



# PALMERSTON DOG OWNER GUIDE

There's no doubt owning a dog is rewarding. The City of Palmerston encourages dog owners to be responsible for their pets.

## As a dog owner, your responsibilities include:

- Yearly registration with the Council
- Microchip
- Providing adequate food, water and shelter
- Providing exercise and mental stimulation to deter boredom
- Providing a safe environment for the dog with suitable fencing
- Yearly vaccinations from your vet
- Preventing heartworm and other intestinal worms
- Controlling external parasites like fleas and ticks
- Seeking veterinary advice if your dog is sick or injured
- Desexing your dog to prevent unwanted litters
- Walking your dog on a lead at all times unless in a designated off-lead area
- Cleaning up after your dog when exercising in a public place
- Providing training for your dog so it doesn't become a nuisance to neighbours or other members of the community.

For the benefit of the whole community, pet owners should comply with Palmerston's Animal Management By-laws. These are available on the Council website at [www.palmerston.nt.gov.au](http://www.palmerston.nt.gov.au)

## REGISTRATION

All dogs must be registered with the City of Palmerston annually. All registrations are due for renewal by 31 August each year.

## LICENSE

If you wish to keep more than two dogs you will require a license, which must be applied for and renewed annually. Licenses are only granted under exceptional circumstances and limited to a maximum of 5 dogs per property. Your neighbours will be consulted during the application process.

**Application fee**                    **\$155**

**License per year**                    **\$215**

## REGISTRATION TAGS

All dogs must wear their registration tags at all times. Tags along with microchips will assist Council in returning your dog if it strays.

*Please note: All dogs must be registered with the Council, even if they have a microchip.*

Microchips are not compulsory in Palmerston; however we can record the microchip details with the registration information. Ensure you have updated your personal contact details as soon as possible after relocating. If you're not sure if your dog's microchip details are current contact Pet Address at [www.petaddress.com.au](http://www.petaddress.com.au) or your local vet.

Council must be notified of the death, loss or change of address of your dog.

### DESEXED DOGS

Desexing your dog has many advantages in a suburban environment. A desexed dog is healthier, less likely to roam and reduces the number of stray and unwanted litters. The City of Palmerston also offers a discount when registering desexed dogs.

### BARKING DOGS

Noise issues such as barking dogs can easily become the cause of neighbourhood disputes. If you suspect that your dog might have a barking problem, Council officers can provide information on ways to overcome nuisance barking. You may also contact Ranger Services on 8935 9977 for information about hiring an anti-barking collar.

If you have a complaint about a barking dog, please contact Ranger Services on 8935 9977 for information about our Barking Dog Procedures. You may be required to fill in a barking diary to support your complaint.

### PICKING UP AFTER YOUR DOG

As a dog owner, it's your responsibility to clean up after your pet in public.

### DOG COMPLAINTS

If you have a dog complaint, please call Council's Ranger Services section on 8935 9977. You will need to give your name, address and telephone number (*held in confidence*) and details of the nature of your complaint.

A description of the dog and details of the address or location must also be provided. This information is recorded and a Ranger will investigate and take appropriate action.

### LOST OR FOUND DOGS

If you find a dog within the municipality of Palmerston, contact Council on 8935 9977.

Lost dogs should be reported as soon as possible to the Council, the RSPCA and local vets.

### MORE INFORMATION

The City of Palmerston produces a range of information sheets to assist responsible dog ownership. These include information about our off-leash area at Marlow Lagoon Pet Park, dogs in thunderstorms, Animal Management By-laws, and toys for your dog.

The information sheets can be found in the Library, at the Council office, and online at



[www.palmerston.nt.gov.au](http://www.palmerston.nt.gov.au)

For information, you can also call Ranger Services on 8935 9977



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