Orders rule out prison

Cameron Boon

PEOPLE convicted of crimes who will have to undergo rehabilitation and education programs and wear electronic monitoring bracelets under new sentencing orders introduced to Parliament last week.

He said: "This is about forcing offenders to address their rehabilitation needs and avoid further offending.

Offenders can be forced to wear electronic monitoring bracelets, so their movements can be monitored, and remain at their homes to ensure they are adhering to the strict conditions."

Mr McCarthy said the orders are needed as the Territory has the highest recidivism rate in Australia of 47.9 per cent compared to a national average of 37.6 per cent.

The Community Based Order is a new sentencing option of up to two years for low-level offenders not facing a jail sentence.

Courts can order offenders to serve their sentence in the community under strict supervision and require them to attend rehabilitation and training programs.

The Community Custody Orders are a sentencing option for offenders facing an imprisonment period of up to 12 months.

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The Manly Paws Walk will start at the Show Rides Park at 10am. Dogs and other animals including ferrets will be taking the 1.5km trek.

They will go along the riverbank, over the foreshore, along the riverbank, crossing Schwire Crescent and back to the starting point where entertainment, personalised pet art, pet merchandise and food and beverage stalls will be available.

RSPCA vice president Megan Thompson said the fundraiser would enable their animals to get a second chance in life.

She said: "A lot of the animals at the shelter have a reverse side of life and the staff want to ensure they receive love, medical attention, food and shelter for now on."

The walk costs $5 per dog with 10 per cent of all proceeds going to the shelter. Dogs on leads and even old blankets or big dogkennel donations are welcome. Contact: 0400 927 759.

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