

Your responsibility as a Dog Owner

As the owner of a dog it is your responsibility to:

- Ensure your dog is registered
- Notify Council if your dog dies, changes address, or if your contact details change.
- Keep your dog from barking or causing a nuisance to other people
- Keep your dog under control at all times
- Clean up any faeces left by your dog on a street, beach or other public place.
- Exercise the dog daily.
- Have the dog de-sexed if it is not intended for breeding.
- Have the dog microchipped.
- Ensure all vaccinations, worming and health schedules are adhered to.

Courtesy towards other users of public areas

It is important to remember that not all people like dogs. Some people have had a very bad experience with dogs and are absolutely terrified - even of the small breeds! Therefore, to show your understanding and respect of this, when others appear when you are walking your dog off the lead, call your dog back to you and put it on a leash. This will enable your dog to continue its walk and shows others that you are respectful of them to be able to use the same public space without being bothered by your dog.

Dog Expiation Registration Fees

(as at 1/07/2019)

Unregistered Dog	\$170.00
Wandering Dog	\$210.00
Dog Defecates in Public	\$210.00
Barking Dog	\$315.00
Dog Attacks, Harasses or Chases	\$315.00
Impounding Fee	\$49.00
Daily Pound Fee	\$15.00



Dog Registration

Councils are required by the Act to keep a register of dogs in the local area. To ensure the register is kept up to date, dog registrations are renewed every 12 months during July and August.

All dogs aged 3 months or over, living on the property longer than 14 days must be registered with Council.

Persons registering a dog must be 16 years of age or older.

To register a dog you will need to:

- Make an application to Council
- Pay a registration fee (pensioner concessions and other rebates are available)
- Once the dog has been registered you will be issued with:
 - A certificate of registration
 - A registration disc (this must be worn by the dog at all times)

Failure to register a dog is an offence under the Act and the owner or person responsible for the dog may be fined.

Following the registration of a dog you are required to notify Council as soon as possible if the following events occur:

- The dog is moved to another premises
- The dog dies or is missing for more than 72 hours
- Ownership of the dog is transferred to another person

Registration Categories

Council's are now required to set two (2) mandatory registration categories for a 'Standard' dog and 'Non-Standard dog'.

- A 'Standard' dog, is a dog both microchipped and de-sexed and will attract a 50% rebate off a full registration fee.
- A 'Non-Standard' dog, is a dog not both microchipped and de-sexed and will attract a full registration fee.

What Happens To My Dog Registration Money?

Ten (10%) per cent of your dog registration fee is paid to the Dog & Cat Management Board. The Board funds welfare organisations, including the Animal Welfare League and RSPCA, provides training for Authorised Officers and produces pamphlets for Council to distribute to the community. This contribute is proposed to increase to assist in maintaining a new Dogs and Cats Online (DACO) centralized database. Further information from the Dog & Cat Management Board is available at www.dogandcatboard.com.au



Important Information

*for responsible
dog owners*



Animal Management Plan

The District Council of Robe's Animal Management Plan Relating to Dogs and Cats has been prepared as a planned approach to understanding its responsibilities under the Dog and Cat Management Act and will guide domestic animal management by the Council over the next 5 years.

The plan aims to:

- Encourage responsible dog and cat ownership;
- Reduce public and environmental nuisance caused by dogs and cats;
- Promote the effective management of dogs and cats, whilst focusing on the need to educate the community in respect of the law relating to dogs and cats; and
- Harness the benefits of dog and cat ownership and ensuring that the expenditure of dog registration fees addresses both dog and cat management issues.

The implementation of the Plan will have an impact on all dog owners as it provides controls on dogs in public places. While the Act provides that a dog can be in a public place provided that it is under the effective control of a person, and that effective control can be by command of that person who is in close proximity to the dog and able to see the dog at all times, there are circumstances where the community has an expectation that tighter controls are required.

The introduction of 'tighter controls' is in the form of

declaring 'on-leash' areas, 'off-leash areas, and 'dog free zones'. Council has declared 'on leash', 'off leash' and 'dog free' zones, the details of which are outlined in this brochure for your information. Public signage is being erected and Council employs Authorised Officers to police these areas. Dog owners who are found ignoring these requirements may be issued an expiation.

Why do Councils impound dogs?

Dogs are impounded to ensure that they are safely contained until their owner can take possession of them. If an Authorised Officer collects a dog which is wandering at large and not under the control of its owner, the officer's first concern is for the dogs safety. Often dogs in this situation are frightened and react negatively to traffic and strangers and place themselves and the safety of the general public at risk.

Ensure your dog is wearing its registration disk at all times to enable Council Officers to identify the dog. If Council can identify the dog, every effort will be made to return the dog to its owner.

Where can I walk my dog

To ensure public safety and provide for the needs of pets, pet owners and non-pet owners, Council has defined prescribed areas where dogs can be walked on a leash, areas where dogs can be let off the leash to run freely and dog free areas where dogs are prohibited. These areas are defined as follows:

Dog Free Areas

- All **ovals and sporting facilities** where there is organised sport or community events taking place;
- All **reserves and parks** except for those identified as dog exercise areas;
- Within **100 metres of a school or playground** except for defined footpaths and walking/bicycle tracks where dogs must be on a leash;
- All other areas not designated as on-leash or off-leash areas.



Areas where dogs can be walked on a leash

- All ovals and sporting facilities at times when no organised sport or event is taking place;
- Long Beach north of rock barrier and south of rock barrier (second ramp) and Long Beach Foreshore;
- Long Beach north of 2nd ramp to 3rd ramp between 9am and 8pm from Dec 1 to after the Easter Long Weekend;
- Hoopers Beach between 9am and 8pm from Dec 1 to after the Easter Long Weekend;
- Fox Beach;
- Karatta Beach;
- Nora Creina Bay Beach between 9am and 8pm from Dec 1 to after the Easter Long Weekend;
- Boatswain Point Beach between 9am and 8pm from Dec 1 to after the Easter Long Weekend;
- Town Beach and Foreshore from Post Office to Sea Vu Caravan Park;
- Lake Butler Marina;
- All streets, footpaths, jetties and walking/bicycle tracks within the townships of Robe, Boatswains Point, Greenways.

Where can I let my dog off the leash

- Wrights Bay;
- Lipson Park;
- West Beach;
- Long Beach north of 3rd ramp to Boatswain Point Beach (excluding Guichen Bay Conservation Park).
- Long Beach north of rock barrier (2nd ramp) and south of 3rd ramp except between 9am and 8pm from Dec 1 to after the Easter Long weekend;
- Hoopers Beach except between 9am and 8pm from Dec 1 to after the Easter Long Weekend;
- Nora Creina Bay Beach except between 9am and 8pm from Dec 1 to after the Easter Long Weekend;
- Boatswain Point Beach except between 9am and 8pm from Dec 1 to after the Easter Long Weekend.