

## Places to exercise your dog

The City of Joondalup is a dog friendly community with lots of excellent parks and reserves to exercise your dog.

The dog beach at Hillarys is a designated beach reserve with plenty of space for you and your dog to run and enjoy the surf. The beach is located off Whitfords Avenue, Hillarys and has fantastic facilities for you and your dog, even treat them to a dog wash (available on weekends).

Dogs are welcome in most of the City parks and dog waste facilities have been installed in most of them. Check the signage at your local park for any specific restrictions.

**Dogs must be on leads at all times, at the following reserves:**

- Warwick Open Space
- Lilburne Park Conservation Area
- Hepburn Conservation Area
- Shepherds Bush Park
- Coastal dual path from Burns Beach to Marmion
- Horse beach access path
- Windermere Park

**Dogs are not permitted at:**

- Percy Doyle Reserve, Duncraig
- Heathridge Park, Heathridge
- Mawson Park, Hillarys
- Whitford Nodes, Hillarys
- Blue Lake Park, Joondalup
- Central Park, Joondalup
- Neil Hawkins Park, Joondalup
- Foreshore, Burns Beach to Marmion
- Tom Simpson Park, Mullaloo
- Macdonald Reserve, Padbury
- Craigie Open Space

Dogs must be under effective control by their owner when in public places. Your dog is considered not under control if they:

- Chase or disturb wildlife, other dogs or people.
- Act in a threatening or aggressive manner.
- Attack or injure another animal or person.
- Is a considerable distance away from their owners preventing response commands.

## Registration

All dogs over the age of three months must be registered. Registration assists lost dogs being reunited with their owners. It contributes to the maintenance of the animal care facility and supports Ranger Services.

All dog registrations in the City of Joondalup expire on the 31 October each year.

## Microchipping

It is compulsory for any dogs registered on or after 1 November 2013 to be microchipped. Dogs registered prior to 31 October 2013 are required to be microchipped by 1 November 2015. Failure to microchip your dog may result in you being penalised.

## Lost animals

If you have lost your dog please contact Ranger Services **9400 4960** or **1300 655 860** after hours. Or visit RSPCA Animal Shelter.

Dogs are also required to be registered prior to release.

## Dog attacks

The City takes all reported dog attacks seriously. If you or your dog are involved in a dog attack seek appropriate Veterinary/Medical assistance, then contact the City immediately.

## Keeping more than two dogs

You must have approval from the City to keep more than two dogs on your property. Contact the City for further information.

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# Dog Ownership in the City of Joondalup



## Before you purchase a dog

Speak to your local veterinarian and other dog owners, gather as much information as you can to aid your decision. Dogs can live to around 12 years of age and some dogs much longer. Owning a dog is a commitment which should be carefully considered.

## Owner's basic responsibilities

- Your dog must wear a collar displaying council registration tag, your name and phone number.
- Dogs must be microchipped.
- Your property must have adequate fencing to confine your dog.
- Keep your dog on a leash in public areas and play equipment.
- Pick up all dog waste when out with your dog.
- Adequately train your dog.
- Keep your dog under control at all times.

## Basic dog needs

### Housing

Although most dogs are hardy enough to sleep outdoors in a well-built, well-furnished and weatherproof kennel, many dogs live indoors and sleep in a basket or softly-padded pet bed.

### Nutrition

Dogs require a properly balanced diet for health. This diet should contain:

- Protein: to build the body.
- Fats: for skin and coat health.
- Carbohydrates: for energy.
- Minerals and vitamins: for good bone development.
- Roughage is essential for bowel function.

Dogs should have access to clean, fresh water, particularly when dry foods are used. Containers must be kept clean and placed in the shade. In hot weather, water may need to be replenished several times a day.

### Training

Socialisation and early training are essential. Dog owners must teach their pets rules of acceptable social behaviour and conduct training, which is based on kindness and positive reinforcement.

## Exercise and Play

Dogs need regular exercise, for most dogs this means at least once a day. Forms of exercise include walks, runs and structured play.

## Grooming

Brushing dogs regularly is essential, particularly for long-haired breeds. It is best to establish this habit early in a dog's life so that daily grooming becomes part of its routine.

## Boarding

If you are away from your home for any extended period of time, you must make arrangements for the care of your dog. It is recommended that you place your dog in a boarding kennel where you are confident the dog will be securely kept and properly cared for.

## Health

Vaccination canine distemper, canine infectious hepatitis and canine parvovirus are three viral diseases which are potentially fatal for dogs. It is recommended that all dogs are vaccinated against these diseases. Vaccinations are given from 6 - 10 weeks of age, but further injections are required.

## Fleas

Fleas are an external parasite associated with dogs. They can cause severe itching and inflammation of the skin, leading to dermatitis.

## Restricted dog breeds

The current list of restricted dogs are:

- Argentinean Fighting Dog
- Presa Canario
- Brazilian Fighting Dog
- Japanese Tosa
- American Pit Bull Terrier
- Pit Bull Terrier

Restricted Breeds also include a mix of any of the above.

## What are the ownership regulations of restricted breeds?

- Dogs to wear a prescribed collar.
- Property to display Dangerous Dog Signage.
- Escape proof and child proof fencing.
- Restricted Breeds to be on a leash and muzzled while in public places.

- Person in charge must be 18 years or over.
  - Compulsory notification to Local Government if the dog escapes, dies or there is a change of ownership.
  - Compulsory sterilisation of all restricted breed dogs.
- If you fail to comply with the regulations a seizure and destruction order may be obtained on your dog. Maximum penalties apply as outlined in the *Dog Act 1976*.

## Behavioural problems

Barking dogs are a nuisance and are not conducive to good neighbourly relations.

Dogs bark for many reasons, these can include:

- Separation anxiety – Dogs are pack animals and they can become stressed when their owner leaves without them.
- Fear – nervous or scared dogs will bark out of fear.
- Boredom – Barking, digging and chewing are common signs of a bored dog.
- Territorial – Some dogs are very protective of their territory and will bark to ward off intruders.
- Fence line distraction – Some dogs kept behind a barrier such as a front or back fence may bark at passersby.

## Neighbourhood communication

Neighbours can help each other to solve barking problems by communicating with each other their concerns.

The following points need to be considered:

- The dog's owner may not realise that the barking is causing annoyance to other people.
- The dog may only bark when the owner is not home.
- The owner may not hear the barking from areas within their home or may be a sound sleeper

Please contact the City of Joondalup Rangers for further advice or assistance on **9400 4960**.

