

CONTROLLING YOUR DOG

Dogs play an important role in our community providing companionship and security.

But when dogs are not cared for, they can have a negative impact on neighbourhoods and our environment.

All dog owners have a responsibility to ensure their dogs are registered and are not left to wander. A wandering dog can be a safety risk to people and other dogs.

As an owner, you have a number of responsibilities as outlined in the Dog Act (1976).

Your dog MUST;

- Wear a collar with an attached registration
(Your name and phone number on an ID tag is also very helpful)
- Be registered and microchipped
- Must not be able to escape from your property

You MUST;

- Only have two dogs residing at your property
(unless approved by Ranger Services)
- Renew the registration when expired
- Control your dog at all times even when off a lead

The City provides numerous off lead areas for your dog. However when your dog is off the lead, you **MUST** be able to control your dog to avoid a potential dog attack.

When you are within a lead free area and your dog runs up to another person, if that person feels fear that is classed as a dog attack. It is important you have the ability to be able to call your dog back to you should he run toward another person or dog.

A dog attack is defined as;

- An attempt to attack or behave in such a manner toward a person that the person fears physical injury
- Your dog rushing towards a victim acting aggressively
- Attempting to attack
- Tearing clothing
- Biting
- And causing any physical injury

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT

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