

## CHECKLIST FOR RESPONSIBLE OWNERS

- My dog has regular flea and worm treatments, health checks, heartworm tablets and vaccinations;
- My dog is registered with the City. It wears the City's registration tag and a disc with my name and address and telephone number on its collar;
- My dog does not wander because I have adequate fences or a compound on my property;
- My dog does not cause a nuisance to my neighbours because of its barking;
- My dog is exercised and takes part in family activities;
- My dog is bathed and groomed regularly;
- My dog has an owner who is prepared to learn how to care for its health and understand its behaviour.



## IMPOUND FEE

First three days

\$175.00

## SUSTENANCE FEE

Each day after three days

\$29.00

*(These fees are valid from 1 July 2017 until 30 June 2018)*

All fees are payable at the City Office and your dog must be registered prior to the collection.

Fees and registration can be paid at the Animal Care Facility on weekends and on public holidays. CASH ONLY. Correct amount must be provided, no change available.

Proof of registration, sterilisation and microchip confirmation must also be provided.

**Dogs will not be released to owners if the owner does not have an adequate leash when collecting.**

## ANIMAL CARE FACILITY HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday to Friday 12pm - 1pm

Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays by appointment  
**(08) 9781 0444**



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Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 8:30am 4:30pm

## INFORMATION ON

# DOGS



## REGISTRATION

All dogs over three (3) months of age must be registered with the City where they normally reside. All registrations are due on the first of November each year and are current for either one or three years or the life of the dog. Registration helps you to recover your dog if lost and assists the City to encourage responsible dog ownership and provide services to dog owners for the benefit of the whole community. A person under 18 years of age may not lawfully register a dog in his or her name.



## REGISTRATION FEES

	Per Annum	3 Years	Lifetime
Sterilised Dog	\$20.00	\$42.50	\$100.00
Unsterilised Dog	\$50.00	\$120.00	\$250.00
Pension Card Holders		$\frac{1}{2}$ the normal fee	
Working Dogs		$\frac{1}{4}$ the normal fee	

## MICROCHIPPING

From **1 November 2013** all new dogs, that is pups and other dogs being registered for the first time or changing ownership will need to be microchipped. All dangerous dogs will have to be microchipped by 30 November 2013. All other dogs are required to be microchipped by **1 November 2015**. An exemption will only be given if a veterinarian has examined your dog and signed a certificate stating that microchipping will adversely affect the health and welfare of the dog. The owner of a dog that has been impounded must provide the council with a copy of the booking and proof of payment for a microchip prior to release of the dog.

## IDENTIFICATION TAGS

All dogs must be identified with a collar and tag. The tag must include your name, correct residential address and

telephone number. The City registration tag must also be attached to the collar.

## WANDERING DOGS

Dogs that are found wandering away from their homes will be contained and will/may be impounded.

## FENCING

Owners must ensure that the premises where the dog will be kept has secure fencing, capable of confining the dog within the backyard. Gates must have effective self-closing mechanisms.

## EXCRETA

Dog droppings are a health risk and a source of annoyance to other users of footpaths and recreation areas. Permitting your dog/s to excrete on a street or public place and failing to remove or adequately dispose of such excreta constitutes an offence under the laws of the Dog Act 1976. These provisions apply equally to prescribed dog exercise areas. Disposable "Poo-ch Pouches" are available from the City Office free of charge.

## DOG ATTACKS

Unfortunately dog attacks are increasing. They can vary greatly in the degree of severity. You should be aware that an attack need not involve the dog actually inflicting a wound. Allowing a dog to attack or chase a person, animal or bird owned by or in charge of another person, whether or not injury occurs, may incur a penalty of \$10,000. The penalty for urging or setting a dog to attack a person, animal or bird is \$10,000 or 12 months imprisonment, or both.

## BARKING

Barking is a dog's natural means of communication and

often alerts the owner to danger or intruders. However a dog that persistently barks in a manner which is not considered to be normally habitual in dogs, constitutes a nuisance. If a dog barks continually without reason, the cause may be lack of training, insufficient exercise, loneliness, inadequate shelter, ill health or deliberate or unintentional provocation by people or roaming dogs. Owners have a responsibility to ensure that their dog/s do not cause a nuisance due to excessive barking.

## DOG PERMITS

The Local Law restricts the number of dogs that may be kept at a particular property to two. Dog owners need to apply for a permit to keep more than two dogs. All dogs must be registered.

## WALKING YOUR DOG

Dogs must be kept on a leash in all public places. A dog must be accompanied by a person who is capable of controlling the dog/s at all times. A leash is to be no more than two (2) metres in length.

## DOG EXERCISING ON BEACHES

Dogs may be exercised on beaches (other than between the Swimming Jetty and the Bussetton Jetty, Bussetton). However, dogs being exercised must still be under effective control by the person in charge of the dog to prevent any attacks or nuisance being experienced by other persons or dogs.

