



# DUTY OF CARE

Being a pet owner also brings responsibilities. Isaac Regional Council is here to help guide you through your legal requirements.

- ❑ **Registration** – All dogs MUST be registered with Council from 12 weeks of age. Registration is due annually.
- ❑ **Microchipping** – All dogs MUST be microchipped from 12 weeks of age. This can be arranged through your local vet. A microchip is an implanted chip that stores the dog's (and owner's) details on a national data base. This is not the same as having your dog registered with Council.
- ❑ **De-sexing** – This is highly recommended to avoid unwanted animals and can be done from 6 months of age through your local vet. De-sexed dogs also receive reduced registration fees with Council.
- ❑ **Vaccinations** – Highly recommended to keep your dog healthy. They will live longer, healthier lives with reduced likelihood of illnesses.
- ❑ **Identification** – Recommended to be attached to your dog's collar with their name and your contact details.
- ❑ **Number of dogs allowed** – A maximum of two dogs for a standard house and one dog for a multi-dwelling such as townhouses.
- ❑ **Impoundment** – The fee for each and every impoundment, regardless of the length of captivity, is as per Council's Annual Schedule of Fees and Charges.
- ❑ **Enclosure** – Enclosures must be secure and an acceptable size in relation to the animal being housed. They must be kept clean and sanitary with food scraps collected daily. Waste and waste water from the enclosure must not impact on adjoining premises.
- ❑ **Keeping of greyhounds** – Greyhound owners must ensure that dogs are kept without nuisance, and a code of practice has been approved by the Greyhound Racing Authority of QLD in accordance with these requirements.
- ❑ **Breeding dogs** – In Queensland, if you breed a dog on or after 26 May 2017 you must be registered as a breeder – even if your dog has an unplanned litter or you only breed puppies for family and friends (primary producers breeding working dogs are exempt). To register as a breeder, visit [qdbr.daf.qld.gov.au](http://qdbr.daf.qld.gov.au) online for the Queensland Dog Breeder Register.
- ❑ **Dogs on heat** – Owners must ensure their dog is NOT in a public place during this time.
- ❑ **Dogs defecating in a public place** – The person who has control of the dog must immediately remove and dispose of waste in a sanitary way.
- ❑ **Wandering dogs** – The owner or person responsible must ensure that the dog does not wander at large from their property.
- ❑ **Barking Nuisance** – The person responsible for the dog must take all reasonable measures to prevent the animal from making a disturbance or noise causing a nuisance to occupants of adjoining premises or in the vicinity of which the animal is kept.

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