



## Responsible Dog Ownership

### Removal of dog excreta (faeces)

Dog excreta is a source of annoyance to other users of footpaths and recreation areas. Please respect other people and collect your dog's excreta and adequately dispose of it. Any plastic bag may be used to pick up after your dog. The City of Bayswater provides "poo bags" in a number of public places.

Dog excreta in the garden at home should also be removed daily to reduce fly and health related problems.

### Restricted breeds

The current list of restricted dogs are:

- Dogo Argentino
- Fila Brasileiro
- Japanese Tosa
- American Pit Bull Terrier
- Pit Bull Terrier
- Perro de Presa Canario or Presa Canario

These include a mix of two or more breeds, one being a restricted breed.

Owners of restricted breed dogs are required to abide by provisions similar to those that apply to dogs declared dangerous. These measures require the display of warning signs where these dogs are kept, stringent fencing requirements, muzzling and restraint at all times in public, age restrictions for owners and handlers, disposal notification, and that these dogs wear dangerous dog collars. Dogs must be muzzled, leashed and controlled by an adult who is physically capable of handling the dog, in any environment except prescribed enclosures. Restricted breed dogs are also required to be sterilized unless there are extenuating circumstances relating to the animal's physical condition or medical treatment.

### Declared dangerous

Local Governments are able to declare any breed of dog dangerous based on its behaviour. Reasons that a dog may be declared dangerous include:

- Causing injury or damage by an attack, or chasing, a person or animal
- Repeatedly showing a tendency to attack or chase, a person, animal or vehicle; or
- Threatening to attack.

The City will provide written notice to the dog owner declaring it dangerous, this notice will take effect within seven days after notice is given.

### Keeping more than two dogs

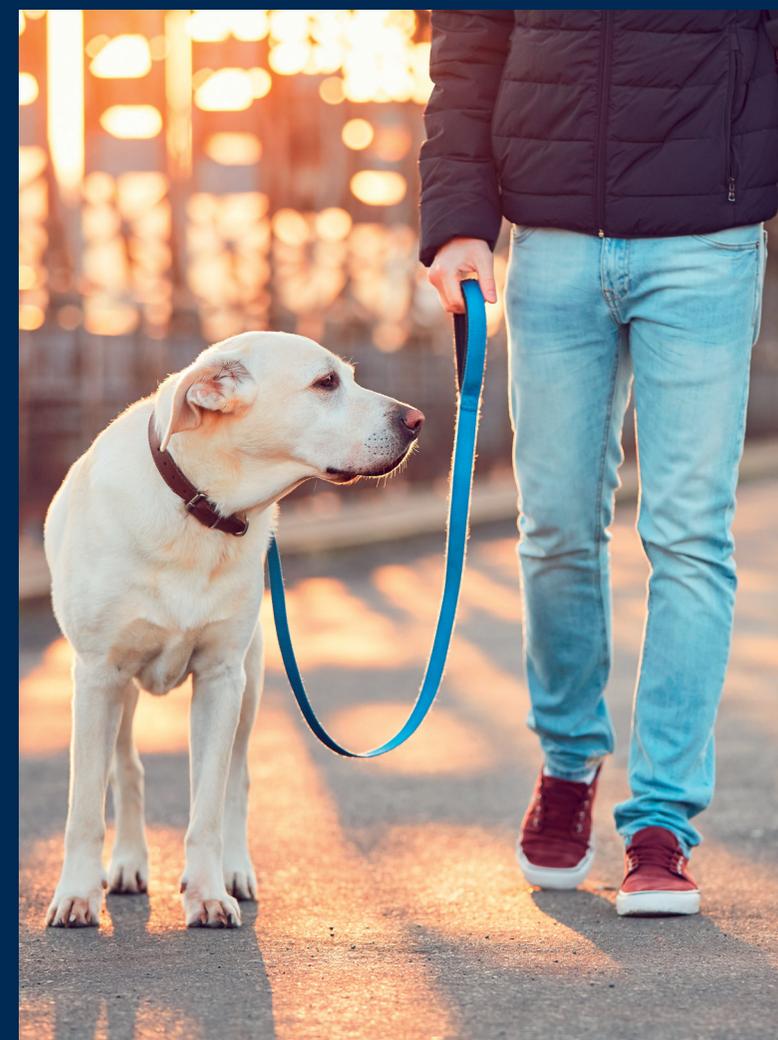
You must have approval from the City to keep more than two dogs on your property. Contact the City for further information.

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## People and animals have rights

Everyone is entitled to walk in the neighbourhood without being harassed or attacked by uncontrolled and often quite frightening dogs.

Even if your dog is well behaved, it can be frightening to other people if it is roaming unattended.

Although you may think you know your dog is unlikely to attack a person, roaming dogs often approach and sometimes attack other dogs. Responsible pet owners and their dogs are often targets of these attacks.

## Legal Responsibilities

The State Government has specific legislation regarding dogs in WA. The Dog Act 1976 is administered and enforced by Local Governments. The Act outlines the control and registration of dogs, the ownership and keeping of dogs, and the obligations and rights of owners and others.

## Your Responsibilities

Having a dog in your life can be a wonderful experience. You will need to spend time exercising and training your dog. To keep your pet in good health you will also need to have regular visits to the vet to keep vaccinations up to date. You are required to have your pet registered with your local government.

## Dog registration

All dogs over the age of three months must be microchipped. The registration tag must be attached to the pet's collar. Registration assists lost dogs being reunited with their owners.

## Who is responsible for a dog?

Apart from the owner of the dog, a responsible person includes 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 their possession or control. An owner or person in control of a dog must be over the age of 18 years.

## Microchipping

It is compulsory for any dogs over 3 months of age to be microchipped. If you move house, make sure you update your details with your Local council and also with the microchip registry (you have to contact both organisations separately).

## Lost and found dogs

If you have lost your dog or found a dog, please contact the City's Rangers and Security on 9272 0972 or 1300 360 333. This service is available 24 hour, 7 days a week.

Rangers are usually one of the first places an owner looks for a missing pet, so if you find a dog then communicating with them is critical. It's more than likely there is an owner searching for them and whilst posting on social media may assist in locating the owner, always contact Rangers in the first instance.

All dogs are required to be registered and microchipped prior to release, from the Animal Impound Facility.

## Neighbourhood responsibilities

Barking dogs disturb everyone. If your dog barks at everything and everyone no one will take any notice. If there is a prowler around and your dog barks people will likely ignore this. Check with your neighbours to ensure there are no barking problems when you are not home.

## Dog control / confinement to the property

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 when in public.

You are required to ensure that your dog is confined within your property. If your dog is found to be roaming you may be fined.

Your dog must be under effective control at all times, including exercising in designated areas.

## Exercising your dog

Whenever in public, unless in a gazetted "Dog Exercise Area", dogs must be on a leash.

Specific areas have been provided by the City of Bayswater to exercise your dog off its leash. Whilst in these areas dogs must be supervised at all times by a person capable of controlling it and a leash should be carried. A map showing these areas is available on the City of Bayswater website.

## Dog attacks

A dog attack is a very serious matter. If your dog attacks a person, or another animal, you will be held responsible even if you are not present at the time. The only exemption is where the dog was provoked to attack. A person who has been attacked may also take civil legal action for any injury or damage.

A dog attack includes a dog aggressively rushing at or attempting to attack a person or animal, as well as tearing clothing, biting or causing physical injury.

If you or your dog are involved in a dog attack, seek appropriate veterinary/medical assistance, then contact the City immediately.