

Microchipping and Lifetime Registration

The Companion Animals Act, 1998 as amended by the Companion Animals Amendment Act, 2005 requires all dogs to be permanently identified (microchipped) and lifetime registered (registration required from 6 months of age). Microchipping and registering your dog ensures you have the best chance of your dog being returned to you if it goes missing.

For more information on Companion Animal laws refer to Council's Companion Animal Law brochure available from Council offices or by telephoning (02) 4732 7543.

Examples of penalties for offences under the Companion Animals Act, 1998 as amended by the Companion Animals Amendment Act, 2005 are:

On-the-spot Penalty Offences

Dog attack	Penalty exceeds \$500
Dog not on a lead	Penalty exceeds \$160
Animal not permanently identified	Penalty exceeds \$160
Animal not registered	Penalty exceeds \$160
Not pick up your dog's faeces in a public place	Penalty exceeds \$270
Penalties for dangerous dog and restricted dog	Exceeds \$1,300

Court Imposed Penalties

Dog attack	Up to \$5,500 (max)
Dog attack - Dangerous or Restricted dog	Up to \$33,000 (max)
Breach any condition of keeping a restricted breed dog or declared dangerous dog	Up to \$16,500 (max)
Breach Nuisance order	Up to \$1,650

If you or your dog are attacked by a dog contact Penrith City Council's Animal Services section on (02) 4732 7777 or the NSW Police.

Need more information?

If you would like to know more about animal related services by **Penrith City Council** contact the **Animal Services section** on (02) 4732 7543.

For information on the **Companion Animals Act** go to the Companion Animals "Chip In" page at www.dlg.nsw.gov.au

If your cat or dog is missing check the following;

Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter

10 Mulgrave Road, McGraths Hill
Telephone (02) 4577 4435
(Opposite Windsor High School)

Animal Welfare League

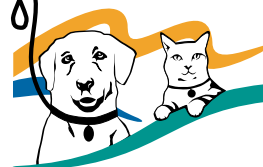
(02) 9606 9333

RSPCA

(02) 9709 5433

Local Vets

ANIMAL SERVICES



PENRITH CITY COUNCIL

If you find an animal and cannot find its owner within a short period of time, contact **Council's Animal Services section** on (02) 4732 7543. **After hours (02) 4732 7777** www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au

Your guide to EXERCISING YOUR DOG within the PENRITH COUNCIL AREA



Why does Council provide Off-Leash Areas?

Dogs are active creatures and need regular physical and mental exercise to help prevent many of the "behaviour problems" pet owners experience. Problems such as excessive barking, digging, chewing, pulling washing off the line, escaping and wandering the streets are all symptoms of bored and frustrated dogs. Dogs need a regular outlet for their energy. Regular walks, running and games with people and other dogs can help alleviate many or all of these problems.

The Companion Animals Act, 1998 as amended by the Companion Animals Amendment Act, 2005 allows Councils in New South Wales to provide residents with designated "Off-Leash Areas" for the purpose of legally exercising

dogs off-leash. In all other public places, dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

Penrith City Council provides residents with 4 designated off-leash areas to exercise their dogs.

- The sign-posted portion of land in Wedmore Road, Emu Heights
- The sign-posted portion of Boronia Park, Boronia Road, St Marys
- The sign-posted portion of land rear of Shaw Park off Victoria Street, Werrington
- The sign-posted portion of land on St Clair Avenue, St Clair, located between Denzil Avenue and Melville Road. Part of this off-leash area is fully fenced.

Note: All other parks and reserves within Penrith City Council are on-leash at all times.

Dog owners are required to make themselves familiar with the regulations detailed by signage at designated off-leash areas.



Defines an area where dogs are allowed off leash



Defines an area where dogs are to be on leash



Owners are required to clean up after their dogs



Off leash dogs welcome inside area defined by marked bollards or signage

Dog Off-Leash Area Dog Code

Penalties may apply for not complying with the code.

Off-leash dogs welcome inside area defined by marked bollards. Follow the code to ensure you are a responsible dog owner. This area is governed by the Companion Animals Act as amended by the Companion Animals Amendment Act, 2005.

Important note: the owner of a dog is legally responsible if a dog attacks a person or animal.

All dogs within a designated off-leash area must be supervised. Person/s in charge of an animal using a designated off-leash area MUST:

- Be a competent person over 16 years
- Be able to control the dog/s by voice command or other means
- Remove and dispose of dog waste in an appropriate waste bin

- Not allow restricted breeds or dogs declared as dangerous to use off-leash area
- Dogs must be on leash prior to entering and upon leaving the off-leash area.

Please respect the following off-leash etiquette

- When using an off-leash area, stop your dog being a nuisance or being aggressive towards other dogs
- At no time should your dog interfere with the enjoyment of other people or dogs using an off-leash area
- Your dog's vaccinations should be current
- Do not allow your dog to dig
- Keep early morning and evening noise to a minimum
- Bicycles prohibited within this area

