

Council on watch for brutal dogs

DOGS that have killed four cats and a chicken in Palmwoods are in the crosshairs of the council.

The Daily reported yesterday that two dogs had fatally attacked a black cat after killing a chicken.

However, the council now believes that a further three cats have been mauled by the pair of dogs.

Councillor Jenny McKay said the attacks highlight the need more than ever for people to be responsible for their pets.

"The council has been quick to respond to calls and be on site to assist and investigate," she said.

"But witnesses or people who come forward with information will help them to identify the savage dogs and take action.

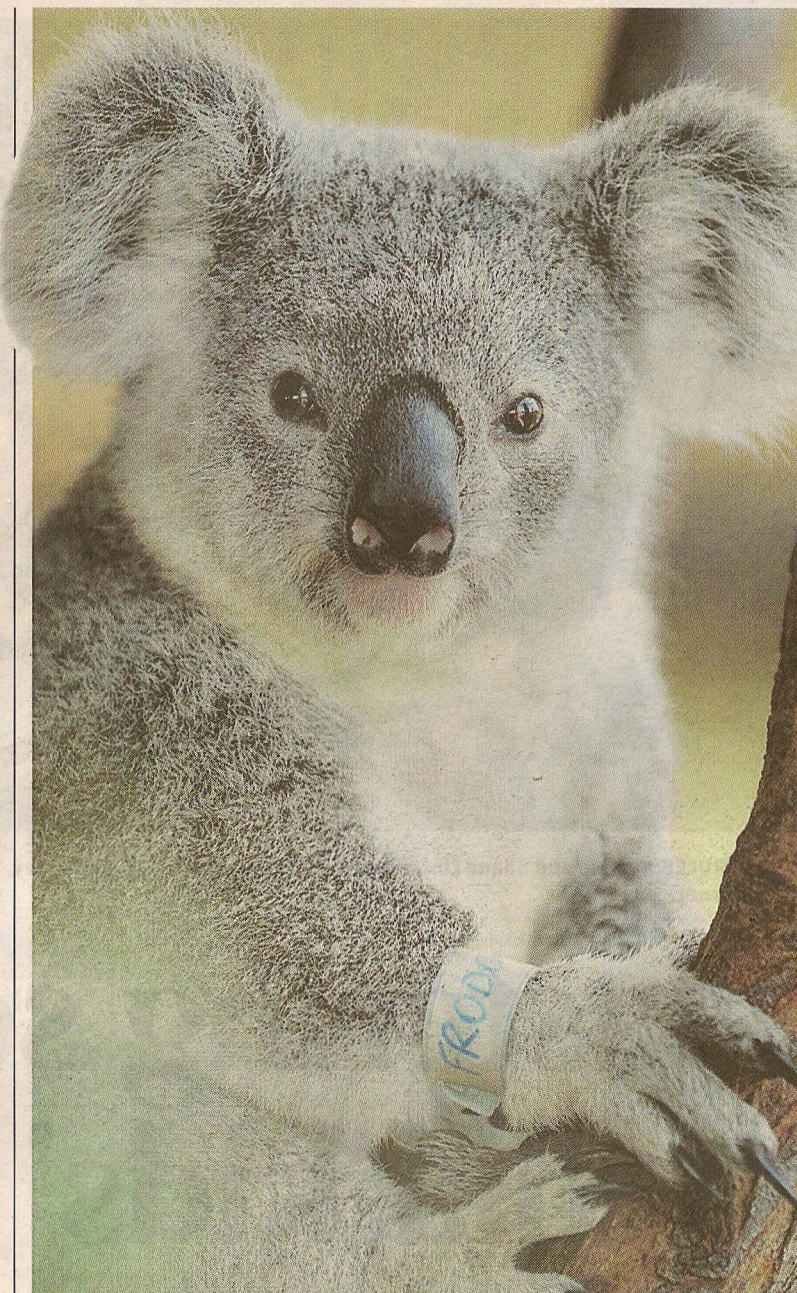
"In the meantime, we are continuing our extensive patrols of the surrounding areas and will remain vigilant to catch these dogs.

"While we are not sure of the breeds, witnesses have reported the dogs are male and are of a large breed.

"If you see such dogs do not approach them. Phone council straight away.

"This violent incident has more than ever highlighted the need for pet owners to ensure their animals, dogs and cats, are under effective control at all times and not allowed to roam freely," she said.

If you have any information which might assist council to locate the dogs or if you witnessed the attacks, contact the council on 54 757070.



MIRACULOUS RECOVERY: Frodo the Koala has defied all odds.

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Release beckons for Frodo

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HER pint-sized bloodied body with the shaven and stitched little head sent shockwaves through the community.

Six months on and against all odds, Frodo, the koala, is set to be released back into the wild.

The joey, who weighed just 1.9kg, was found next to her dead mother by a property owner at Jimna, 30 kilometres south-west of Maleny on November 5.

Both of their bodies were riddled with shotgun pellets.

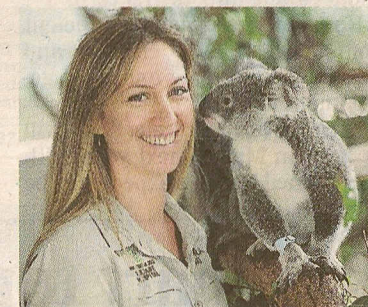
There was little hope for the little koala, dubbed Frodo by those who kept the initial 48-hour bedside vigil at Australia Zoo's Wildlife Hospital.

Seven of 15 pellets, including one lodged in her skull, were removed in two operations just weeks after her arrival.

The others have never been removed.

Now, almost two and weighing a healthy 3.6kg, Frodo will be released back into the wild the moment she hits 4kg.

But the date of her departure is



Frodo with vet Amber Gillett.

being kept a tightly guarded secret, in a move that may just upset a little lady who has become accustomed to the spotlight.

"Frodo doesn't mind showing off," vet Amber Gillett said.

Dr Gillett said there had been widespread international interest in the recovery of Frodo.

Earlier this year the State Government amended the criminal code for the maximum penalty of imprisonment from two to seven years.

Anyone who may have information on the shooting can remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.