

Caring for your Claremont canine



Your guide to responsible dog ownership

Dog Attacks

Dog attacks are a serious matter. A dog attack includes a dog aggressively rushing at, or attempting to attack a person or animal, as well as tearing clothing, biting or causing physical injury or death. Penalties of up to \$10,000 apply. To report a dog attack call 9285 4300.

Dangerous Dogs

The Town may declare a dog dangerous if it attacks, shows a tendency to attack, or repeatedly rushes, threatens or chases people or other animals. Dangerous dogs are required to wear a prescribed collar and muzzle at all times when in public. The dog's place of residence must be properly signed to ensure the safety of those who enter. Penalties may apply for owners who do not follow these requirements. Dangerous dogs found uncontrolled may be seized.

Nuisance dogs are a real issue

Excessive barking is one of the most common complaints reported to the Town. If you have an issue with a neighbouring animal, consider discussing the issue with your neighbour first as they may not be aware that their dog is causing a nuisance. If the issue remains unresolved, please contact us so we can assist.

Animal waste

Nobody likes to find animal waste where it shouldn't be. Not only is it offensive in smell and appearance, but it also carries a risk of disease and infection. The Town provides dog poo bags and bins at all exercise areas for your convenience. Failing to pick up after your dog is an offence.



Responsible Ownership

You can be a star dog owner by following these simple steps with your dog:

- Ensure they wear a collar displaying their name, address, phone number and registration tag
- Make sure they can't escape your home or yard
- Keep them under the effective control of a competent person, on a maximum two-metre leash in all public places
- Keep them on leash unless you're in one of our many designated off-leash exercise areas.
- Ensure they are registered with the Town in the name of someone over the age of 18

Fines and Penalties

Owners who disregard the rules may be issued with an on-the-spot fine of \$200. These include;

- Having an unregistered dog
- Failure to ensure dog is microchipped
- Failure to remove dog poo
- Dog not held / tethered in certain public places
- Dog in an unauthorised area
- Failure to control dog in exercise areas
- Dog causing nuisance
- Keeping more than the prescribed number of dogs
- Failure to install and maintain a fence capable of confining a dog to the premises.
- Failure of alleged offender to provide name and address

Dogs that have been deemed dangerous may incur a double penalty.

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There's a reason dogs are called 'man's best friend'. They make wonderful companions and add so much to family life. But with great dogs comes great responsibility. As well as caring for their needs, responsible pet ownership includes ensuring your dog is registered with the Town and obeying the law.

Dog registration

All dogs aged three months and over need to be microchipped and registered with the Town. In addition to being a legal requirement, having your dog registered allows us to reunite your dog quickly if it decides to wander from home. Make sure to keep registration records up to date by notifying us of any change of circumstances such as address, ownership or sterilisation.

Registration fees

Registrations are valid from 1 November to 31 October the following year.

	One Year	Three Years	Lifetime
Unsterilised	\$50	\$120	\$250
Sterilised	\$20	\$42.50	\$100

Concession card holders receive 50% discount on the above fees.

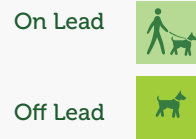
Dogs must be microchipped before they can be registered. Households in residential areas are only permitted to house up to two dogs.

Lost and found dogs

If you find a lost or stray dog, please contact the Town's Community Safety Officers. We'll arrange to collect the dog from you and will do what we can to reunite the dog with its owner as fast as possible. Found dogs are taken to Swanbourne Veterinary Centre. To report a lost dog call 9285 4300.



Dogs are not permitted in playgrounds



Dog exercise areas

The Town has some great reserves and parks to exercise your dog

In our dog exercise areas, dogs are allowed to be off-leash if they:

- are under effective control at all times (and come back when called)
- are accompanied by someone who is capable of controlling the dog
- are close to their owner so the leash can be quickly attached if required
- do not chase or show signs of aggression towards people or other animals

Dogs must be kept on a leash on any public street, verge, footpath or road reserve.