



Penalties

We do NOT want to seize your dog.

It is very distressing to send a dog to the pound. Please make sure you do the right thing by your dog, so it remains with your family.

- **EVERY DOG MUST BE REGISTERED.**
FINE: \$200
- **EVERY DOG MUST BE MICROCHIPPED.**
FINE: \$200 – \$5000
- **EVERY DOG MUST BE ON A LEAD IN A PUBLIC SPACE THAT IS NOT A FORMAL 'OFF-LEAD' AREA.**
FINE: \$200 – \$5000

If you do not comply with the above:

1. You will be given a verbal warning.
2. You will be given a written warning.
3. Your dog will be seized and sent to the pound until all the relevant fines are paid, including impound fees. The amount could be as high as \$1000.

How to contact us

Please contact the Shire Administration if you have any questions or enquiries regarding owning a dog in Quairading.

- ☎ 08 9645 2400
- ✉ shire@quairading.wa.gov.au
- 📍 10 Jennaberring Rd, Quairading
- 🌐 www.quairading.wa.gov.au



Owning a Dog in Quairading

Your guide to the Dog Act 1976 and the laws surrounding dog ownership in WA.

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We Love Dogs!

Dogs form an important part of our lives and are often considered a member of the family.

All dog owners have a responsibility to ensure their dogs are registered and are not allowed to wander at large in public places.

Changes to the Dog Act 1976 have recently passed through Parliament, giving Local Governments the tools to deal with irresponsible dog breeders and encourage responsible dog ownership through public awareness.

Registration

A dog owner is legally required to register their dog with their Local Government if it is more than 3 months old. Contact our friendly administration staff for a registration form and a list of the applicable fees. This information is also available on our website www.quairading.wa.gov.au

Dog Control

If you own a dog, you have a legal responsibility to keep it under control, within a fenced area on your property or on a leash when in public.

Barking Dogs

As a dog owner, you are responsible for ensuring that your dog is not creating a public nuisance by barking excessively. Nuisance barking also covers public places adjoining the premises. Penalties vary from \$200 - \$5000.

Dog Droppings

Dog droppings are a source of annoyance to other users of footpaths and recreation areas. As the person in charge of a dog in a public place, you are required to remove the dog's droppings and adequately dispose of it.

Dog Attacks

A dog attack is a very serious matter. If your dog attacks a person or another animal, you will be held responsible even if you are not there at the time. Penalties vary from \$3000 up to \$20,000 plus imprisonment.

Microchipping

All dogs must be microchipped by law when they reach 3 months of age.

