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CATS AND DOGS DOMESTIC

PREDATION

PREY ON NATIVE BIRDS

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Even well cared for domestic dogs and cats are known to harass native animals, so it is essential to know where your pets are at all times.

Cats and dogs will pursue most small mammals, with dogs able to attack and harass kangaroos, wallabies, lambs, sheep, foals and calves, while cats commonly attack birds and reptiles and will hunt and harass possums. Both dogs and cats often pursue these animals purely for the fun of it. The stress of being chased often results in the death of the animal.

Domestic animals are the responsibility of their owners. It is important that pet dogs and cats are confined to yards and leashed when out walking, particularly near bushland. Keep your pet under control (inside or in a run) at all times, especially during their peak hunting time, for dogs that's anytime, for cats it's mostly at dawn, dusk and through the night.

De-sexing your pet dog or cat is also an important step as it reduces the likelihood of them wandering.

The Molonglo Catchment Group will be happy to help out with your enquiries.

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