



AIAM Annual Conference on urban animal management

Holiday Inn Esplanade Darwin, 15-17 October 2008
AMRRIC Conference 14 October 2008

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AIAM Conference in Darwin shaping well

The Institute's conference is the annual centre piece event. The conference, each year, has a major role to play in urban animal management as a meeting point and forum for everyone in Australia who is interested and involved in urban animal management as an occupational activity.

The elegance of this annual national conference approach lies in the fact that nobody, by so doing, is dictating anything to anybody. We all see quite enough of animal management legislative process to know that the last thing we need is more of that!

The conference is all about coming together, sharing innovative ideas, making contacts, getting over boundaries and divisions and looking for consensus on critical issues.

Key note sessions this year include

- Urban animal management & natural disaster readiness
- Urban animal management & animal welfare
- Dogs 101 & adopting a systematic approach to shaping better dog behaviour

Urban animal management and natural disaster readiness

A recent Australian Strategic Policy Institute report – Taking a Punch: Building a more resilient Australia – has said that Australia has been very lucky not to have faced the “big one” yet.

We all remember cyclone Tracey that devastated Darwin City on Christmas Day 1974. There were 65 killed, hundreds injured, some 30,000 people air evacuated to safety and the city was literally levelled. In the context of comparative scale, by all accounts we have been lucky so far. While Tracey was very bad for Darwin, the feeling today is that we are overdue for a “big one” like Hurricane Katrina that hit New Orleans a couple of years back now.

By all accounts, climate changes are ramping up the pressure on both probability and severity. It seems that Australia like all other nations will face more frequent natural disaster events such as flooding, intense storms, lightening events and severe bushfires. These events sometimes call for **both** human population management AND animal population management.

Noah knew about having proper preparation for a natural disaster flood event – but then he got some inside info on that. Perhaps the writing is on the wall for us now too and it is probably not a bad time to stop and think about the wisdom of old Noah and consider where we are with getting *our* arks ready in case it happens to us where we live.

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We need you there to help us work through the issues involved!

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Urban animal management and animal welfare

The boundaries between animal management and animal welfare have never been particularly well defined and it is about time they were. It seems that more and more often these days, when people think they are talking about animal management issues, they are actually confusing things with animal welfare ... and vice versa.

This differentiation is tricky stuff in some respects and the difficulty can be compounded if/when blurred boundaries between the two get caught up in government policy and even in legislation.

Another aspect of blurred divisions between animal welfare and animal management lies in the simple business of job descriptions for both. It is difficult for anyone to operate efficiently in an occupational sense when they don't have a clear job description. Councils and AMOs are often under pressure in a number of ways in trying to successfully carrying out urban animal management duties anyway and getting tangled up in debates about who should be doing what doesn't help..

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