

### Regulation 11: Notify change of Premises

This regulation provides that a person liable for the control of a restricted breed dog must notify the local government that registered the dog of the new address where the place at which the dog is ordinarily kept changes from one premises to another.

### Regulation 12: Notify if missing or dead

This regulation provides that if a restricted breed dog goes missing or dies its owner must notify, as soon as practical, the local government that registered the dog.

### Regulation 13: Seizure and destruction

This regulation provides for the seizure and detention of a restricted breed dog where there has been a contravention of regulations 5, 6 or 7. This regulation also provides for reasonable attempts to be made to ascertain the owner of the dog as well as the possible destruction of the dog after eight days.

### Regulations 2 and 14: Commencement and expiry.

These Regulations provide that the provisions contained in these Regulations are to commence their operation from the 22 April 2002.

### Regulation 9: Prohibition on transfer of ownership of restricted breed dogs to person under 18

This regulation prohibits an owner of a restricted breed dog from selling or otherwise transferring ownership of the dog to another person who is less than 18 years of age.

### Regulation 10: Seller to notify buyer

This regulation provides that if the owner of a restricted breed dog proposes to sell or otherwise transfer the ownership of the dog to another person, the owner must, before doing so, advise the person in writing that the dog is a restricted breed dog.

**Where there is any breach of the Dog (Restricted Breeds) Regulations 2002 section 53 of the Dog Act 1976 provides for a maximum penalty of \$5000**

Further information may be obtained from the City of Fremantle Community Safety and Ranger services.

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10 William Street  
Fremantle WA 6160

PO Box 807  
Fremantle WA 6959

Telephone: 9432 9905  
Facsimile: 9432 9909  
After Hour Emergencies: 1300 306 666  
Email: [rangers@fremantle.wa.gov.au](mailto:rangers@fremantle.wa.gov.au)

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## DOG (RESTRICTED BREEDS) REGULATIONS



Rangers & Community Safety



This pamphlet contains extracts from the Dog (Restricted Breeds) Regulations (No 2) 2002. It is intended to provide you with information about your responsibilities as an owner of a Restricted Breed Dog.

A **restricted breed dog** is defined as any breed of dog the importation of which is prohibited absolutely by the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956* of the Commonwealth. This at present includes;

- (a) Dogo Argentino;
- (b) Fila Brasileiro;
- (c) Japanese tosa;
- (d) American pit bull terrier;
- (e) Pit bull terrier;
- (f) Perro de Presa Canario;

and includes any dog of a mixed breed which visibly contains any of the above breeds.

Restricted dog breeds are dealt with under the following regulations;

Regulation 5: Prescribed collars

This Regulation provides that a restricted breed dog must at all times wear a specific collar. This collar must

- bear alternating red stripes and yellow stripes, each stripe being 25mm wide and set at an angle of 45 degrees to the rim of the collar;
- Reflect light from at least one of those colours so that the collar can be rendered visible in darkness;
- be made of durable materials;
- be capable of being securely fastened;
- be capable of being attached to a leash and;
- have a minimum width:-

Weight of Dog	Minimum width of collar
< 10 kgs	15mm
10 - 20 kgs	25 mm
20 – 40 kgs	40 mm
> 40 kgs	50 mm

Dangerous dog collars may be obtained from:  
 -City Farmers O'Connor,  
 Phone: 9314 3300

Regulation 6: Restricted breeds to be kept in secure places with warning signs

This regulation provides that the owner of a restricted breed dog is to provide an enclosure in which the dog is to be kept that is capable of preventing a young child from entering the enclosure and which prevents the dog from escaping from the premises. This applies whether or not the enclosure is at the premises where the dog is ordinarily kept.

This regulation also provides that the owner of a restricted breed dog must display a special sign at each entrance to the premises at which the dog is ordinarily kept. This sign must be:-

- a white rectangle measuring 200mm by 300mm; made of durable material;
- contain the word “WARNING” in white capital letters 30mm high on a red rectangle panel measuring 190mm by 45mm near the top of the sign;
- contain a red circle 160mm in diameter containing the black head and neck of a dog 100mm high wearing the prescribed collar;
- contain below the circle the words “DANGEROUS DOG” in capital letters and 20mm high.

An example of that sign is shown on the opposite page:



Regulation 7: Control of restricted breed dogs

This regulation provides that a restricted breed dog which is not confined at the premises of its owner in regulation 6:

- must be muzzled by the owner, or the person in control of the dog, in a manner which is sufficient to prevent it causing injury by biting;
- is on a leash or chain held by a person who is physically able to control it; and
- is not under the control of a person under the age of 18 years.

Regulation 8: Number of restricted breed dogs

This regulation limits the number of restricted breed dogs that any one person may own to a maximum of two unless the person has obtained a permit from the local government.

Regulation 8A: Restricted breed dogs to be sterilised

This regulation provides that if requested by an authorized person, the owner of a restricted breed dog must within 24 hours satisfy the authorized person that the dog is sterilised, or produce a certificate signed by a veterinary surgeon giving a valid explanation as to why the dog cannot be sterilised.