

ANIMAL MEDICINES AUSTRALIA WELCOMES PETS ON BUSES Canberra has the nation's highest pet ownership at 75% of households

Animal Medicines Australia (AMA) welcomes the Government announcement to allow pets on light rail and the Greens' wanting to expand that to include buses.

"There are many health, social and mental benefits that come from pets and being able to transport those animals is important in helping realise those benefits.

"[AMA's Pet Ownership](#) report found Canberra has the highest rate of pet ownership in the nation with three in four households owning a pet.

"It is important that infrastructure, including public transport, recognises and can accommodate that reality," AMA Executive Director Ben Stapley said.

He said that strata and rental laws should also be structured to encourage pet ownership so the many health benefits of ownership can also be realised.

"Many workplaces encourage employees to take their pets to work.

"Walking the dog to the bus to get to work, can only benefit a health system that is already under pressure from having to deal with lifestyle diseases because of inactivity.

"This is a very welcome initiative," Mr Stapley said.

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