

## 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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## Dangerous dogs



## 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 dangerous 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.