



Number of dogs

The City's Dogs Local Law 2020 permits the keeping of a maximum of:

- Two dogs, over the age of three months, on a property less than 2,000m²
- Three dogs, over the age of three months, on a property between 2,000m² and 10,000m²
- Four dogs, over the age of three months, on a property over 10,000m²

Applications to keep more than the permitted number of dogs on a property

Upon application, Council may approve the keeping of more than the permitted number of dogs.

Council will be guided by Council Policy – CP 5.4.46 Applications to Keep More Than the Permitted Number of Dogs.

Kennel Zone

The Kennel Zone is an area gazetted within the City of Gosnells for all dog related activities associated with breeding and boarding of dogs.

The area is located in the South Western corner of the City, off Ranford Road, in Southern River.

All kennels are required to comply with all the relevant Health and Building Regulations and the City's Local Laws. This information is available from the City's website or by calling 9397 3000.

Barking dogs

Barking is a dog's natural means of communication and often signifies its alertness to danger or intruders. However, a dog that persistently barks to a degree or extent not normally habitual in dogs constitutes a nuisance. Ask neighbours to let you know if your dog is causing a nuisance when you are not at home.

If you are experiencing problems with nuisance dogs in your area, we recommend you contact the City for advice. Information booklets and the Nuisance Barking Dog complaint form can be completed on the City's website and are also available on request.

Wandering dogs

Dogs 'wandering at large' are a hazard to motorists, pedestrians, other dogs and their owners. Dog owners should take care to ensure that their dog is not able to leave their property unless on a leash with someone who is able to control them.

Dog owners are required to provide fencing and gates that are capable of confining the dog within the property where the dog is ordinarily kept. Failure to confine your dog may incur a \$150 infringement. If your dog is in a public place without a leash you may face an infringement of up to \$400.

Dog exercise areas

The City has dedicated exercise areas where dogs may be exercised 'off leash' but must remain under effective control of the owner or person exercising the dog. The locations of these areas can be found on the City's website.

You and your dog



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Responsible dog ownership

The City promotes responsible dog ownership. Being a responsible dog owner is about understanding your pet's needs and your responsibilities to the community. The responsibility for a dog's actions rests with its owners.

Are you thinking of owning a dog?

Owning a dog comes with responsibilities. Consider the following:

- Do you have enough room for a dog?
- Are your fences and gates capable of containing a dog?
- Do you have time to devote to a dog?
- Can you afford to keep a dog?

These are just some of the questions you should consider before bringing a dog into your family. Whether you require a watchdog or a family pet, a dog requires your time and patience for up to 20 years.



Registration

The Dog Act 1976 requires all dogs to be registered from the age of three months. The dog registration year runs from 1 November to 31 October the following year. If your dog is not registered you may face an infringement of up to \$400.

	1 Year	3 Years	Lifetime
Unsterilised	\$50	\$120	\$250
Sterilised	\$20	\$42.50	\$100

Online services

Dog owners can now pay their dog registration, renewals and update registration details online. To use this service, simply visit the City's website and use either 'Payments' to pay your registration and renewal, or 'Services' to update your dog's details.

Concessions

Pensioners receive a 50% discount upon presenting a Pensioner Concession Card, or a WA Seniors Card with a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card. These cards must be shown each time the pension concession is claimed.

Owners of sterilised dogs must provide proof of sterilisation to claim the concession rate. This may be in the form of a certificate from a registered veterinary surgeon, a statutory declaration or the sighting of a tattooed ear of the sterilised dog.

Microchipping dogs

All dogs over the age of three months are required to be microchipped for the purpose of identification and registration. Any dog, regardless of age, that is transferred to new owners is required to be microchipped before being sold or transferred.

Failure to microchip your dog may incur an infringement of up to \$400.

Cleaning up after your dog

Individuals are required to pick up after their dogs when in a public place. Failure to do so may result in a fine of \$100. Dog faeces must be disposed of responsibly.

Dog attacks

It is an offence under Section 33D of the Dog Act 1976 for a dog to attack or chase any person or animal whether or not any injury is caused. Such incidents should be reported to Ranger Services as soon as possible, providing as much information as you can. If it is a life threatening situation ring the Police immediately on 000.

The owner or person responsible for a dog alleged to have been involved in an attack could be liable for fines up to \$20,000.

Impounded dogs

Dogs seized by Ranger Services that have a known owner are held at the Dog Management Facility for a minimum of seven days. If a registered dog is impounded, the owner will be notified in writing by the City. If a dog has no identification, it will be held for a minimum of 72 hours.

All dogs unclaimed after these times will be rehomed through the City's rehoming agency. If dogs are unable to be rehomed they will be humanely destroyed.

Photographs of all impounded dogs are on the notice board outside the Dog Management Facility and also on the City's website.



Dog Management Facility

The City's Dog Management Facility is located at the corner of Canning Park Avenue and Kelvin Road, Maddington.

The Dog Management Facility is open Monday to Friday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm and on Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays from 9am to 9.30am. The facility is closed on Christmas Day and Good Friday.

Cruelty to animals

Owners neglecting to provide adequate care for their animals should be reported to the RSPCA on 9209 9300.