

Case study – Changing the by-laws for Millie



Kylie has owned her Unley, Adelaide strata residence in a complex of 23 townhouses and flats for eight years.

"Residents have always kept dogs and cats in the complex," says Kylie. "However, the by-laws only allowed for cats to be kept with permission. There was no provision for other animals."

When nine year old Millie, a Maltese crossbred rescue dog, came into Kylie's life she decided it was time to encourage the strata corporation to review the by-laws. "I proposed a draft pet-friendly policy that incorporates a formal application and approval process along with a pet keeping agreement," says Kylie.

The strata corporation accepted the policy in principle and it is now going through final acceptance procedures. Kylie believes it is beneficial for strata corporations to have well thought out pet-friendly policies. "It means that pets can be approved on their individual merits, pets are more likely to be properly managed, with everyone aware of their obligations and responsibilities."