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Dear Sarah Philpot,

**Re: Dog and Cat Management Board Confirmation Approval of Detention Facilities**

The *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* (the Act) requires the Dog and Cat Management Board (the Board) to issue guidelines and provide advice to councils about the standard of facilities used for the detention of dogs and cats under the Act. The Act also requires Councils to make satisfactory arrangements for dogs seized under the Act, including that they are detained in a facility approved by the Board.

In July 2023, the Board approved the City of Mount Gambier's 72-hour detention facility at 265-271 Commercial Street West, Mount Gambier.

On 1 February 2024 a representative directed by the Dog and Cat Management Board attended the detention facility to conduct an audit of the facility to review compliance with Board Policy. I can confirm the detention facility meets the policy requirements set by the Board, and the approval for the purpose of detaining dogs seized under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* granted July 2023 remains in place. This approval is for the housing of four (4) dogs at any time.

The City of Mount Gambier conveyed they are exploring the option of roof ventilation for the facility and additional shade sails for the outdoor area. This would be strongly encouraged to ensure the comfort of dogs during extreme weather conditions. If any improvements or changes are made to the facility, please advise us as soon as practicable.

Council may consider conducting its own annual review of the detention facilities to ensure they still meet the Board's requirements. Resources for this are available via the Board's [Council Secure](#) website.

If you have any questions about this approval, please contact me at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. Any enquiries about the operational aspects of the facility can be directed to  
[REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,



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**Dog and Cat Management**

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