Peter Chandler
Minister for Transport

Paw-some event raising funds for a great cause

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The Country Liberals Government is supporting the most important event on the canine calendar, the 2015 Million Paws Walk, being held tomorrow, Sunday 17 at the Jingili Water Gardens.

Minister for Transport Peter Chandler said small dogs will be able to travel with their owner on public buses within the Darwinbus network.

“Dogs must be under the control of their owner and in a suitable pet carrier to ensure the dog is safe and comfortable,” Mr Chandler said.

“I encourage people from all walks of life to enjoy this ‘paw-some’ event with their pet and to utilise the public bus services.

“Last year over 1,000 people and 500 dogs participated in the Million Paws Walk in Darwin and the RSPCA Darwin Regional Branch managed to raise close to $30,000."

Mr Chandler said the RSPCA is well-known to many Territorians for its rescue, shelter and re-homing of domestic animals and wildlife.

“In 2014 alone, the RSPCA Darwin branch handled 1,200 animals of different species, including stray dogs, injured birds, cats, rabbits, mice, ferret and guinea pigs.

“As well as taking care of hundreds of animals each year, the RSPCA plays a critical role in raising community awareness about animal welfare.

"The funds raised here in the NT help operate the RSPCA’s animal shelter, as well as support their education campaigns.

“I thank everyone who participates in this event and puts their support behind our hardworking RSPCA,” Mr Chandler said.

Upon arriving at Jingili Water Gardens, the Department of Transport and RSPCA Darwin will provide an ‘event bus stop’ where water will be provided for your dog and a safe place to store your pet carrier.

To register for Million Paws Walk and for further information visit www.millionpawswalk.com.au.

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