



## THE DANGERS OF A WANDERING DOG

Dogs that wander on the streets or in public areas without the owner present are deemed to be wandering at large.

These dogs are often lost and distressed and can cause a nuisance.

In some cases they may attack or harass people or other animals.

They may also cause road accidents resulting in injury to the dog and on occasions to vehicle occupants.

They may also cause property damage - all of which become the responsibility of the owner of the dog.

Dogs usually escape and wander as a result of inadequate fencing or a gate left open.

Council may apply penalties to the owners of a dog deemed to be wandering at large.

## IF YOU LOOSE YOUR DOG

Contact Council with a description of the dog and your details. Your dog may already be in the Council pound. If not, we can advise you if someone has found your dog or has seen your dog.

## IF YOU FIND A DOG

Contact Council immediately as we may already have the details of the owner or can verify the owner by tag number. If not, we can attend and check for a micro-chip and contact the owner. If the owner cannot be contacted the dog can be secured in the Council pound.

## IMPOUNDED DOGS

When a dog has been impounded by a Council Officer, we will make every effort to contact the owner. If the owner cannot be located within 72 hours the dog may be disposed of.

FOR INFORMATION VISIT:

[www.mallala.sa.gov.au](http://www.mallala.sa.gov.au)



# Dogs



### Every dog can bite.

Desexing reduces this risk, improving health, prolonging life and reducing aggression toward people and other dogs. No matter the size or breed, desexed dogs make better companions and are safer dogs in the community.

**Bring out the best  
in your best friend.**

Find the facts at  
[dogandcatboard.com.au](http://dogandcatboard.com.au) **GOODDOG**



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*What every  
dog owner  
needs to know!*

## WHY REGISTER MY DOG?

It is a legal requirement that all dogs over the age of 3 months must be registered with your local council. Penalties apply for unregistered dogs.

Registering your dog provides Council with a description of your dog, identifies you as the owner and lists contact information.

If your dog is wearing a collar with the registration disc and becomes lost it can be quickly re-united with you.



## Bring out the best in your best friend.

We understand the joy your dog can bring, and the distress if it should go missing. To be easily reunited, ensure your dog is registered, name tagged and micro-chipped.





Desexing also brings positive changes by improving your dog's health, lessening the urge to wander and reducing aggression to people and other dogs.

**Register your dog at council with discounts for desexed and micro-chipped dogs.**

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## WHAT DO REGISTRATION FEES PROVIDE?

-  An identification system for all registered dogs allowing lost and injured dogs to be quickly re-united with their owners.
-  Maintenance of a Council pound.
-  Human resources to administer the Dog and Cat Management Act.
-  Equipment, fencing, bag dispensers and other material for council maintained dog parks.

**Please Note:** All money received by Council under the Dog and Cat Management Act must be spent on dog management.





## CORRECT IDENTIFICATION

Your dog must wear a collar with a current registration disc when outside of your property. Ideally, your dog should wear it at all times in case it wanders or escapes from your yard.

In addition a name tag containing your contact details and a current mobile phone number is suggested. If your dog loses its collar or it has been removed, a micro-chip assists in your dogs identification and return.

## DOG REGISTRATION REBATES

Rebates are available for desexed, micro-chipped and trained dogs. There is also a rebate for concession card holders. Council requires the following proof for rebate:

-  **Desexing:** A desexing certificate signed by a vet.
-  **Micro-chip:** A microchip registration certificate showing correct name/address of the owner.
-  **Training:** The Dog and Cat Management Board certificate of training.
-  Sighting of a concession card.




## OTHER REBATES

**Working Dog:** a dog principally used for the movement of stock is eligible for a reduced registration fee. A declaration will need to be filled out at the Council Office.

**Disability dog:** Accredited guide dogs and hearing dogs need to be registered with Council but no fee is payable.

## BUSINESS REGISTRATION

A business registration is available for your dogs if you operate a business consisting of or involving:

-  A kennel at which dogs are bred or trained; or
-  The provision of security; or
-  Other services involving the use of dogs.

Please be aware that development approval may be required under the Development Act to operate these types of businesses on the property. Please enquire at your local Council Office.