

Dangerous dog owner checklist

- Is your dog currently registered?

Does your dog have:

- Identification tag?
- Prescribed collar?
- Functional muzzle?
- Is your dog sterilised?
- Do you have prescribed dangerous dog signs at every property access point?
- Are your fences constructed of a material capable of confining your dog/s?
- Are your fences of adequate height to contain your dog/s?

Do you have a separate dog enclosure and is it:

- Child-proof?
- Escape-proof?
- Lockable?

Compliance

The City of Gosnells Rangers will conduct annual inspections of properties for dangerous dog owners to ensure compliance with the regulations.

An order to seize a dangerous dog may be obtained for failure to comply with the regulations.

The regulations apply to all dangerous dogs regardless of temperament or behavioural history.

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What is a dangerous dog?

Dangerous dogs can be of any breed; however some breeds are more prone to attacking than others. The *Dog Act 1976* recognises three categories of dangerous dogs as listed below:

1. Dangerous dog (declared)

An individual dog that has shown itself to be aggressive and is consequently declared to be a dangerous dog under Section 33E of the *Dog Act 1976*.

It is important to remember a dog does not have to bite or injure to be declared dangerous. It may be for offences such as attacking or repeatedly rushing, threatening or chasing people or animals.

2. Dangerous dog (restricted breed)

A dog breed specifically bred for its aggression is known as a restricted breed.

Restricted breeds include:

- American Pit Bull Terrier and Pit Bull Terrier
- Dogo Argentino (Argentinean Fighting Dog)
- Fila Brasileiro (Brazilian Fighting Dog)
- Japanese Tosa
- Any dog of a mixed breed that visibly contains any of these breeds.

3. Commercial security dog

A dog that is kept primarily to guard or protect a commercial premise.

A commercial security dog that is kept to demonstrate aggressive behaviour when actively working.

Owner responsibilities

Owners of dangerous dogs have additional responsibilities designed to increase community safety. These include:

1. Dog to wear prescribed collar

Restricted breed dogs must wear the prescribed collar below at all times to indicate it is a restricted breed and may be dangerous.



2. Property to display warning signs

All access points to your home must display signs indicating that you have a restricted breed dog on the property. These signs are the same for dangerous dogs.



3. Escape and child-proof fencing

Owners are required to provide an enclosure that is capable of preventing a child from entering and which prevents the dog from escaping. The enclosure must have a self closing and self latching gate that is capable of being locked.

4. Owner and/or person in charge of the dog must be over 18 years

5. Dangerous dogs to be microchipped

6. A maximum of two dangerous dogs per property

This includes properties located within the City's kennel zone.

7. Dangerous dogs to be held on a leash and muzzled at all times in public places

This includes approved off-leash dog exercise areas. The dog must also be held by a person who is capable of controlling the dog.

8. Before a person sells or transfers ownership of a dangerous dog to another person they must inform that person in writing that the dog is a restricted breed dog

9. Compulsory sterilisation of restricted breed dogs

Restricted breed dogs are to be sterilised from six months unless there are extenuating circumstances relating to the animal's physical condition or medical treatment.

10. Compulsory notification to the local government

A person liable for the control of a dangerous dog is to inform the local government in writing, as soon as practicable, after becoming aware that the dog is missing, died or has changed premises.