phoenix will share your news within the industry!

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