

# Responsible Dog Ownership

Fraser Coast Regional Council Local Law No.2 (Animal Management) 2011

## FACT SHEET

*Across the Fraser Coast Region, Council is responsible for the regulation of animal management in accordance with the Fraser Coast Councils Local Law No 2 (Animal Management) 2011 and the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 and Regulation 2019.*

*To help you stay informed about your responsibilities in keeping a dog within the Fraser Coast Council region, consider the following tips.*

### **Do I need to register my dog?**

Dog registration is mandatory for dogs aged 12 weeks or older. The registration period spans from November 1st to October 31st of the subsequent year, and renewal notices are sent out before the expiration date.

It is mandatory to keep dog registration information current, which includes residential address, contact details, and relevant animal information. Additionally, it is required to always display the registration tag for your dog.

### **Does my dog need to be microchipped?**

Dogs born after October 2010 must be microchipped, including those given away or sold. In the event of a change in ownership, a 'Change of Ownership' notification must be submitted to the appropriate microchipping registry and the Council. To access your microchip registry details, visit [www.petaddress.com](http://www.petaddress.com)

Maintaining current microchipping information is crucial, as it aids Council and other agencies in identifying the owner if a dog goes missing or is stolen, facilitating the prompt return of the microchipped dog.

### **What are the enclosure requirements?**

It is your responsibility to ensure a proper and secure enclosure for your dogs. Owners must take measures to prevent dogs from climbing, digging under, or squeezing through fences. If you encounter difficulties in maintaining a secure enclosure, consider exploring these alternatives:

- Invest in self-latching, self-closing gates.
- Place footing beneath your fence to deter your dog from digging.
- If your dog's muzzle can protrude through the fence, cover it with material that your dog cannot push or bite through.

A dog left to roam freely faces the risk of getting lost, injured, or involved in a road accident. Additionally, unrestrained dogs can pose a threat to people, other pets, and wildlife. Taking proactive steps to secure your dog's environment is essential for their safety and the well-being of others.



## How many dogs can I have on my property?

Council's Local Laws restricts the number of dogs permitted by property size. The following table outlines how many dogs are permitted with and without approval.



Property/Land Size	Number of Dogs Permitted without approval	Additional Dogs Permitted with approval
Less than 600 sqm	1*	1*
600sqm to 2,000 sqm	2*	1*
2,000 sqm to 10,000 sqm	3*	1*
10,000 sqm and above	Unrestricted*	Unrestricted*

*\*All dogs must still be registered.*

Applications to keep an additional dog must be lodged on the approved form with Council. Fees apply and payment is required at time of lodgement. The form can be found here –

[www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/downloads/file/1406/approval-to-keep-additional-cat-or-dog](http://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/downloads/file/1406/approval-to-keep-additional-cat-or-dog)

## Barking Dogs

Dogs that incessantly bark can be a source of nuisance, causing significant distress to neighbours and other residents. The Council has provided a Barking Dog Information Pack to address and provide information –

<https://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/downloads/file/1824/barking-dogs>.

## Does my dog need to be on a leash?

All dogs must be kept on a leash unless in a designated off-leash park/area, and the leash should be held by a person capable of controlling the dog.

Council offers several off-leash areas along the foreshore, greater region and in certain areas strictly prohibit dogs. Maps and locations of these zones are accessible on the Council's website.



To promote cleanliness, Council has installed tidy bag dispensers in parks and near beach accesses where dogs are allowed. Dog owners are encouraged to use and carry bags to pick up their dog's waste, ensuring responsible disposal. This initiative aims to maintain the cleanliness of public spaces across the Fraser Coast.

## Compliance with requirements

Council's Community Rangers action complaints and conduct regular patrols across the region.

If your dog is found to be outside of its enclosure and wandering at large, is not microchipped or you are keeping more dogs than permitted, Council may impound your dog and may also commence enforcement action; and on-the-spot fines may apply.

## Additional Information

To obtain additional information about dogs, please feel free to reach out to the Council using any of the following methods:

- Visit the website: <https://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/animals-and-pets>
- Contact us by phone at 1300 79 49 29.
- Send an email to: [enquiry@frasercoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:enquiry@frasercoast.qld.gov.au)

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