



## REGULATED & RESTRICTED DOGS

Pet owners are legally liable for the actions of their animals. It is an offence to allow dogs to attack or threaten to attack a person or another animal. We are all aware of the need to protect our community from the danger and fear of dog attacks. People have the right to feel safe in their community. It is the responsibility of pet owners to ensure the protection of others and to keep public areas safe for people to enjoy.

### Dog attacks

If your family or pets have been attacked by a dog/s, please contact triple zero and Isaac Regional Council immediately on 1300 ISAACS (1300 47 22 27) and provide as many details as possible, such as:

- Date, time and location of attack
- Description of how the attack occurred
- Description and location of the attacking dog

Once the incident has been reported to Council, an authorised officer will conduct an investigation and collect information

- Statements from the victim, witnesses and dog owner where possible
- Photographic evidence of injury to the victim from the incident

On completion of the investigation the authorised officer will make a recommendation and inform the victim and dog owner.

Being attacked by a dog can produce serious physical, psychological and emotional effects, not only for the person who is attacked but also for the owner of the attacking dog.

Even if the victim is not bitten, the threat of the attack can cause lasting trauma.

Dogs that attack or act in a way to cause fear to, a person or other animals, are liable to be declared as 'Regulated Dogs' by Council.

### Regulated dog declarations (dangerous or menacing)

Declared Regulated Dogs in the Isaac region are allowed to be kept, but under strict guidelines, as per Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008.

There are a number of restrictions and requirements imposed upon owners of Restricted Breeds or Regulated Dogs, these may include:

- The animal being desexed
- The animal being microchipped (all dogs are required to be microchipped)
- The animal being required to wear a collar with approved identifying tag
- The animal being required to be muzzled in a public place
- The animal being under effective control at all times by a person physically able to control it (i.e. children are not permitted to 'walk the dog' in public).

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## **Dangerous dog declarations continued...**

- The animal required to be kept on a leash at all times when in public, or tethered to a fixed object and continually supervised by the keeper
- The animal required to be maintained within an appropriate enclosure at the residence to which the permit applies
- A public notice must be visible at the entrance to the residence where the dog resides.

For more information on regulated dogs you can contact Council on 1300 ISAACS (1300 47 22 27) or by visiting the Queensland Government laws and codes for regulated dogs.

To report a menacing dog or dangerous dog phone Council on 1300 ISAACS (1300 47 22 27)

## **Restricted dog breeds**

The State Government has declared the following dog breeds as restricted:

- Dogo Argentino
- Fila Brasileiro
- Japanese Tosa
- American pit bull terrier or pit bull terrier
- Perro de Presa Canario or Presa Canario.

**Owners of these breeds must register their animals as restricted dogs with Council and ensure that they comply with the State Legislation, see Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008.**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
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