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Declared Dogs Keeping Your Dog Under Control

What is a dog attack?

Any attack or harassment by a dog can cause fear or serious injury.

A dog attack can include:

- Biting, shaking, pulling or pushing, whether or not it causes an injury, physical or otherwise
- Chasing, menacing, harassing or rushing at a person or animal in a manner that is endangering or causes fear, alarm or distress.

Reporting a dog attack

If you are attacked by a dog on private or public property please report it to Council as soon as possible on 89300600. The Communications Officer will talk you through all the details needed to record your complaint.

What happens to the dog and the owner?

If your dog has attacked someone you may be guilty of an offence and be prosecuted and you may be fined up to \$15,400 or jailed.

Your dog may be placed on the declared dog register. If your dog is placed on the register, extra conditions apply to your dog's registration. These include:

- Placing signage around all your property boundaries that reads, 'Warning Dangerous Dog'.
- Only allowing your dog in public in the care of a person over 17 years of age and only if that person can control the dog.
- Payment of additional declared dog fees.
- Placing a muzzle on the dog every time it is outside the premises where it is usually kept.
- Any additional conditions imposed by Council.

Fees and charges

Infringement Notices

Attack Level 1	\$924.00
Level 2	\$770.00

Registration fees for declared dogs

Declared Dog Category 1	\$249.00
Declared Dog Category 2	\$192.00
Declared Dog Category 3	\$124.00

Prevent your dog from attacking

There are a few simple measures you can take to help prevent your dog from attacking. These include:

- Properly controlling your dog at all times, particularly in public places.
- Socialising your dog regularly with other humans and other dogs. This is particularly important when the dog is young.
- Training your dog to respond to basic commands including 'come', 'sit' and 'no'.

Often dogs attack in moments of anxiety, over-playfulness or when they feel they are under threat. It is very important to take precautions and act responsibly before this happens.

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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