

Dogs in cities

Helen Penridge and Dick Murray have studied how dogs can become a local government nightmare

AUSTRALIAN hospitals will treat thirty thousand dog bite victims this year. Australian pounds and refuges will euthanase half a million unwanted dogs.

Obviously Australian communities have dog problems. But look along the shelves of our public libraries and you won't find any books to help councils design effective dog management programs. Not until now.

A book co-authored by Helen Penridge, ALIA member and Mackay librarian, and Dick Murray, a Townsville vet, was launched in February. This 200-page paperback is packed with facts; it is also illustrated with delightful cartoons underlining its message. It can be dipped into for specific information (there are an excellent index and bibliography) or read for enjoyment.

Helen works as an information consultant, dividing her time between librarianship, writing,

editing and desktop publishing. She sees writing as a natural progression from librarianship, relying on her reference experience when getting information together for writing. She enjoys the challenge of taking information from all sorts of sources and translating it into a coherent form for readers.

With the dog book, there was information around but it wasn't very accessible. Helen and her coauthor thought local councils would like a book that could help them formulate effective dog policies. People who want to lobby their councils about dog management would like the book as well. It is likely to be much in



demand from public, local council and many special libraries.

Dogs in the Urban Environment: A Handbook of Municipal Management by Richard Murray and Helen Penridge is available from the publisher, Chiron Media, PO Box 8059, Mt Pleasant Q4740 for \$35 plus \$7 handling fee. □

A great read for auto buffs

All anyone would ever need to know on HSV

HOLDEN SPECIAL VEHICLE models are modifications of locally-manufactured cars developed for Australian conditions with low maintenance and strong simple mechanicals. HSV claim that the special finishing touches they apply add the sophisticated feel

and finish of European cars without compromising those qualities.

A new book *HSV 1988-1991: A Complete Guide to Holden Special Vehicles* by enthusiasts Joe Kenwright and Richard Reid covers the development and specification of each model and

the events that led to the formation of the joint venture. Since the book was launched in October it has sold particularly well, with many inquiries from remote parts of Australia.

The book is a fascinating compilation for anybody with an interest in Australian motoring history. It is available in specialist bookshops at \$29.95, or it can be ordered direct by phoning (03) 572 1858. □

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by June Torcasio

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