

## Barking Dogs

The following information may be helpful to you in an effort to stop your dog from barking. Listed are the most common causes of barking and suggestions for stopping it.

- 1. Chaining the dog to a fixed point with insufficient movement or restricting the dog to too small an area for long periods of time.** Provide enough space for your dog to move freely in an enclosed backyard.
- 2. Deliberate or unintentional provocation by people or roaming dogs.** Eliminate direct line of sight by erecting a fence, wall or other solid matter. Do not tie in front yard.
- 3. Lack of reasonable exercise.** Walking your dog keeps you and your dog fit. The amount of exercise depends on the breed or size of the dog. When in public keep your dog under effective control.
- 4. Lack of training.** Your dog will accept kind but firm discipline. Take it to obedience training before it develops bad barking habits.
- 5. Lack of suitable shelter from weather.** Give your dog a place to shelter itself. This can be a ventilated and waterproof kennel or indoor quarters.
- 6. Unsuitable or insufficient diet and lack of sufficient water in hot weather.** A balanced and varied diet is necessary. Main meals should consist of processed meat and dried dog foods. Keep feeding hours regular and fresh water on hand at all times.
- 7. Ill health.** Your dog may suffer from fleas, worms or other diseases that may cause it discomfort and be the cause of barking and whining. Examine your dogs regularly and seek veterinary attention if necessary.
- 8. Loneliness.** Being left alone for long periods can cause frustration and boredom and may lead to barking. As with all friendships, the success of a relationship between owners and their dogs depends on finding time to spend together.



## Quick Reference To Local Laws

- All dogs and cats must be registered and wear a collar and tag with up to date details of owners name, address and phone number that is easy to read.
- If you own a pet you must take all reasonable steps to prevent it from causing a nuisance or disturbance to neighbours, wandering or making noise etc.
- Cats and dogs are required to be kept on your property in a suitable enclosure at all times unless under effective control.
- When walking your animal you must have it on a lead at all times and observe no dog signs in parks unless otherwise signed as a dog off leash area.
- Enclosures must be kept vermin free and in a clean, sanitary and aesthetically acceptable condition.
- Ensure that excreta, food scraps and other material that is, or is likely to become offensive, is collected daily and disposed of.
- Animals which ARE NOT registered are impounded and kept for three days (72 hours). Animals which ARE registered are kept for five days (120 hours) before becoming the property of Gladstone Regional Council. Impoundment fees apply to release animals which have been impounded.
- No more than two dogs and/or cats are allowable in a designated town area on a property less than 10,000 square metres. Permit application may be made to keep up to 4 dogs and / or cats at the property. Restrictions apply to dogs in multi-residential dwellings.

**Be aware that Local Law Enforcement Officers can issue On the Spot Fines where breaches of Local Law occur.**

## Enquiries, Complaints, Lost Animals, Dog Attacks

Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.00pm  
Phone: (07) 4970 0700 Fax: (07) 4975 8500  
Email: [info@gladstone.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@gladstone.qld.gov.au)

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## PET OWNERSHIP



## Your Animal Your Responsibility



## Animal Management Act

The *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* (The Act) regulates the way that Council's in Queensland manage aggressive dogs, registration of dogs, desexing incentives, microchipping and breeding of animals.

## Registration, Microchipping and Desexing

The decision to own a pet must include acceptance of the responsibilities that come with pet ownership. Dumping of unwanted animals adds to the feral animal population which can cause problems such as the spread of disease and threats to wildlife and domestic animals and also puts additional strain on local rescue groups.

Animals born after July 2009 must be microchipped when purchased or given away. Registration, along with Microchipping, is the best way to re-unite lost pets with their owners. The animal registration fee structure has been developed to promote responsible pet ownership by residents in the Gladstone Region and encourage the desexing of animals. Increasing discounts apply for owners who:

- Desex their cat or dog;
- Microchip their cat or dog;
- Hold a current Centrelink Pensioner concession card; or
- Hold a Veterans' Affairs Repatriation Health card - for all conditions (Gold Card).

Refer to Councils current Fees and Charges for Animal Registration Fees. [www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/fees-and-charges](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/fees-and-charges)

To register your animal online, renew an existing animal registration or update animal registration details visit Council's online services [www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/onlineservices](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/onlineservices).

## Registered Breeders

On 26 May 2017 the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) commenced the Queensland Dog Breeder Register. The owner of any puppy (sold or given away) born on or after this date must register as a dog breeder (a person who has a female with a litter). For more information on how to register as a Dog Breeder/Supplier please visit <https://qdbr.daf.qld.gov.au/> or Phone 13 25 23.

On 16 June 2017 Council commenced Cat Breeding Permits, any person supplying (sale or give away) a cat must be an approved Cat Breeder with Council.

Exemptions for requiring a cat approval / supply number:

- recognised pounds and shelters;
- registered owners of a cat where the cat is older than 6 months, is registered with Gladstone Regional Council and not desexed (a transfer of ownership for the registration would be required); or
- where a person supplies the cat to another person and the cat was supplied with a signed veterinary surgeon's certificate stating either the cat had been desexed or it is likely to be a serious risk to the cats health to have the cat desexed.

Breeders of dogs and cats must be registered with the DAF or Council within 28 days of their puppies/kittens being born, including unplanned litters or litters for family and friends, unless they qualify for an exemption. A person must have a supply number to advertise, sell or give their animals to another person.

For more information on how to register as a Cat Breeder/Supplier please visit [www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/breeding-permits](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/breeding-permits)

## Impounding

A dog or cat found wandering may be impounded and only released after payment of fees set by Council. Animals found wandering on Council land or private property can also result in infringements.

Animals not claimed after three days (if the animal is not registered) or five days (if the animal is registered) will become property of Council. Release fees are structured to reinforce compliance with laws.

Release fees and other relevant fees must be paid at a Council office prior to the release of all impounded animals from the pound. Animals will not be released without presenting a valid receipt of payment of impoundment fees. Animals will not be released without current registration and being microchipped if not already.

Council's Animal Pound is located at 17 Albert Road, Callemondah (next to the Gladstone Regional Council Wastewater Treatment Plant). Pound Facility Opening Hours are Monday to Friday, 3pm to 6pm. The Pound is NOT open on public holidays or weekends.

Another small pound facility is located at the Council Depot on Captain Cook Drive, Seventeen Seventy. Collection of animals is by Appointment only.

If you wish to surrender an animal for impoundment outside of business hours please phone Council.

Photos of all impounded animals are placed onto the Council website where they can be viewed by the public. The website also keeps a lost and found register. To view animals currently in the pound, please go to [info.gladstonerc.qld.gov.au/forms/pound/](http://info.gladstonerc.qld.gov.au/forms/pound/)

## Dog And Cat Traps

Cat and dog traps can be hired from any Council administration centre at Gladstone, Calliope, Boyne Island, Miriam Vale, Mount Larcom and Agnes Water for a two week period at no cost.

Traps must be returned to Council by 3pm on day of return. A late fee will be charged for any overdue traps. If a trap is returned damaged, uncleaned or it is stolen, the 'hirer' is liable for costs to fix, clean or replace the trap.

No Council traps are to be set during weekends and public holidays. Council Officers will not collect trapped animals over a weekend or public holiday and the responsibility for the care of any animals trapped on the weekends falls to the individual hiring the trap.

Residents are requested to telephone Gladstone Regional Council on (07) 4970 0700 prior to picking up the trap to check on availability.

## Regulated Dogs

A dog is deemed to be a regulated dog if it has been declared Dangerous or Menacing under the Act. A dog may be deemed dangerous or menacing if it rushes at, attacks, worries or puts fear in any person or animal.

If Council declares a dog regulated, an increased registration fee applies along with additional controls including a sufficient enclosure, identifiable collar and muzzle when walked on Council property. Please ensure your animal is kept under effective control at all times.

## Dog Exercise Area

Council understands and recognises that there should be some areas within urban townships where dogs should be allowed to exercise and run off the leash away from its usual place of residence. Please note you must ensure your dog is kept under effective control at all times.

A full list of the on and off leash areas within the Gladstone Region can be found on Council's website by following the 'Animals' link under the 'Environment & Conservation' tab.