

Fences and roaming



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A fence can prevent your dog causing a nuisance.

If you own a dog in the City of Sydney Local Government Area you have to take responsibility for your dog on your property.

If you choose to keep dogs as a security measure, it is important that people passing by your property are not harassed or endangered by your animals. Proper fencing is essential.

Fencing Requirements

As a responsible pet owner it is important to ensure that your fence or dog enclosure is:

- High enough that your dog cannot jump over it
- Low enough that your dog cannot dig under it
- Strong enough that your dog cannot push it over
- Hole-proof so that your dog cannot escape through it
- Designed so that your dog cannot reach people through it

Community Rights

Unaccompanied animals roaming the streets are at risk of injury. Pet owners and other residents have a right and responsibility to have lost or stray animals rescued and either taken to the pound or returned to their owners.

When the City of Sydney finds a stray dog every effort is made to return the dog to its home. If the dog's owner cannot be located, the dog will be transported to the City's impoundment facility where it will be held for a set period of time.

Impoundment and Rescue

The City provides a rescue and impoundment service to the community. Identification and Registration are central to the effective management of stray or lost dogs.

Owners have 14 days to claim microchipped pets or seven days to claim un-microchipped pets.

Owners of recovered animals will be charged a fee to cover administration, food and care for every day their animal is impounded.

The City attempts to return all animals directly to the owner prior to impounding. Ensure your animal is fitted with an identification tag, microchipped and registered assist the City with this process. Owners of unregistered and un-microchipped animals are charged microchipping and registration fees prior to the release of their pets.

Owners of companion animals must notify the City by telephone if their pet has been missing for more than 72 hours. This information will then be flagged on the Companion Animals Register.

Liability

Many pet owners do not realise that they are legally responsible for any damage their pet does – especially when it occurs beyond their property.

If your pet attacks another animal or injures a person, you will face significant fines and could lose your dog.

Contact the City of Sydney

For further information about microchipping and lifetime registration fees (including discounts for desexed animals and reduced fees for pensioners) call the City of Sydney on 9265 9333 or send a fax to 9265 9222. Information is also available on the City of Sydney website at www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Residents/Animals/Default.asp

Pets in the City

City of Sydney understands the importance of the human/companion animal bond and is committed to supporting responsible pet ownership to benefit the entire community. Enjoy being a considerate and responsible companion animal owner.

