



- RESTRICTED** (Dog on leash)
- PROHIBITED** (No dogs allowed)
- PERMITTED** (Dog under effective control)

Information about
YOUR DOG



Man's best friend can quickly become a foe if left to roam uncontrolled around the streets of your neighborhood, or bark, or become a nuisance to neighbours. If you follow these simple guidelines, exercising and walking your dog will be enjoyable and trouble free for all Melville residents.

There are some areas which are set aside exclusively for the enjoyment of people. These are mainly fauna reserves and places where people swim, walk, water ski, windsurf or picnic. You're welcome here – but please leave your four footed friends at home. These are dog prohibited areas.

There are also areas where dogs are permitted but must be restrained by a leash at all times, these are known as restricted areas.

It is not surprising that many dog owners and their pets find leashes restricting, and they may prefer not to exercise their dogs in restricted areas. For that reason the City of Melville has set aside parks and reserves where your dog can run freely, These are permitted areas, but you must be in attendance and have your dog under effective control.

(1) PERMITTED AREAS (i.e. dogs free from leash)

Dogs are permitted to run free on all parks and reserves which are not prohibited or restricted provided they:

- ◆ - are under effective control.(this means the dog will come back when called at all times)
- ◆ - are accompanied by someone who is capable of controlling the dog.
- ◆ - do not attack other dogs, people or wildlife
- ◆ - are close to their owner so that the leash can be quickly attached if they become aggressive.

(2) PROHIBITED AREAS (i.e. dogs not permitted)

Dogs are not allowed in these areas:

- ◆ Point Walter Reserve (Bicton)
- ◆ Burke Drive Foreshore Nature Reserve (Attadale)
- ◆ Deepwater Point Reserve (Mt Pleasant)
- ◆ Heathcote Heritage Precinct (Applecross)
- ◆ Piney Lakes - Northern Bushland on Piney Lakes Reserve (except on Leash on sealed paths) eastern core conservation area and sensory playground
- ◆ Jeff Joseph Reserve (Applecross)
- ◆ Point Dundas (Applecross)
- ◆ Bicton Swimming Area (Bicton)
- ◆ Oz Park (Palmyra)
- ◆ All foreshore reserves which are not "restricted areas"

There are other areas in Melville where your dog will be most welcome – but only if kept on a leash at all times.

(3) RESTRICTED AREAS (i.e. dogs on a leash)

These areas include:

- ◆ Wireless Hill Reserve (Ardross)
- ◆ Melville Reserve (Melville)
- ◆ Blue Gum Reserve (Booragoon)
- ◆ Tompkins Park (Applecross)
- ◆ Piney Lakes (Winthrop – as sign posted)
- ◆ Attadale Conservation Area
- ◆ Ern Stapleton Reserve
- ◆ Wal Hughes Reserve
- ◆ Harry Sandon Reserve
- ◆ Apex Park Reserve
- ◆ Foreshore areas between:
 - Flannagan Road and Canning Bridge, Applecross
 - Queens Road and Cranford Avenue, Mt. Pleasant.
- ◆ Any reserve on which a sporting activity is in progress
- ◆ Shared pathways other than in the "Prohibited Areas" (signposted).
- ◆ All streets

SOME OFFENCES WHICH CAN INCUR ON-THE-SPOT INFRINGEMENTS INCLUDE:

- ◆ Having unregistered dogs
- ◆ Failure to give notice of new owner/s
- ◆ Keeping more than the prescribed number of dogs (max. 2 dogs per property)
- ◆ Breach of a kennel establishment licence
- ◆ Dog/s in a public place without collar or registration
- ◆ Owner's name and address not on collar
- ◆ Dog not held by a leash in public places (e.g. streets)
- ◆ Control of dog in exercise areas
- ◆ Greyhounds not muzzled
- ◆ Dog/s on property without consent
- ◆ Failure to take steps against parasites
- ◆ Failure to submit dog for veterinary examination
- ◆ Dog causing a nuisance
- ◆ Failure to produce documents issued under the Act
- ◆ Failure of alleged offender to provide name and address
- ◆ Failure to remove dog excreta

REGISTRATION

All dogs over three (3) months of age must be registered. Dogs should be registered with the Council where they normally reside. Should you move within the State, you do not have to re-register your dog, but the change of address must be given to the Council where the dog is currently registered. All registrations are due on the first of November each year and run for either one year or three years. Upon production of either a Pensioner Concession Card, or both a Commonwealth Seniors Card and a State Seniors Card, pensioners may register their dogs for half the prescribed fee. Registration helps you to recover your dog if lost and assists the Council to encourage responsible dog ownership and provide services to dog owners, for the benefit of the entire community. A person under 18 years of age may not lawfully register a dog in his/her name. The dog must be registered by a parent or another adult who will then be regarded as the lawful owner.

DOG ATTACKS

The number and severity of reported dog attacks is constantly monitored. You should be aware that an attack need not involve the dog actually inflicting a wound. Allowing a dog to attack or chase a person, animal or bird, whether or not injury occurs, may incur a penalty of \$10,000. The Council may declare individual dogs "dangerous" for offences such as attacking or repeatedly rushing, threatening or chasing people or animals.

RESTRICTED DOG BREEDS

Dog regulations now require that owners of American Pit Bull Terriers and Pit Bull Terrier breeds (or cross breeds) must have these dogs leashed and muzzled in public places.

Any dog, belonging to the above breeds or cross breeds, is to wear a specified collar indicating that it is a dangerous dog. Property access points must display signs indicating that a dangerous dog is housed on the property and the property must have escape-proof and child-proof fencing.

When in public places, the dog must be under the control of a person who is 18 years of age or older. The person must be physically able to control the dog.

BARKING

Barking is a dog's natural means of communication and often signifies its alertness to danger or intruders. However, a dog that persistently barks in a manner which is not considered to be normally habitual constitutes a nuisance. If a dog barks continuously without reason, the cause may be lack of training, insufficient exercise, loneliness, inadequate shelter, ill health or deliberate or unintentional provocation by people or roaming dogs.

EXCRETA

Permitting your dog to excrete on a street or public place and failing to remove or adequately dispose of such excreta constitutes an offence under the City of Melville Dog Local Laws. The Council has provided pooch pouches and bins on reserves to dispose of dog excreta.

FENCING REQUIREMENTS

Persons wishing to register a dog must make a declaration to certify that the fences and gates at the premises where the dog is kept are capable of confining the dog within those premises. Gates must have effective self-closing mechanisms.

Here are some hints to help you avoid on-the-spot-fines and to make recreation areas more pleasant for all.

Dog owners must remove any excreta left by their dog.

Dogs in the street must be on a leash at all times.

Significant penalties apply for breach of the Dog Act and Local Laws.

PLEASE TAKE CARE

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