

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q Are all dogs covered by the Dog Act and does my dog have to be registered?

A All dogs, whether sterilised or of whatever age, are covered by the Act. However, the limits on number and the need for registration apply only to dogs aged over three (3) months.

Q How many dogs can I keep at home?

A No more than two dogs over the age of three months are permitted in the Residential townships of the Shire of Dandaragan.

Q Whose responsibility is it to register a dog?

A Apart from the owner of the dog, a responsible person includes the occupier of any premises where the dog is ordinarily kept or permitted to live, or a person who for the time being has the dog in his or her control.

Q Who is an authorised person under the act?

A A council Ranger, Police Officer, or any other person council may appoint, is authorised for this purpose.

Q Where do I register my Dog?

A At the Shire of Dandaragan Jurien Bay Administration Centre, Bashford Street, Jurien Bay or at the Dandaragan Community Resource Centre, Dandaragan Road, Dandaragan. The Council will issue a tag which must be attached to the dog's collar.

Q Does my dog have to be on a leash outside my home?

A Yes, a dog must be held on a lead in any public place. The collar must bear a current registration tag as well as another tag bearing your name and address. Please note, a public place is any place to which the public has access (this includes front yards)

Q What if I sell my dog or give it away?

A You must advise the Council within 28 days.

Q Who can complain that my dog is a nuisance (barking)?

A If three people, at least two of whom live at a different premises, jointly complain in writing, the council may investigate and if considered necessary, order the owner to abate the nuisance within 14 days.

Q Will I be notified if my dog is impounded?

A If the dog is wearing a collar with a registration tag attached, the officer is required to notify the latest recorded owner.

Q What happens if my dog dies or is euthanased?

A Please inform the Shire Office at your earliest convenience so we do not send out a renewal notice causing un-necessary grief.

ON-THE-SPOT FINES

Owners may be given the opportunity of paying an on-the-spot fine for certain offences in lieu of facing court prosecution

a) Section 7 (1) Unregistered dog	\$200.00
b) Section 30 (2) Dog in a public place without collar or registration tag	\$200.00
c) Section 31 (3) Dog not held by a leash in certain public places	\$200.00
d) Section 33A (3) Dog in a place without consent	\$200.00

POUNDAGE PENALTIES AND FEES

- Seizure and impounding of a Dog \$115.00
- Maintenance & substance of a dog in the pound per day, or part of day \$ 21.00
- Voluntary Dog Surrender & disposal of dog (based on weight of dog)
from \$117.00 - \$142.00
- Euthanasia of a Dog - Commercial Vet Fee

WANDERING AT LARGE

The Council has the right to seize dogs found in public that are not held on a lease or the owner is not in control of the dog. Rangers may enter private property to seize a dog which has been wandering at large if they have the permission of the owner or occupier, or a warrant from the Justice of the Peace.

AREAS WHERE DOGS MAY BE EXERCISED WITHOUT BEING HELD ON A LEASH

Dogs may be exercised without being held on a lease in the following locations

Reserve 28121 – Dandaragan

Reserve 24385 – Dandaragan

Reserve 32141 – Badgingarra

Reserve 31303 – Cervantes within the town-site of Cervantes, excluding the area from the southern most car park at the south beach to a point due west of a line extended from the most southern car park at the south beach and the southern side of Biscay Street

Lot 595 Cervantes – excluding Reserve 39194 (Lot 795)

Reserve 28541 – Jurien Bay, within the town-site of Jurien Bay excluding the area from a northern side of Lindsay Street to a point on the northern most breakwater of the Jurien Bay Marina

DOG REGISTRATION

A dog owner is legally required to register his or her dog with the Local Government if it is more than three (3) months old. The registration period is from 1 November to 31 October the following year. It is an offence not to register your dog and you can be given a \$100 on-the-spot fine.

The cost of registration for a Sterilised Dog per year is \$20 and an Un-sterilised Dog is \$50. A discount applies if you register your dog for three years - these being \$42.50 (Sterilised Dog) and \$120.00 (un-sterilised). Dogs being registered for the first time after the 31 May in any year are subject to a 50% discount. Dogs can now be registered for a Lifetime and these fees are \$100.00 for (Sterilised) and \$250.00 for (Un-sterilised). All dogs being registered for the first time are required to be micro-chipped. Dogs currently registered are required to be micro-chipped by 2015.

Pensioners receive a 50% concession of these fees.

Local Governments use the fees to help recover a portion of their costs not only in licensing dogs, but also in administration and enforcement of the Dog Act.