

Information Sheet

Responsible Dog Ownership and Registration



What does the Law say?

The Dog Act contains a range of measures to improve community safety, encourage responsible dog ownership, enable nuisance behaviour to be more effectively dealt with and to recognise assistance dogs. Amendments to the Dog Act require that effective 1 November 2015, all dogs must be microchipped. The Dog Act recognises assistance dogs that are commonly used by people with a disability. Dog owners within the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu must ensure that their dogs are registered and microchipped by the time they are three months old.

How many dogs can I keep on my premises?

Property < 10,000m² - 1 - 2 dogs

Property > 10,000m² up to 20,000m² - 3 dogs (permit required for 3rd)

Property greater than 20,000m² - 4 dogs (permit required 3+)

What will it cost me to register my dog?

Registration	1 Year	3 Years	Lifetime
Dog or Bitch Unsterilised	\$50.00	\$120.00	\$250.00
Dog or Bitch Sterilised	\$20.00	\$42.50	\$100.00
Dog or Bitch Unsterilised *Concession	\$25.00	\$60.00	\$125.00
Dog or Bitch Sterilised *Concession	\$10.00	\$21.25	\$50.00

*Concession rates apply upon proof of either a current:

- Pensioner Concession Card
- State Concession Card; or
- Commonwealth Seniors Card together with a Seniors Card

What if I move or my circumstances change after registration?

If you move address or your animal unfortunately passes away, please advise the Shire of these changes. If your pet goes to a new home for any reason, you will need to ensure you and the new owner sign a change of ownership form. You are also required to update information with the Australian Animal Registry, Pet Chip Registry or relevant microchip supplier database where your pet was initially registered when the microchip was implanted.

What else do I need to know?

All dog owners must:

- Attach the registration tag and dog's identification to their collar and ensure the dog is wearing the tags at all times.
- Keep the dog secure and don't allow the animal to wander. Appropriate fencing for the size of the animal must be provided. It is an offence to tether a dog and fines apply.
- Clean up after your pet in public places and restrain animal on a leash.
- When in public places, restrain the animal on a leash.

Additional information

The Department of Local Government,
Sport and Cultural Industries Website:
dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government/community/cats-and-dogs.

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