



WELCOME TO THE WESTERN DOWNS FUR FAMILY



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES **Animal Management**

FACT SHEET - Additional Animal Application

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP IT'S UP TO YOU

Keeping a dog is a big responsibility. Western Downs Regional Council has prepared this information to help animal owners understand their responsibilities under State and Local Laws. The requirements are generally common sense, and relatively simple to comply with and all of the requirements are designed to keep the community and your pet safe.

Who is a responsible person for an animal?

- The person that has immediate control or custody of the animal;
- The parent or guardian of a minor; or
- A person who occupies a place where an animal is usually kept

Who is the owner of an animal?

- The registered owner; (dogs only)
- The person who owns it, i.e. a person's personal property;
- A person who usually keeps the animal; or
- A parent or guardian of a minor.

Registration & Micro-chipping

- Dogs must be registered once they turn 12 weeks of age.
- Suppliers or owners of animals must ensure that animals are either micro-chipped before they are sold, or by 12 weeks of age.

When is registration due?

The registration licensing period for dogs opens on the 1st July each year.

Does my animal need to be de-sexed?

As a part of Council policy De-sexing of all animals for a permit is a mandatory requirement. The approval holder must ensure all dogs are de-sexed within 3 - 6 months of the date of the approval or reaching 6 months of age unless a certified vet provides sufficient reasons on why the animal cannot be de-sexed.

How many animals can I keep without an approval?

Premise Type	Number of Dogs
Multi-residential premises e.g. flat, unit	1
Land area <2000m ² in a designated town area	2
Land area ≥2000m ² in a designated town area	3
Not in a designated town area	4



Minimum standards

Persons keeping animals must:

- Ensure that waste waters from any enclosures drain in a manner that does not cause a nuisance, or enter adjoining properties;
- Dispose of excreta & food waste daily;
- Ensure that enclosures are clean, sanitary and in an aesthetically acceptable condition;
- Ensure that noise or other disturbances do not impact on adjoining premises;
- Areas where animals are kept must be appropriately sized, and be effectively and comfortably kept; and
- If animals are kept in an enclosure at a density greater than one animal per 100m², enclosures must be at least:
 - 15m from a residence on adjoining premises;
 - 6m from a road;
 - 1m from any boundary; or
 - 15m from a watercourse.

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Duty to provide proper enclosure to prevent wandering.

Persons keeping animals must ensure that:

- Areas where animals are kept must be suitably fenced, ensuring that at all times animals are kept on the land at all times
- Fencing must be:
 - Constructed of materials which are of sufficient strength to prevent dogs escaping over, under or through the fence; for example, Colourbond, timber, weldmesh etc.
 - Of a height that is sufficient to prevent animals jumping over the fence;
 - Fitted with a barrier installed directly under the fence where animals have the ability to dig; and
 - Gates are kept closed and latched, except when in immediate use by persons entering or exiting the land.
- **An enclosure can be defined as a fenced yard or a caged pen**

Other conditions of approval (Schedule B)

- The premises to which this approval relates must be either fully or partially enclosed by a fence capable of preventing the escape of the dogs or any part of the dogs. The fence must be constructed in accordance with any other relevant legislation and be completed to Council's satisfaction.
- The approval holder must take all reasonable steps to prevent the dogs from making noise or disturbances that causes a nuisance or disturbance to the occupiers of other premises.
- The approval holder must ensure that any enclosure, in which the dogs are kept in, is properly drained and run-off is kept off adjoining premises.
- The approval holder must ensure that the premise and all enclosures are maintained in a clean, sanitary, and aesthetically pleasing condition and disinfected regularly.
- The approval holder must ensure that all excreta, food scraps and other material that is, or is likely to become, offensive is collected daily, and if not immediately disposed of, is kept in a waste container of a kind approved by an authorised person.
- This approval is valid for 12 months from the date of approval for the dogs, whilst they are kept at the approved address. A renewal annually will be required to maintain the approval.
- This approval cannot be transferred to another person, property, or animal.

Regulated Dogs

Permits will not be granted to any properties where a regulated dog resides.

Please ensure you will be able to comply with additional animal permit conditions before applying as you may be denied if you are not at the time of inspection.

For further information relating to your responsibilities as an animal owner, please call council on 1300 COUNCIL or visit your nearest customer Service centre.

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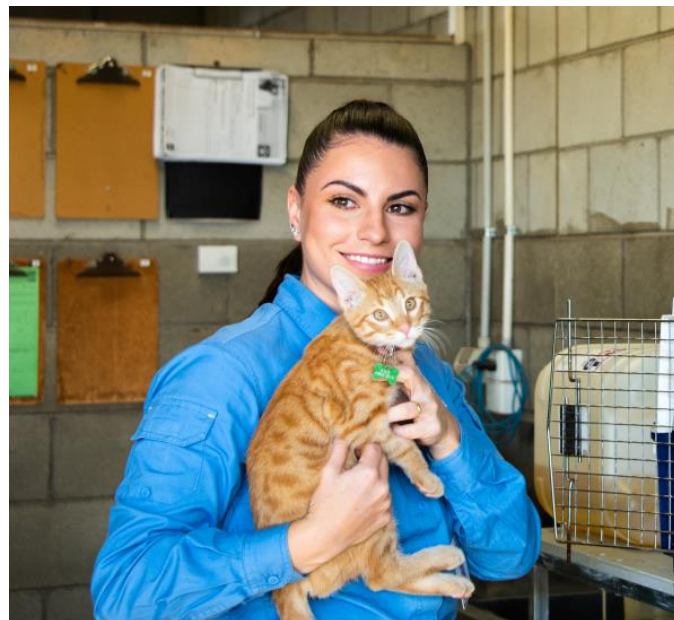
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