

## **Dog ownership**

Many people enjoy having a dog for companionship, security and having fun, but everyone who owns a dog must be aware of their responsibilities.

Being a responsible dog owner is about understanding your pet's needs and your responsibilities to the community. Your dog's health, your children's safety, your neighbours' and your community's wellbeing are largely dependent on you.

This information is provided by the Department of Local Government to help people understand their responsibilities in relation to owning a dog. It contains tips on choosing the right dog, as well as caring for your dog, obedience training, how to behave around dogs, and advice on safety around children. Clicking on the highlighted words will take you to the appropriate pages.

This section also has information about registering your dog and WA's dog laws

If you have any queries about owning a dog, you should contact one of our Rangers, your local veterinarian, dog association or club, or animal welfare organisation.

- [Laws for responsible dog owners; The Dog Act 1976](#)
- [View Dog Registration Form.pdf](#)