

Information On Dogs

Dogs

Dog owners must abide by The Dog Act 1976.

Registration

Registration helps you to recover your dog if lost and encourages responsible dog ownership. Registration also helps the City plan for and provide services to dog owners that will also meet the needs and expectations of the broader community.

All dogs over the age of three months must be registered with the City. Registrations are due on the first of November each year and remain current for one year, three years, or for lifetime. Where a dog is owned by a person under the age of 18 years, application for registration of that dog shall be made by that person's parent or guardian.

A dog must not be in a public place unless it is wearing a collar with the registration tag securely attached.

Registration Fees

	Per Annum	3 Years	Lifetime
Sterilised Dog	$20	$42.50	$100
Unsterilised Dog	$50	$120	$250
Pension Card Holders		1/2 the normal fee	
Droving Dogs		1/4 the normal fee	

Microchipping

All dogs over the age of three months are required to be microchipped unless a veterinarian provides a certificate stating the implantation of a microchip in the dog may adversely affect its health and wellbeing.

Wandering Dogs

Dogs found wandering in a public place or private property without the property owner's consent can be seized by a City Ranger and may be impounded at the Animal Care Facility. Impounded dogs will not be released unless they are registered with the City or within the district in which they are normally kept.

Dog Waste

Dog droppings in public areas are a health risk and a source of annoyance to others. Failing to clean-up and adequately dispose of your dog waste is an offence. These provisions apply equally to prescribed dog beach exercise areas. As a courtesy, disposable dog poo bags are are available in many public open spaces where dogs are permitted. However, it is the responsibility of the dog walker to ensure they have provisions to clean-up after their dog in the event that these bags are not available.

Fencing

Owners must ensure that the premises where the dog will be kept has secure fencing which is capable of confining the dog within the property.

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Dog Attacks

Allowing a dog to attack or chase a person, whether or not injury occurs, may incur a penalty of $10,000. The penalty for urging or setting a dog to attack a person, animal or bird is $10,000 or 12 months imprisonment, or both.

Barking

Barking is a dog's natural means of communication and can alert owners to danger or intruders. However, a dog that persistently barks in a manner which is not considered to be normal, may constitute a nuisance. If a dog barks continually without reason, the cause may be lack of training, insuffi cient exercise, loneliness, inadequate shelter, ill health, deliberate or unintentional provocation by people or roaming dogs. Owners have a responsibility to ensure their dog(s) do not cause a nuisance due to excessive barking. If you are being impacted by an excessively barking dog, you can make a report to City Rangers.

Permit to keep more than two dogs

The maximum number of dogs which may be kept on any premises without a permit, other than a registered boarding kennel, is two over the age of three months. If the dogs have puppies, they must also be under three months of age. Dog owners must apply for a permit from the City to keep more than two dogs, with a maximum of six dogs being the allowable number. The fee is $90. All dogs must be registered.

Walking Your Dog

Dogs must be kept on a leash in all public places. A dog must be accompanied by a person capable of controlling the dog(s) at all times. A leash is to be no more than two metres long.

Dog Exercise Areas

Dogs may be exercised on beaches in areas and at times permissible under the City of Busselton Dogs on Beaches Local Law. Dogs being exercised on beaches must still be under eff ective control by the person in charge of the dog to prevent attack on or nuisance to others. Information on where dogs may be exercised is available on the City's website or our Dog Exercise Areas information sheet.

Animal Care Facility (Pound)

Animals lost, wandering or seized by Rangers may be impounded at the City of Busselton Animal Care Facility. Pictures of impounded animals are posted on the City's website.

Monday to Friday: 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays are by appointment

Fees

Impound Fee (first three days)	$198
Sustenance Fee (each day after three days)	$33

All fees are payable at the City Administration Building and your dog must be registered prior to the collection. Fees and registration (if required) can be paid at the Animal Care Facility on weekends and on public holidays. Note: cash only payments and the correct amount must be provided as no change is available.

Proof of registration, sterilisation and microchip confirmation must also be provided. Dogs will not be released to owners if the owner does not have an adequate leash when collecting.

Checklist for Responsible Owners

- My dog has regular flea and worm treatments, health checks, heartworm tablets and vaccinations;
- My dog is registered with the City. When in public it wears a collar with its identification tag and registration tag securely attached;
- My dog does not wander because I have adequate fences or a compound on my property;
- My dog does not cause a nuisance to my neighbours because of its barking;
- My dog is exercised and takes part in family activities;
- My dog is bathed and groomed regularly; and
- My dog has an owner who is prepared to learn how to care for its health and understand its behaviour.

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