



Prove that you love me



You, Your Dog And The Law

Be a responsible dog owner

Responsible dog owners have few problems with their dogs – or their neighbours! Their dogs are happy, healthy and well cared for and make wonderful companions. However, dog owners must be aware of the laws and legal responsibilities of dog ownership.

Registering and microchipping your dog

All dogs over three (3) months of age that have been in Darwin for one month or more must be registered.

You can register your dog at any Australia Post outlet in the Darwin area or at the Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue.

Responsible dog owners agree to:

- Have your dog microchipped.
- Adequately contain your dog at all times.
- Prevent nuisance barking.
- Make sure your dog does not attack other animals and/or people.
- Pick up after your dog in public places.
- Meet all conditions of registration.
- Apply for a licence if you intend to keep more than two dogs.

If your dog is not registered and microchipped, not properly contained or if you do not have a licence if required you may receive infringement notices.

For more information about registering your dog or to pay renewal fees online, visit www.darwin.nt.gov.au/petregistration

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When is a dog at large?

Pursuant to Council By-Laws, a dog is at large if:

- It is not properly contained in the owner's property.
- It is not under effective control by the owner or
- Any part of its body is protruding from a vehicle.
- Off lead and not in a recognised dog exercise area.

Fencing inspection

Council has placed a condition on all registrations that fencing be adequate to contain the dog on the premises at all times. Where it is found that a dog has escaped from the property, an appointment will be made for Council to inspect the fencing. If the fence is found to be inadequate the owner will be required to erect adequate fencing to contain the dog.

Impounded dogs

Council By-Laws allow for infringement notices to be issued for dogs found wandering. Dogs may either be returned to the owner by the Council Officer or impounded. If the dog is returned to the owner, an infringement notice of \$154 is issued. Owners of unregistered dogs which are returned by Council Officers may be issued an additional \$154 fine for this offence. To release a dog from the Pound, the owner needs to pay the release fee of either \$103 for a registered dog or \$249 for an unregistered dog plus the relevant registration fees if unregistered. If the dog has been impounded outside of Council's normal business hours an additional \$77 fee applies.

Dog attack

Council has established and defined two (2) levels of dog attack.

Level One: The dog either bites or holds a person or animal in its mouth, whether or not the holding is accompanied by biting, shaking, pulling or pushing or the person or animal suffers an injury, physical or otherwise.

Level Two: The dog approaches, chases, menaces, harasses or rushes a fence as



pedestrians go by and the pedestrian feels fear of an attack.

Any attack or harassment by a dog can cause fear or serious injury and is of great concern particularly if it involves a young child or an elderly person. Council relies on members of the public to report all dog attacks.

Fees and charges

Registration Fees

Entire Dog	\$120.00
Desexed Dog	\$ 25.00
Declared Dog Category 1	\$249.00
Declared Dog Category 2	\$192.00
Declared Dog Category 3	\$124.00
Licence to keep more than 2 dogs	\$124.00

Entire Dog – Concession	\$ 67.00
Desexed Dog – Concession	\$ 12.50
Current Final Level Obedience Certificate	\$ 70.00

Infringement Notices

Dog at Large	\$154.00
Unregistered Dog	\$154.00
Offence In Relation to Dog Faeces	\$154.00
Dog Cause Nuisance	\$308.00
Dog Attack Level 1	\$924.00
Dog Attack Level 2	\$770.00

Pound Fees

Registered Dog Release Fee	\$103.00
Unregistered Dog Release Fee	\$249.00
Additional Fee if Dog impounded Outside Council Hours	\$ 77.00

Need more information?

For more information or advice please contact the Pet Care Help Line on 89300606 or visit our website www.darwin.nt.gov.au

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