

Dangerous Dogs

If your dog displays aggressive behaviour, it is important you address this behaviour quickly with appropriate training. Local Governments may declare a dog "dangerous" if it attacks, shows a tendency to attack or shows a tendency to threaten to attack a person, animal or vehicle, whether or not any injury or damage is caused.

The following dogs are listed as **Dangerous Dogs (Restricted Breed)** under the Dog Act 1976, Dog Regulations 2013 – Regulation 4; **Pit Bull Terriers, American Pit Bull Terriers, Dogo Argentino, Fila Brasileiro, Japanese Tosa, Perro de presa Canario or presa Canario and crosses of any of these breeds.**

Restrictions are imposed in Western Australia for the keeping of dangerous dogs, in accordance with the *Dog Act 1976 – Division 2 – Dangerous Dogs*. For further information regarding these restrictions, please contact the Shire of Dardanup.

Lost Dogs

Dogs do get lost. You can help prevent this by making sure your dog always wears a collar and identification tag with your telephone number. If your dog is lost, check with your neighbours, your local veterinary clinic, local animal shelters, surrounding local governments and Ranger Services.

Rangers can seize dogs found in public places and not held on a leash. Rangers may also enter private property to seize a dog which has been wandering at large if they have the permission of the owner or occupier, or a warrant from a Justice of the Peace.

Poundage Penalties and Fees

Seizure and impounding of a dog	\$140
Sustenance and maintenance of a dog in the pound per day, or part thereof	\$20



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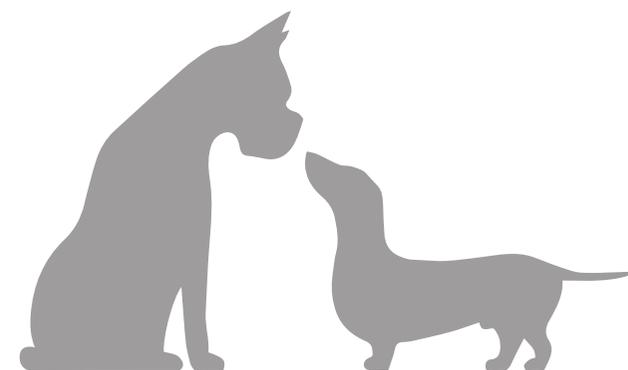
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BEING A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER

Introduction

Dogs have a special place in the hearts of millions of Australians.

Owning a dog is a responsibility that requires you to give understanding, affection, shelter and sustenance, and in return you will receive loving companionship.

Research studies have shown that owning a pet can have measurable health benefits for pet owners including a lower risk of heart attack, have lower cholesterol, lower blood pressure and lower triglyceride fats in their blood than non-pet owners.

The Dog Act 1976

The Dog Act 1976 addresses the control and registration of dogs, the ownership and keeping of dogs; and the obligations and rights of people, both as dog owners and non-dog owners.

The Dog Act 1976 states:

- That all dogs in townsites must be held on a leash.
- That only people over 18 years of age are permitted to have a dog registered in their name.
- It is your responsibility to ensure your dog is currently microchipped and registered.

Registration Fees

Dog Type	1 Year	3 Years	Lifetime	Pension
Unsterilised	\$50	\$120	\$250	50% of fee payable
Sterilised	\$20	\$42.50	\$100	50% of fee payable
Kennels	Application Fee \$200 Annual \$125			

Under the Dog Act 1976, all dogs over 3 months of age are required to be microchipped and registered. This registration is effective throughout Western Australia and can be transferred between Local Governments. Should you move, you are required to contact the Local Government you now reside in to transfer the registration.

Registration day for dogs is 1 November each year and dogs can be registered at the Shire of Dardanup Administration Centre, Eaton or Dardanup office. Dogs will be issued with a tag which must be worn on the dog's collar when in public.

The Dog Act 1976 allows up to a maximum of two dogs to be kept on any property within townsites and up to four dogs on premises outside of a townsite – unless it is a registered kennel or an exemption is granted by Council.

Your Responsibilities

Who is responsible for a dog

Apart from the owner of the dog, the occupier of any premises where the dog is ordinarily kept or permitted to live, or a person who for the time being has the dog in his or her possession or control.

If you own a dog, you have a legal responsibility to keep it under control, either within a fenced area on your property or on a leash in public.

Barking dogs

You are responsible for ensuring that your dog is not a public nuisance from barking. Anyone who believes that a dog is creating a nuisance from barking may contact the Shire Rangers who will provide you with the relevant information in regards to their rights.

They will also request that the complainant complete a "Nuisance Barking Diary" for a period of 14 consecutive days. This information will remain confidential and the Shire or the Ranger will not divulge any details regarding the complainants to the dog owner.

Removal of dog excreta (droppings)

Dog excreta is a source of annoyance to other users of footpaths and recreation areas. The Shire of Dardanup Local Laws require the person in charge of a dog in a public place remove their dog's excreta and adequately dispose of it. Penalties may apply for failing to do this.