

## Registration Fees at 1 July 2022

Pensioners must provide their concession card at time of registration to receive the concession.

| Registration Fee       | Sterilised | Unsterilised |
|------------------------|------------|--------------|
| One Year               | \$20.00    | \$50.00      |
| One Year - Working Dog | \$5.00     | \$12.50      |
| One Year - Pensioner   | \$10.00    | \$25.00      |

After 31 May (1 year only) half of annual fee is payable

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|--------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Three Year               | \$42.50    | \$120.00     |
| Three Year - Working Dog | \$10.65    | \$30.00      |
| Three Year - Pensioner   | \$21.25    | \$60.00      |

| Registration Fee       | Sterilised | Unsterilised |
|------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Lifetime               | \$100.00   | \$250.00     |
| Lifetime - Working Dog | \$25.00    | \$62.50      |
| Lifetime - Pensioner   | \$50.00    | \$125.00     |

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| Guide Dogs, or dog kept for the purposes of the Crown | No Fees |
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### Further information

For more information visit the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries website

[www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government/community/cats-and-dogs](http://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government/community/cats-and-dogs)

or contact the Shire of Dalwallinu



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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DOG OWNERS



# Your Responsibilities



## Who is responsible for a dog?

- The owner of the dog is the main person responsible for the dog, or
- A responsible adult occupying a residence where the dog is ordinarily kept or allowed to live, or
- A person, who, for the time being, has the control of the dog e.g. a person who is looking after the dog whilst the owner is away.

## Registration

A dog owner is legally required to register his or her dog with the Shire if it is **more than 3 months old**. The registration period is from 1 November to 31 October of the following year, however, dogs may be registered at any time throughout the year. It is an offence not to register your dog.

Registration forms can be found at the Shire of Dalwallinu's website, [www.dalwallinu.wa.gov.au](http://www.dalwallinu.wa.gov.au) or available at the Administration office.

From the 1 November 2015 all dogs must be microchipped, proof of microchipping is required at time of registration.

## Limitation on the number of dogs

Pursuant to the Shire of Dalwallinu's Local Laws and in accordance with the *Dog Act 1976* the following prescribed number of dogs can reside at any one place at the same time:

Townsites: Two (2) dogs over the age of three (3) months and the young of those under that age

Outside Townsites: Four (4) dogs over the age of three (3) months and the young of those under that age

## Dog Control

It is a dog owner's legal obligation to ensure that the dog is kept under control at all times. Dogs are to be secured at all times behind an adequate fence that will keep it within the boundary of your property.

At any time when the dog is outside of the property boundary it is to be on an approved lead in the control of a responsible adult.

## Barking Dogs

Dog owner's, or person responsible for a dog, are to ensure that the dogs under their control do not bark continuously so as to cause a nuisance to neighbours. For any further information please contact the Shire of Dalwallinu on 08 9661 0500 during normal Office hours.

## Please Pick Up After Your Dog

A dog must not excrete on :-

- any thoroughfare or other public place
- any land which is not a public place without the consent of the occupier

Should a dog be seen by an authorised officer committing the above offence a penalty can be issued against the person liable for the control of the dog. This penalty can be avoided **only** if the offending excreta is removed immediately by that person.

## Name & Address Tags

All dogs are required under the *Dog Act 1976* to wear both a Shire registration tag and a tag displaying their name and their owner's name and address. Wearing of both of these tags enables the Shires dog catcher to easily identify the dog so that owners can be contacted and dogs collected from the pound as soon as possible.

## Lost Dogs

Should your dog go missing please notify the Shire as soon as possible. Providing your details, dogs description and when the dog went missing may aid in locating your dog. Having your dog registered and microchipped will help identify your dog and reunite them with you quickly.

## Fines & Penalties

Infringements can be imposed upon owners of dogs not complying with the *Dog Act 1976*. Any of the infringements can be issued to the dog owner even if the dog has not been caught by the Ranger, so long as it has been sighted committing the offence by a Registered Officer.

Any dog/s impounded will attract impounding and sustenance fees, these fees as well as registration if required will need to be paid before the dog/s can be collected from the pound.

## Dog Attacks

Council takes Dog Attacks very seriously and penalties of up to \$20,000 per offence may be imposed on each person liable for the control of the offending dog.

It is considered a Dog Attack if a dog, or dogs, either attack or chase any person or animal owned by or in charge of another person, whether or not any injury is caused.

Should anyone be found to incite a Dog Attack, penalties of up to \$20,000 or two years in prison (or both) may be imposed.

Court orders for the seizure and destruction of the offending dog or dogs can be sought by the Local Council.

The owner of the dog or dogs is liable for any injury or damage resulting from a Dog Attack. Any person who has been attacked may take private legal action for any injury or damage resulting from the attack.

## Dangerous Dogs

Thousands of dog attacks are reported within Western Australia every year. Some result in horrific injuries and trauma.

Dogs do not have to actually bite or maul another person or animal for a Local Government to declare them Dangerous. Dogs can be declared "Dangerous" if they show any of the following signs:

- Attacks
- Shows a tendency to attack
- Repeatedly rushes, threatens or chases people or other animals

Once a dog has been declared "Dangerous" it must be muzzled and on a lead at all times when in public, wear a defining collar so that it is easily recognisable as dangerous and be secured behind a fence where access by other people and especially children can not be gained easily.

