

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DOG OWNERS

DOG ACT 1976 DOG AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 1996

Dog owners are advised that they are responsible for their dog at all times. Some of the penalties for not complying with the **Dog Act 1976** are as follows:

	<u>Infringement</u>	<u>Fine</u>
Unregistered Dog	\$100	\$1000
Dog not on a leash in certain public places	\$100	\$1000
Dog in public place without consent	\$100	\$1000
Dog causing a nuisance	\$100	\$1000
Dog in public place without collar and registration tag	\$50	\$500
Tag with Name & Address of owner not on collar	\$50	\$500
Failure to give notice of new owner	\$40	\$500
Failure to control dog in exercise areas & rural areas	\$100	\$1000
Failure to take steps against parasites	\$50	\$500

Dog Attacks

\$10,000

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 were not there at the time. The only exception is where the dog was provoked to attack. A dog attack now **includes** a dog aggressively rushing at or attempting to attack a person or animal, as well as tearing clothing, biting or causing physical injury.

The owner is also liable for any injury or damage to property resulting from a dog attack. The Shire may also see a court order for the dog to be destroyed.

It is your responsibility to keep your dog under control, either within a fenced property or on a leash when in public. As owner you can be given an on the spot fine of \$100 for not having your dog on a leash or allowing it to roam.

The on the spot fine for allowing your dog to bark persistently is \$100.00.

All complaints will be taken seriously, patrols of townsites particularly outside normal working hours will continue.

Warnings will no longer be given, infringements will be issued and if needed, owners will be summonsed to appear in court.

The Shire strongly urges all dog owners to take responsibility of their dogs

REGISTRATION FEES:

<u>Unsterilised</u>	<u>Sterilised</u>	<u>Working Dogs:</u>	75% discount
		<u>Pensioners:</u>	50% discount
\$30.00 per year	\$10.00 per year		
\$75.00 for 3 years	\$18.00 for 3 years		

Farm dogs are also required to be registered and if noticed without tags, the owners will be issued with an infringement.