

Being a responsible dog owner means understanding your pet's needs and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our community.

Thinking of owning a dog?

Owning a dog is long-term commitment and comes with many responsibilities.

Before you get a dog, think about whether:

- you have enough room for a dog
- your fences and gates can contain a dog
- you have time to care for a dog
- you can afford to keep and care for a dog.

These are just some of the questions you should ask yourself before bringing a dog home and into your family.

Remember a dog can live for many years and requires your time, dedication and patience to live a happy, healthy life.

Registration and microchipping

All dogs over three months old must be registered and microchipped with the Town of Bassendean.

The dog registration year runs from 1 November to 31 October the following year.

If your dog is not registered and microchipped, you may be fined up to \$400.

Keep your pet's registration details up to date so we can reunite you quickly if they go missing.



Fees

| Standard | 1 year | 3 years | Lifetime |
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| Sterilised dog | \$20 | \$42.50 | \$100 |
| Unsterilised dog | \$50 | \$120 | \$250 |
| Concession | 1 year | 3 years | Lifetime |
| Sterilised dog | \$10 | \$21.25 | \$50 |
| Unsterilised dog | \$25 | \$60 | \$125 |

To claim the sterilised dog fee rate, you must provide proof that your dog is sterilised, such as a sterilisation certificate from your vet or a statutory declaration. Your dog's sterilisation tattoo can also act as proof but it must be sighted by a Registration Officer.

To claim the concession registration fee rate, you must provide your:

- Pensioner Concession Card
- State Concession Card, or
- WA Seniors Card and Commonwealth Seniors Health Card.

Number of dogs

You can keep a maximum of two dogs over the age of three months in any area of the Town. If you keep more than two dogs you may be fined up to \$5,000.

You can apply for permission for a third dog. Contact the Town's Rangers for more information.

Vaccinations and worming

Make sure your dog's vaccinations are up to date and they are regularly treated for worms and fleas to protect them and other animals from illness and disease.

Dog exercise and restricted areas

In our Town, there are 11 dedicated off-leash dog exercise areas and over 20 parks and reserves where dogs can be walked on-leash.

In off-leash areas, you must ensure your dog remains under effective control.

You can download a map of dog exercise areas on our website.

Dogs are prohibited at Point Reserve at all times.

Cleaning up after your dog

You are required to pick up after your dog and dispose of dog poo responsibly when in a public place. If you do not, you may be fined \$100.

We provide dog waste bags in designated dog areas and parks. We do our best to keep these stations stocked, however we recommend you also carry your own waste bags.

Dog attacks

The Town takes dog attacks seriously and we investigate all reported incidents.

It is an offence for a dog to attack or chase any person or animal whether or not any injury is caused.

Report dog attacks to the Town's Rangers as soon as possible and provide as much information as you can.

If it is a life-threatening situation, call the WA Police immediately on 000.

The owner or person responsible for a dog involved in an attack could be fined up to \$20,000.



Barking dogs

Dogs bark as a form of communication or to alert you to danger or an intruder. However constant barking can impact the wellbeing of our community.

Ask neighbours to let you know if your dog's barking is causing a nuisance when you are not at home.

If you are experiencing problems with neighbours' dogs barking, you can discuss the matter with your neighbour or if needed, contact the Town's Rangers for advice.

Our Rangers will provide you with a Barking Dog Complaint Pack that includes a complaint form and a seven-day dog barking diary for completion. Contact the Town's Rangers for more information.

Wandering dogs

It is your responsibility to make sure your dog does not wander from your property.

Your property must have fences and gates that ensure your dog cannot leave unless secured on a leash by someone who can control them.

If your dog escapes your property and is found wandering, you may be fined \$200.



Lost and impounded dogs

Dogs seized by the Town's Rangers will be checked for registration and a microchip.

If a registered and microchipped dog is impounded, we will notify the owner in writing and hold the dog for a minimum of seven days at the City of South Perth Animal Care Facility.

If a dog has no identification, it will be held for a minimum of 72 hours.

After 72 hours, the dog will be rehomed if suitable.

The facility is a safe environment, where animals are fed and kept comfortable with heating, cooling, clean linen and access to exercise areas.

Fees apply to release an impounded animal.

If your dog is missing, check the impounded animals page on our website or contact the Town's Rangers.

Cruelty to animals

The Town is not authorised to investigate suspected animal cruelty.

Report suspected animal cruelty to the RSPCA on 1300 278 358 or submit an online report on the RSPCA website.

Contact us

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