



## RESTRICTED DOG BREEDS

### INFORMATION ON THE DOG (RESTRICTED BREEDS) REGULATIONS 2002

The State Government has introduced changes to the Laws dealing with certain breeds of dogs. These changes are known as the "Restricted Breeds" regulations and came into effect on 22 April 2002.

At present, the restricted breeds include:

- **Perro de Pres Canario (Canary Dog);**
- **Dogo Argentino (Argentinean fighting dog);**
- **Fila Brasileiro (Brazilian fighting dog);**
- **Japanese Tosa;**
- **American Pit Bull terrier; and**
- **Cross breeds of the above-mentioned dogs.**

A restricted breed dog also includes a dog of a mixed breed that visibly contains any of the prohibited breeds.

The identified breeds have characteristics, which include some or all of the following:

- Historically bred for fighting, exceptional strength; and
- Tendency to attack/fight beyond simple superiority over an "opponent".

Conditions apply in respect to the above-mentioned dogs:

- Dog to wear a prescribed collar;
- Property to display dangerous dog signs;
- Escape-proof and child-proof fencing;
- Restricted dogs to be on a leash and muzzled while in public places;
- Persons in charge must be over 18 years of age;
- A maximum of two restricted dogs per property;
- Owners of all dogs must be 18 years or over;
- Compulsory notification to a prospective owner that the dog is a restricted breed dog;
- Compulsory notification to local government if the dog escapes, dies or there is a change of ownership;
- Restricted dogs must be sterilised at the age of six months; and
- Proof of sterilisation must be furnished upon request of an authorised officer.

If you fail to comply with the regulations, a seizure and destruction order may be obtained on your dog, with a maximum penalty of \$5000 under the Dog Act 1976.

If you require further information relating to restricted breeds, please contact the Ranger Services Administration Officer on 9956 6600 during normal officer hours.