

Responsible Dog Ownership

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A dog can be man's (or woman's) best friend, but having a pet is also a serious responsibility.

Anyone who owns a dog within the Shire has a duty to be a responsible dog owner, as members of the community have a right to live without negative interference from other people's pets.

For more information on pet ownership visit
www.paroo.qld.gov.au/animal-management,
email council@paroo.qld.gov.au or phone 07 4655 8400.



Fencing Requirements

Having a suitable fence for your dog protects both your pet and your neighbourhood. Fences should be:

- high enough that your dog cannot jump over;
- low enough that your dog cannot get out underneath;
- strong enough that your dog cannot push it over; and
- free of holes that your dog could escape through.

Dog Control in Public

Penalty: \$252

It is a requirement under Council's Local Laws that your dog must be under effective control when in a public place to prevent injury to itself or other people by either:

- holding it by an appropriate leash, halter or rein;
- appropriately tying it to a permanently fixed object and continuously supervising the animal; or
- enclosing it in a temporary area that is able to hold in the animal and continuously supervising the animal.

Wandering and Roaming Dogs

Penalty: \$252

Allowing your dog to wander is an offence under Council's Local Laws. A person who keeps an animal must maintain a proper enclosure to prevent the animal from escaping the property boundary.

When dogs roam, it increases the amount of territory they consider their own. This can then result in them challenging any animal or person they consider to be an intruder in this extended territory.

Dog Registration

Penalty: \$252

Local dog owners are legally required to register their dog/s with Council if it is more than three months old. The owner must comply to register the dog within 14 days after starting to keep the dog in the Paroo shire unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

The dog and cat registration form is available at www.paroo.qld.gov.au/animal-management or can be collected from the Council office.

Barking Dogs

Penalty: \$252

A person who keeps an animal on a premises must take all reasonable steps to prevent the dog from causing a nuisance or disturbance which disrupts a person:

- holding a conversation;
- watching television;
- listening to a radio or recorded material; or
- sleeping.

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