

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP



Queanbeyan-Palerang Council receives a number of complaints in regards to dogs. Being a dog owner is a great experience, however it comes with great responsibility. The fines and rules mentioned below are taken from the *NSW Companion Animals Act 1998* and are standard across NSW.

KEEPING YOUR DOG UNDER EFFECTIVE CONTROL

All dogs that are outside of an adequately fenced backyard are required to be on a leash and under effective control. **A fine of \$330 applies to the dog owner if the dog is off the lead in a public place.**

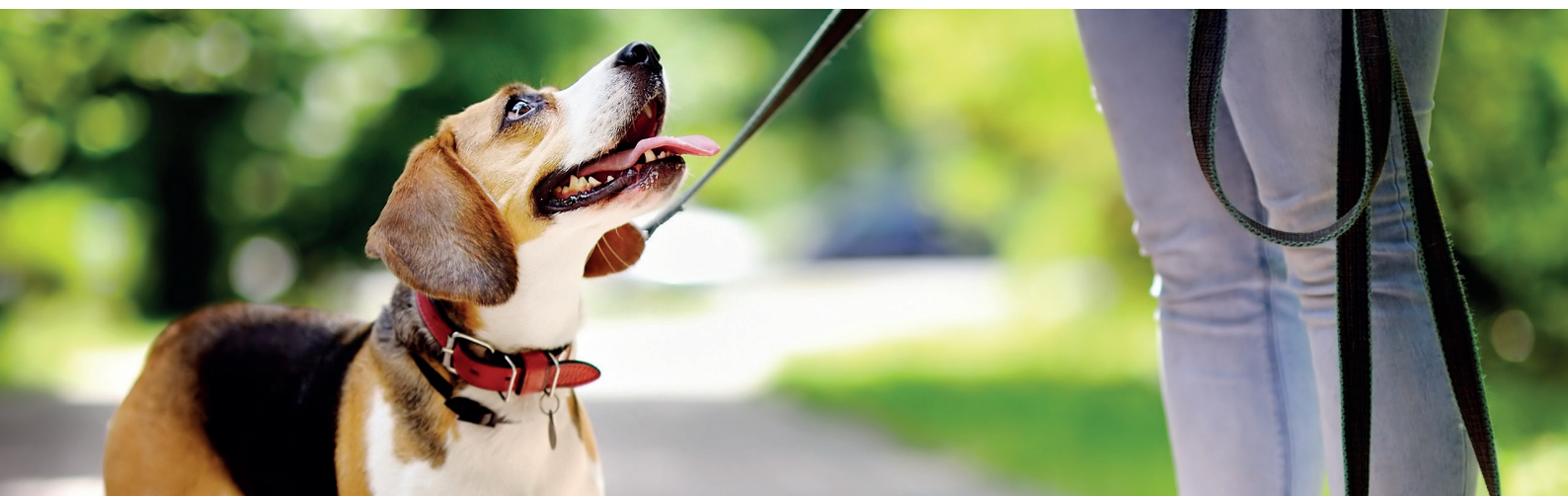
While you may be confident in your dog's ability to listen to your calls and directions, that is not considered effective control.

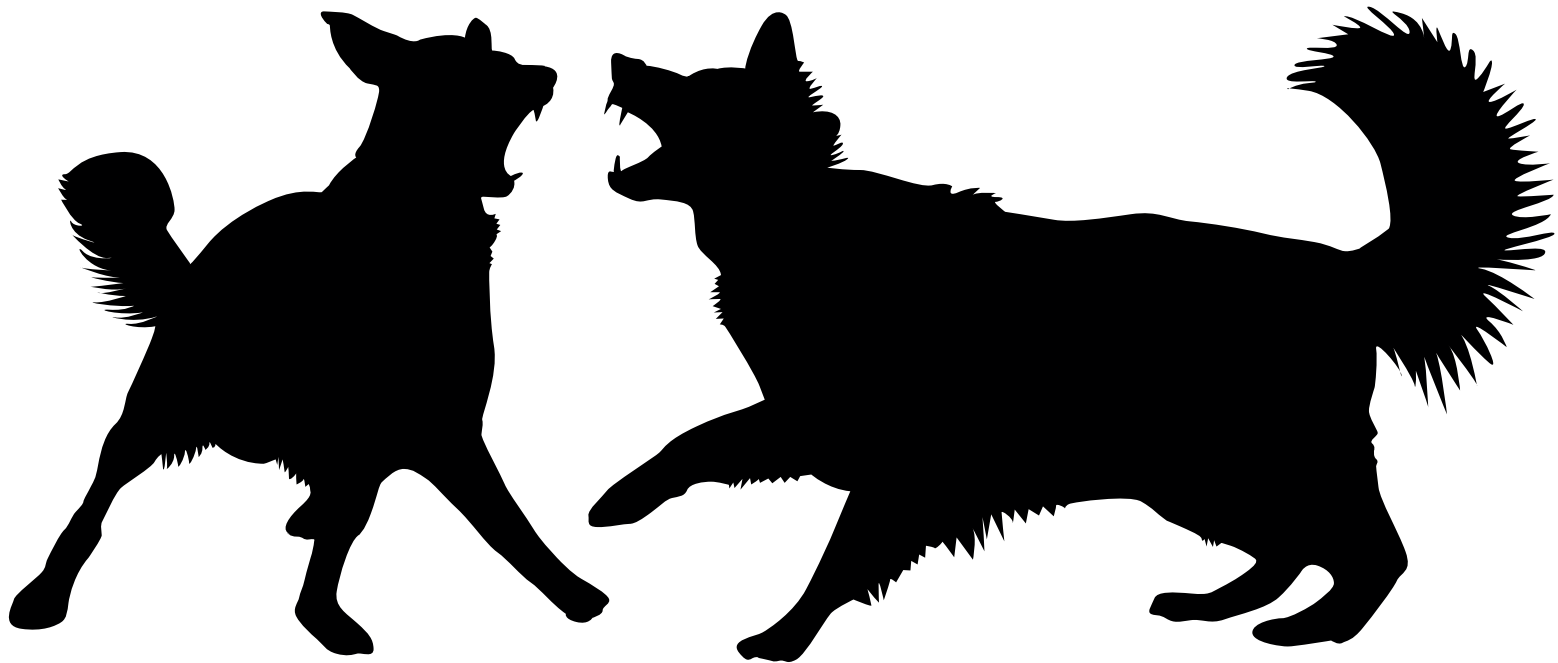
Council will be increasing patrols around local reserves and ovals to ensure all companion animals are on leads and are under effective control. Everyone has the right to walk freely within the local reserves and parks without being concerned for their safety.

OFF-LEASH DOG AREAS

There are a number of designated off lead areas in Queanbeyan-Palerang:

- **Southbar Road (the "Scar"):** The whole area, including the specifically fenced area
- **High Street:** The signposted area opposite the intersection of High Street and Thurrallilly Street
- **Crest Road/Stuart Street:** Water reservoir reserve
- **Garry Owen Reserve/Baldhill reserve:** Nimmitabel Street
- **Kinlyside Avenue, Jerrabomberra:** The drainage reserve opposite Darmody Place
- **Cnr Rockley Parade/Alchin Street, Googong**
- **Barkley Dog Park:** 46 Duncan Street, Googong
- **Cnr Turallo Terrace/McMahon Drive, Bungendore**
- **Bicentennial Park, McKellar Street, Braidwood**





DANGEROUS DOGS IN QUEANBEYAN-PALERANG

Substantial penalties apply under the *Companion Animals Act NSW 1998* should a dog be involved in an attack. A dog attack is defined in the Act as an offence where a dog attacks a person or animal. The owner of the dog, or any person above 16 who is in charge of the dog at the time of the offence, is guilty of an offence if the dog rushes at, attacks, bites, harasses or chases any person or animal (other than vermin), whether or not any injury is caused to the person or animal.

The *Companion Animals Act NSW 1998* states that a person can be permanently disqualified from owning a dog or from being in charge of a dog in a public place if they are convicted of an offence involving a dangerous dog.

HOW DO I REPORT A ROAMING DOG OR DOG ATTACK?

Residents who spot a roaming dog or are attacked by a dog are urged to **contact Council on 1300 735 025** where a report will be lodged and the matter investigated.

CLEANING UP AFTER YOUR DOGS

If you are taking your dog for a walk in a public place, owners are required to collect any droppings. **A fine of \$275 applies to owners that don't clean up after their dog.**

