# DOG REGISTRATION FEES AS PER THE DOG ACT

	<u>Sterilised</u>	Unsterilised
<u>1 Year</u> 3 Years	\$20 \$42.50	\$50 \$120
<u>Life</u>	\$100.00	\$250.00

50% Pensioner Discount (card must be produced)

25% of fee payable applies to Dogs used for droving or tending of stock (Statutory Declaration must be signed)

A sterilisation certificate or statutory declaration must be provided as proof.

#### **Registration tag**

All dogs are required to wear a registration tag in public places. A tag will be issued by the Woodanilling Shire when you register your dog. It is an offence for your dog not to wear a collar and tag, and you can be given an on-the-spot fine of \$200.

#### Dog exercise areas

It's proven that regularly exercising and training your dog helps reduce boredom, barking, digging, aggressive behaviour and increases sociability. Happier dogs contribute to a happier neighborhood. The Shire of Woodanilling encourages dog owners to exercise their pets off the leash in the dog exercise area located at the southern side of the reserve 11066 bounded by Yairabin St, Monger Rd and the unnamed carriage way. Between the home and the dog exercise area, the dog must be on a leash if being walked. On arrival at the exercise area, the dog may be released but must still remain under effective control.

#### Control requirements in dog exercise areas

Collar, tag, lead & poo bag on hand at all times
Dog owners to maintain control at all times
Best to socialise dogs before removing lead
Restricted breed dogs & 'dangerous dogs' to be on
lead & muzzled as per Dog Act
All attacks should be reported to rangers for follow-up
asap

It is an offence to permit your dog to excrete on a street or in a public place. If it does occur, you are responsible for removal of your dog's excrement immediately. Tying a bag to your lead ensures you are always able to clean up after your dog



# How to be a Responsible Dog Owner



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### **Information for Dog Owners:**

Many people enjoy having a dog for companionship, security and having fun, but everyone who owns a dog must be aware of their responsibilities.

Being a responsible dog owner is about understanding your pet's needs and your responsibilities to the community. Your dog's health, your children's safety, your neighbours' and your community's wellbeing are largely dependent on you Registering Your Dog.

#### Dogs barking

You are also responsible for ensuring that your dog is not creating a public nuisance by barking excessively. The on the spot fine for allowing your dog to bark persistently is \$100. Maximum penalty if taken further is \$2000. It is important to try and determine why your dog is barking. Dogs may bark because they are:

- Hungry, thirsty, cold, hot, in need of exercise or perhaps sick or injured.
- Bored.
- Seeking attention.
- Threatened or protecting their territory

  If you require a barking collar. You can now hire
  them from Keith the Ranger.

# **Confining your dog**

When registering, you are required to make a declaration to certify that the property where the dog is kept is capable of confining the dog within those premises.

False declarations can attract a penalty of up to \$5000. Tethering is not considered a suitable means of confinement.

#### Why register?

If your dog becomes lost and is impounded by the Ranger, you have a better chance of finding your dog if it is registered and wearing its tag.

#### **Penalties for non-registration**

It is an offence to keep an unregistered dog over the age of three months. The maximum fine is \$5000, with a modified penalty of \$200. Higher penalties apply if your dog is a dangerous dog.

If your dog is unregistered and subsequently impounded, you may be liable for additional fees. Some local governments may exercise their right to keep your dog in their pound until you pay both the registration fee and the pound fee.

## How do I register my dog?

To register your dog, you will need to contact the Woodanilling Shire and complete and sign a registration form. Alternatively you can find a form on our website. www.woodanilling.wa.gov.au

#### Microchipping requirements

Amendments introduced on 1 November 2013 require that all new dogs registered for the first time, or dogs that are transferred to a new owner, need to be microchipped. All existing dogs need to be microchipped by 1 November 2015.

When you register your dog, you will be required to provide proof that the dog has been microchipped, by providing the local government with the microchip number.

