

Dangerous Dogs

Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act 2008

FACT SHEET

Once a dog has been declared dangerous, menacing or restricted the owner must comply with certain requirements.

This fact sheet details the mandatory conditions for keeping a dog which has been declared dangerous as outlined under Schedule 1 of the Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act 2008.

Identification

The dog must be implanted with a microchip and must always wear the Council provided red & yellow collar and yellow engraved tag.



Public Places

In a public place the dog must be muzzled, on an appropriate leash and under the effective control of an adult who has control of no more than 1 dog at the same time.

Enclosure

An enclosure for the dog must be maintained at or on the property and must be childproof and stop the dog from leaving the enclosure. The enclosure must:

- Allow access to the front entrance of the house so that a member of the public seeking access to the front entrance does not have to enter the enclosure,
- Not include any area that is a swimming pool or area surrounding a swimming pool
- Not include all or part of a building usually used for residential purposes,
- Have walls at least 1m high above ground level if the dog is 8kg or less or walls at least 1.8m high above ground level if the dog is more than 8kg,
- Consist of firm and strong materials with walls designed to prevent children from climbing over, under or through the walls into the enclosure. The walls must also prevent the dog, or part of the dog, from protruding over, under or through the enclosure. The walls may include a perimeter fence for the relevant place or an exterior wall of a structure if it complies with all other requirements of the enclosure,
- Include a weatherproof sheltered area appropriate for the dog
- Include a gate which must be childproof, self-closing and self-latching; and complies with the requirements for the enclosure and which must not be a driveway gate or other vehicle access gate.

The enclosure may have another gate that is not self-closing and self-latching if it is not a driveway gate or vehicle gate and complies with requirements for the enclosure and is kept securely locked whenever it is not in immediate use.

Public Notice

The Council provided sign must be placed and maintained at or near each entrance to the property notifying the public that a menacing dog is on the property.



Desexing

It is compulsory for dangerous dogs to be desexed within 3 months of the dog being declared.

Updating Details

The owner must advise the local government of any change in their residential address within 7 days after making the change.

If the new residential address is in another local government area, the owner holder must also give notice to the other local government.

Replacement Collar, Tag or Sign

Replacement items can be requested at any time by contacting Council. Additional fees and charges apply

Registration Fees

Owners of regulated dogs have to pay significantly higher registration fees. For the current registration fee please refer to Councils fees and charges at -

<https://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/fees-and-charges>

Regulated Dog Inspection Program

Council undertakes annual inspections on regulated dogs. The officers audit the property where the regulated dogs are being kept. The audit checks the dog is being kept in line with the conditions.

Compliance

Owners must comply with all conditions for keeping a dangerous dog mentioned above and outlined within Schedule 1 of *the Act*.

Penalty Infringement Notices will be issued for failure to comply with the conditions.

The maximum penalty is 150 penalty units.

Additional Information

To obtain additional information about regulated dogs, please feel free to reach out to the Council using any of the following methods:

- Visit the website:
<https://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/animals-and-pets/dogs>
- Contact us by phone at 1300 79 49 29.
- Send an email to:
enquiry@frasercoast.qld.gov.au

Alternatively, the Queensland Government website:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/families/government/pets/regulated-dogs>

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