Media Release

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Council to help fund discounted de-sexing program for registered dogs

Gladstone Regional Council and Gladstone Animal Rescue Group (GARG) are committed to reducing the number of unwanted dogs in the region, with Council providing funding for GARG to facilitate a dog de-sexing program.

The Discounted Dog De-Sexing Program is available for Gladstone Region residents up until 31 March 2021.

The program will see \$100 vouchers made available to residents who have a dog registered with Gladstone Regional Council.

Vouchers will be available from Council offices from Monday 18 January until Friday 26 February, or until the voucher allocation is exhausted.

Gladstone Region Acting Mayor Kahn Goodluck said three veterinary clinics will participate in the program.

"The \$100 vouchers will help towards the final cost of the de-sexing procedure, which can be performed at one of the selected veterinary clinics participating in the program," Councillor Goodluck said.

"To claim a voucher, the dog must be currently registered with Gladstone Regional Council, with prebooking of the de-sexing procedure required and to be facilitated by contacting one of the vets participating in the program.

"The voucher is valid for one de-sexing procedure for one registered dog, with no other procedures or treatments covered.

"Booking availability and vouchers will expire on 31 March, so pre-bookings must be made prior to this date."

The following veterinary clinics will participate in the program:

- Gladstone Veterinary Clinic
 60 Philip Street, Sun Valley Ph. 4979 3444
- Harbour City Veterinary Surgery
 23 Dawson Road, Gladstone Ph. 4972 5100
- Boyne Tannum Veterinary Surgery 2/4 Booth Avenue, Tannum Sands – Ph. 4973 8195



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Please call GARG on 0497 292 318 for more information about the de-sexing program.

Visit <u>www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/pets-animals</u> for more information about owning animals in the Gladstone Region.

Visit <u>www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/dogs-public-places</u> for a list of off-leash, on-leash and dog-free zones located within the Gladstone Region.

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