

YOUR DOG AND THE LAW

Information for dog owners



Dog Registrations

All dogs more than three months-of-age must be registered, and wear a registration tag and disc showing the owner's name and address. Owners of unregistered dogs can incur a \$200 on-the-spot fine.

Dog registration renewals are forwarded to registered dog owners in October each year.

Dog registration fees are as follows:

	1yr	3yrs	Lifetime
Unsterilised Dog	\$50	\$120	\$250
Sterilised Dog	\$20	\$42.50	\$100

Proof of sterilisation is required, and is usually provided by a Veterinary Surgeon's Certificate, or a Statutory Declaration made by the owner.

The sighting of a tattoo ear insignia denoting a sterilised dog is also acceptable. The microchip number must be provided at the time of registration.

Registrations can be made online, by post or at the following locations: the Animal Care Centre (by appointment only), City of Wanneroo Civic Centre and Wanneroo and Clarkson Libraries.

Refunds for dogs sterilised after registration

A refund is available if a dog has been sterilised during a registration period. A copy of the sterilisation certificate with a covering letter is required before a refund can be issued.



Pensioner Concessions

Pensioner Concessions are available for eligible cardholders, who may register their dogs for 50 per cent of the applicable fee.

A copy of a current Pensioner Concession Card OR a copy of either a Centrelink or Department of Veteran Affairs 'Commonwealth Seniors Health Card' together with a Seniors Card must be produced to prove eligibility.

A refund is available if a person obtains the Pensioner Concession during the current registration period, and may be obtained by a written request to the City, together with copies of the above documents.

Owners' Responsibilities

As an owner, you have several responsibilities as outlined by the Dog Act 1976, which states owners must ensure their dog:

- Wears a collar displaying the owner's name, address and Council registration tag attached when in public places.
- Can be confined to the premises where it lives.
- Is held by a competent person capable of controlling a dog on a maximum two metre leash when in a public place.
- Is exercised on a leash, except in designated areas. Even in designated areas, the person in control of the dog must carry a leash and use when required.
- Is registered in the name of one person who is aged 18 years or over.
- All dogs must be microchipped.

Households in residential areas are only permitted to house two dogs. Properties with a land area of four hectares or greater may house up to six dogs.

Change of address

The City must be notified in writing about any change of address or dog ownership, so registration records can be kept up-to-date.

Dog Exercise Areas

Owners must carry a dog leash at all times:

Dogs may be exercised on or off a leash on most City of Wanneroo reserves. However, dogs must be kept under effective control at all times.

Special conditions apply at:

Kingsway Sporting Complex

Dogs may be exercised at Kingsway but **MUST** be on a leash at all times in all areas. Dogs are strictly prohibited at the Kingsway Netball Centre. Dogs are only permitted off leash within the fenced area signposted as a Dog Exercise Park.

Wanneroo Showgrounds

Dogs are NOT permitted.

Frederick J Stubbs Memorial Grv, Quinns Rocks

Dogs are NOT permitted.

Coastal walkways

At both Mindarie and Quinns, dogs **MUST** always be on a leash.

Dog beach locations

Designated beach foreshore areas for dogs are:

- Two Rocks Beach, south of the Marina
- Yanchep Beach, south of the Lagoon
- Quinns Rocks Beach, northern end of Ocean Drive.

Look for dog exercise area signs.



Animal Care Centre

The centre is located at the City of Wanneroo Ashby Operations Centre, 1204 Wanneroo Road, Ashby. The Centre is closed on Good Friday and Christmas Day.

Enquiries

Owners can find out whether their dog has been impounded by calling **9405 5000** Monday to Friday 8.30am-5pm, and **1300 138 393** after hours.

They can also see photographs of impounded dogs at wanneroo.wa.gov.au

The City will contact owners of dogs wearing current registration tags whenever possible.

Owners have at least 72 hours to collect their impounded dogs from the Animal Care Centre. Appointments are essential and can be made online or by phoning **9405 5000**.

The City microchips all impounded dogs at their owner's expense.

Can you give an unclaimed dog a new start in life?

Each week unclaimed dogs are available to be purchased from the Animal Care Centre. Visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au to view available dogs.



Contact us on **9405 5000**
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On-the-spot Fines

Dog owners who do not comply with regulations may be issued with an on-the-spot fine.

\$100 Infringement

- Failure to install and maintain a fence capable of confining a dog to the premises.

\$200 Infringement

- Permitting dog to be in an area not designated as a Dog Exercise Area
- Unregistered dog
- Failure to ensure dog microchipped
- Keeping more than the prescribed number of dogs
- Dog not wearing collar with attached registration tag
- Dog not held / tethered in certain public places
- Failure to control dog in exercise and rural areas.

WARNING - DOGS THAT HAVE BEEN DEEMED DANGEROUS WILL INCUR DOUBLE PENALTIES.

Dog Attacks

If you are reporting an incident where you, a family member, or your pet has been attacked by a dog, please report the incident as soon as possible on **1300 138 393**.

By reporting early, Rangers can take the appropriate action as soon as possible.

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