



Woorabinda Aboriginal  
Shire Council



# YOUR PET YOUR RESPONSIBILITY OWNING A DOG

Owning a dog comes with responsibilities. If you fail to comply with the laws associated with owning a dog you could face a fine.

Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council is endeavouring to ensure that pet owners and the community are informed around pet ownership and associated laws.

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**“Let’s work together to ensure that Woorabinda community remains a safe, enjoyable and inclusive place for all”**

# ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

## LAWS & REGULATIONS



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### Regulated Dog

Local Governments are responsible for regulating dogs that are declared dangerous, menacing, or belong to a restricted breed, with the specific requirements managed through the local council and enforced under the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008. Key regulations for owners of these dogs include mandatory microchipping, registration with their local council, and ensuring the dog wears a distinctive red and yellow striped collar in public. Owners must also maintain a child-proof enclosure for the dog on their property and ensure the dog is under effective control, which includes being muzzled, in public.



### BEWARE DANGEROUS DOG

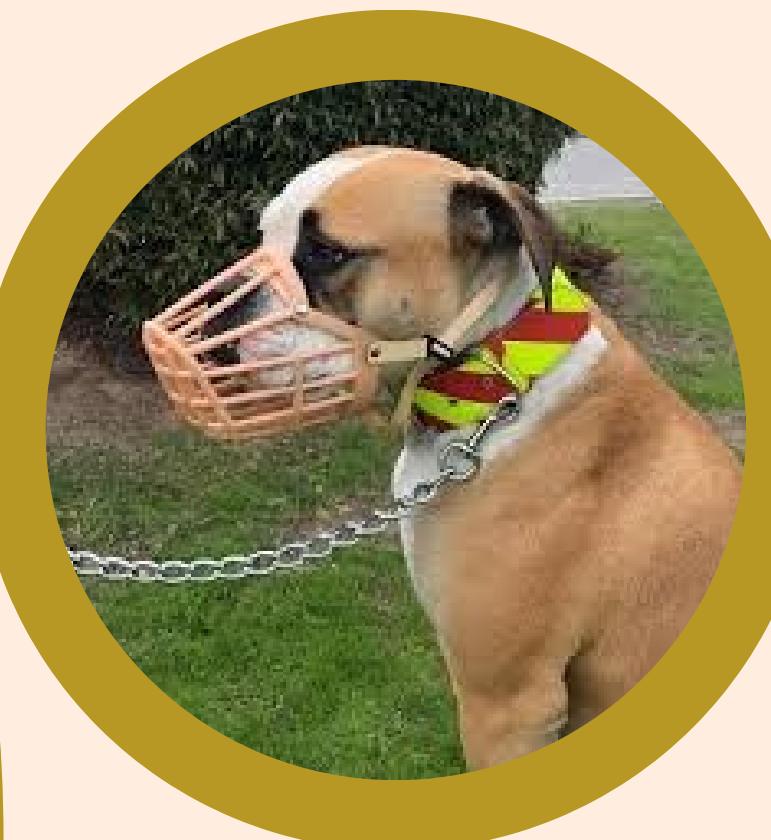
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Animal Management  
(Cats and Dogs)  
Act 2008,  
chapter 4*

### Declared Dangerous Dog

In Queensland, local governments can declare a dog “dangerous” or “menacing” if it has seriously attacked a person or animal, or acted in a way that causes fear. This declaration, made under the [Animal Management \(Cats and Dogs\) Act 2008](https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/pdf/inforce/current/act-2008-074) <https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/pdf/inforce/current/act-2008-074>, imposes strict controls on the owner, such as mandatory desexing, microchipping, muzzling in public, and keeping the dog in a secure, childproof enclosure. Non-compliance can lead to fines, seizure of the dog, or a destruction notice.

### Menacing Dog

In Queensland, “menacing” refers to the local council’s power to declare a dog “menacing” under the [Animal Management \(Cats and Dogs\) Act 2008](https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/pdf/inforce/current/act-2008-074). This declaration is made for a dog that has shown menacing or aggressive behaviour, but has not caused a serious attack, and is a key function of local councils in managing dangerous animals. These declarations result in specific, regulated requirements for the dog and its owner.



### Restricted Dog

- A dog is classified as a restricted dog if it is of a breed prohibited from importation into Australia under the Customs Act 1901.
- Restricted breeds include the Dogo Argentino, Fila Brasileiro, Japanese Tosa, American Pit Bull Terrier (or Pit Bull Terrier), and Perro de Presa Canario (or Presa Canario).

# FEES AND CHARGES



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NOTE: The 2025/2026 Fees and Charges  
includes information about Regulated,  
Declared and Menacing Dogs.

These fees commence from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2026

NB: Fees and Charges are subject to change



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