



My dog keeps barking

Proper training, supervision, adequate exercise and stimulation help prevent problem barking

Provide training, socialisation, and care for your pets.

Basic obedience training is the first step to a well-socialised pet. You should ensure that your dog does not bite, threaten, chase or bark at other animals, vehicles or people.

Remember that all pets require daily care, fresh water, feeding and exercise. Regular grooming, yearly check-ups and a vaccination schedule are important responsibilities that maintain the health of your pets.



Don't allow your pet to become a threat or a nuisance

Your pet is considered a threat or nuisance when they :

- ❖ Attack, threaten or chase other animals or people, including fence rushing
- ❖ Are in an area they are not allowed to be such as East Point Reserve, children's playgrounds, picnic, barbecue areas and The Mall
- ❖ Bark or make a noise that persistently occurs and interferes with the amenity of the neighbourhood
- ❖ Are outside your property, at large and not under effective control
- ❖ Defecate in a public place and you do not clean it up. You can be fined for this, so bag it and bin it.



Walk Run Play

All Council parks and reserves, except East Point Reserve, are off-lead dog exercise areas. When out and about, dogs and cats must be supervised and under effective control.



If you are having trouble with your dog or cat's behaviour call Council. We have a full-time Animal Education Officer who can assist with pet care, behaviour and animal ownership issues.

You can phone the Animal Education Officer on the Pet Care Help Line:

8930 0606

To view Council's Dog and Cat Management Strategy go to darwin.nt.gov.au/pets



Great pets
start with
YOU



Council strives to ensure that dogs and cats and their owners and neighbours live together in safety and harmony in the Darwin community.

It all comes down to one thing – responsible pet ownership. That's why:

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Take the lead



All Council paths, and also 10 metres around the path, are on-lead areas for dogs. Dog owners must keep their dog on a lead at all times while on or around a path.



To be a great pet owner:

- 🐾 Register and microchip your pet
- 🐾 Desex your pet
- 🐾 Provide training, socialisation and care for your pet
- 🐾 Prevent your pet from becoming a threat or nuisance to the community
- 🐾 Prevent your pet from harming other animals including our wildlife.



Register and microchip your pet

Registration and microchipping allow Council to reunite lost or injured pets with their owners with a single phone call.

All dogs and cats in Darwin must be microchipped and registered at 3 months of age, it's the law.

Registration is important so that Council can plan and provide services for animal owners. Owners who fail to register dogs and cats can be fined.

Council has regular free microchipping events and provides ongoing low-cost microchipping at the City of Darwin Pound.



Desex your pet

Responsible pet owners ensure their pets are desexed. Desexing prevents dog and cat overpopulation and has other benefits.

Desexed pets are generally healthier and owners notice a reduction in nuisance behaviours such as barking, wandering and fence rushing.

It costs a lot less to register a desexed pet and registration is free for desexed dogs under 12 months of age.

Home is where my cat is



Cat owners have a responsibility to never allow their cat to leave their property unless it is under effective control. Don't allow your cat to hunt our wildlife.

