

responsible dog ownership



What am I required to do to be a responsible dog owner?

- All dogs must be registered from the age of 3 months.
- The owners name and address, along with the registration tag, must be on the dog's collar.
- Dogs must be held by a leash at all times when not on their own property, unless the dog is in an approved exercise area.
- In an approved dog exercise area dogs must:
 - ◇ Be accompanied by someone who is physically capable of controlling the dog
 - ◇ Be close to their owners so a leash can quickly be attached if the dog becomes a nuisance.
 - ◇ Be under voice command of the person responsible for the dog
 - ◇ Not attack other animals or people.

Dogs do not break laws - people do!!



Registration Information

- Dogs should be registered with the Council where they normally reside.
- If you move to a new address outside your council area, you must transfer your dog's registration to your new Council and inform your old Council that you have moved.
- All registrations are due on the 1st November each year and can be renewed for either a 1 or 3 year period.
- The maximum number of dogs a person is ordinarily permitted to keep on a premise is two.
- Pensioner concessions apply at 50% of the normal rate. Conditions apply.
- A person under the age of 18 years may not lawfully register a dog.

Registration Fees		
	Unsterilised	Sterilised
1 year	\$30	\$10
3 years	\$75	\$18



Barking

Barking is a dog's natural means of communication and often signifies its alertness to danger or intruders. However a dog that persistently barks to a degree or extent not normally habitual in dogs constitutes a nuisance.

The cause of nuisance barking may be lack of training, insufficient exercise, loneliness, inadequate shelter, ill health or deliberate or unintentional provocation by people or other dogs. If the Rangers consider your dog to be a nuisance you may be issued with an infringement notice or taken to Court.

Fencing Requirements

When registering your dog you will be required to sign a declaration to certify that the fences and gates at the property where the dog will normally reside are capable of confining the dog within those premises.

Rangers may seize and impound dogs found wandering in public places. If your dog is impounded, fees and charges will apply to recover the dog. If unclaimed within three days (72 hours) the dog may be re-homed or euthanized.

Dog Attacks

A dog attack does not only refer to incidences involving the dog actually inflicting a wound. Unfortunately, the number of dog attacks is increasing in Australia. If a dog attacks or chases any person or any animal owned by or in the charge of another person, whether or not any injury occurs, the person liable for the control of that dog may incur a penalty of up to \$10,000. The penalty for urging or setting a dog to attack a person or animal is up to \$10,000 or 12 months imprisonment or both.

Excreta

Permitting your dog to excrete in public and failing to adequately remove or dispose of such excreta constitutes an offence under the City of Fremantle Dog Local Laws. Please use bags provided.

Some Facts about Sterilisation

Sterilisation (de-sexing) your dog has numerous health and behavioural benefits. Sterilised animals generally live longer, healthier lives. Sterilised animals are also less likely to wander or engage in territorial behaviour. Sterilisation reduces the number of unwanted puppies and dogs that end up in pounds or shelters across Australia. Your vet can provide you with more information about sterilising your pets.

Microchipping

A microchip is a tiny electronic chip that is unique, unalterable and immovable and is inserted under a animal's skin by a veterinarian. The data on this chip is then registered on a national database. Local pounds, veterinarians and animal shelters can scan a lost dog and retrieve the owner's details from the microchip. Microchipping is a permanent and cost-effective way of increasing your pet's chances of being returned to you should it become lost. It is important that you keep your contact information on the microchip up to date, and if your dog is microchipped remember to inform the Council so we can record the details on our internal database. Microchipped animals must still wear their registration and name tags at all times.



Benefits of Registration
A dog that is registered and has its registration information attached to its collar is more likely to be returned home quickly and safely should it become lost. It is your responsibility as a dog owner to ensure that your dog has its registration tag, as well as a tag containing your name and address, attached to its collar at all times.

Some offences under the Dog Act can incur on-the-spot infringements as follows:

Unregistered dog	\$100
Keeping more than the prescribed number of dogs	\$100
Dog not held by a leash in certain public places	\$100
Failure to control dog in exercise areas	\$100
Dog in place without consent	\$100
Dog causing a nuisance	\$100
Failure of alleged offender to give name and address	\$100
Failure to remove dog excreta	\$100
Permitting a dog to be in a prohibited area	\$100
Failure to properly fence premises	\$100
Owner's name and address not on collar	\$50
Dog in a public place without collar or registration tag	\$50
Failure to give notice of a new owner	\$40
Penalties for dogs that have been declared dangerous are higher	

Dog Exercise Areas

Rocky Bay foreshore

Rule Street, North Fremantle

North Fremantle foreshore

Johannah Street, North Fremantle

Wilson Park

South Tce / Douro Rd, South Fremantle

Beach Street Reserve

Beach Street / Canning Hwy, Fremantle

*Fremantle Park

Ellen / Ord Street, Fremantle

Knutsford Street Playground

Knutsford / Swanbourne Street, Fremantle

Parmelia Street Reserve

Parmelia / Chester Street, South Fremantle

*Bruce Lee Reserve

South / Caesar Street, Beaconsfield

Davis Park

Conway / Edgar Court, Beaconsfield

*Hilton Park

Lefroy Road / Carrington Street, Hilton

Griffiths Place Reserve

Griffiths Place / Nicholas Crescent, Hilton

Grigg Place Park

Grigg Place / Snook Crescent, Hilton

Sir Frederick Samson Park

Sellenger / McCombe Ave, Samson

*Horrie Long Reserve

Amherst / Forrest Street, Fremantle

*Gibson Park

High / Chudleigh Street, Fremantle

South Fremantle Dog Beach

(North of Douro Rd to Sailing Club only) Marine Tce, South Fremantle

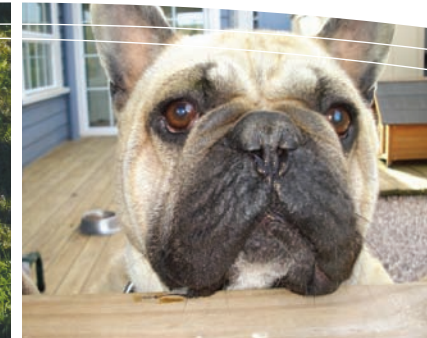
Leighton Beach

(area north of railway footbridge) Port Beach Road, North Fremantle

*Stevens Street Reserve

Stevens Street, Fremantle

*Note: Dogs must be kept on a leash if a sporting event is in progress.



Further Information may be obtained from Community Safety & Ranger Services

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