

Your pet our city

Responsible pet ownership



As a responsible pet owner you are legally* required to:

- Register all your cats and dogs
- Display pet registration tags when outside of home
- Secure your dogs and cats at all times within your property
- Clean up animal droppings

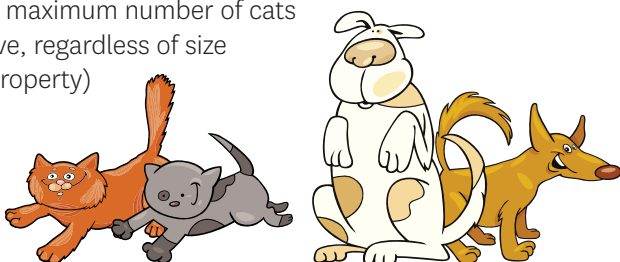
*Frankston City Council's Compliance and Safety Officers are authorised under the provisions of the Victorian Government's *Domestic Animals Act 1994* and Local Law

Cats and dogs are not allowed in these environmentally sensitive reserves:

- Bunarong Park
- Casuarina Reserve
- George Pentland Botanic Gardens
- Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Reserve
- Studio Park
- Paratea Reserve

Pet Registration

- Registered animals are more likely to be quickly reunited with their owners
- Due 10 April each year – Victorian Government requirement
- All pets must be registered at three months of age – this includes de-sexing and microchipping – some exemptions may apply, please contact Council for details
- Mandatory de-sexing has been in place in Frankston City since 1 September 2008
- Victoria's animal shelters are already full of unwanted dogs and cats, many of which never find a home
- Households can keep no more than **two** dogs and **two** cats without a permit (maximum number of dogs is five and maximum number of cats is five, regardless of size of property)



Pets Die in Hot Cars

- Leave your pet at home rather than alone in a car, even if parked in the shade
- Cars heat up very quickly, even on mild days and it takes less than six minutes for an animal to suffer severe heat exhaustion in a car and die

Lost Pets

- Owners are legally responsible to ensure adequate fencing secures their dog/cat within their own property
- The Lost Dogs Home and Cat Shelter
920 Thompson Road, Cranbourne
Phone **9702 8055**
Open weekdays 10am–6pm, weekends 9am–1pm
(includes public holidays, except Christmas Day and Good Friday)

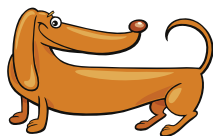
Microchip Information

- Update your details with Council and the relevant microchip register if you move house, change phone numbers or take on responsibility for an animal
- There are many microchip databases which maintain microchip information – visit: petaddress.com.au

Did you know?

- People can legally object to barking dogs or noisy pets, other people's animals being on their property without their permission, being off-leash or being rushed at or attacked by an animal
- Council officers conduct random patrols of hotspots, reserves and knock on doors to detect unregistered dogs and cats
- Detected offenders may be prosecuted and animals may also be seized
- You can and will be fined for breaking the law and taken to court for serious or repeat offences
- In the case of a dog attack, your animal may be declared menacing, dangerous or destroyed and you may be sued for injury or loss caused

Dogs



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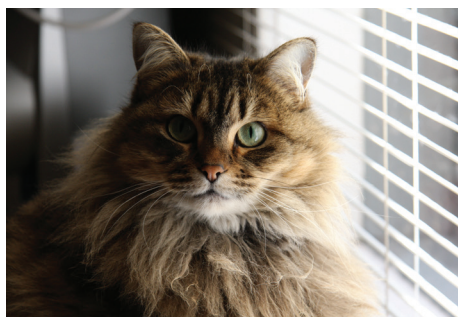
- Make sure your dog doesn't bark persistently – seek advice from a qualified dog behaviourist or trainer
- Ensure your dog is under control at all times – this means walk your dogs on-leash in all public places
- Only walk your dog off-leash within one of Council's designated dog free roam areas – and only if they are under effective control. This means immediate recall response. Seek advice from a qualified dog behaviourist or trainer if required
- Always carry an appropriate bag or container to pick up your dog's waste
- Provide safe access to your front door. Visitors to your home must be able to enter your property safely, without being stopped by your dog

Dogs on beaches

- There are **no** dog free roam areas on Frankston City's beaches
- Between 1 December to 31 March dogs are only permitted on the beach before 9.30am and after 7.30pm and must be on-leash

Did you know?

- Dogs are **not** allowed in Frankston's city centre, in the area bordered by Fletcher Road, Baxter Street, Davey Street and Kananook Creek
- Dogs are **not** allowed in the Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre (PARC) precinct (includes skate park and retarding basin)
- Dogs being walked off-leash account for numerous animal complaints to Council
- With 21,000 registered dogs in Frankston City we have one of the highest human to dog ratios in Victoria
- Dog attacks are reported every couple of days in Frankston City (more than 200 every year)
- Most dog attacks could have been avoided if dogs were secured in their yard or walked on-leash
- If your dog attacks someone, **you** are liable for damages, the dog may be seized and **you** may be charged
- Dogs should be provided with ample exercise, stimulation, companionship and a safe and comfortable place to sleep
- Report aggressive dogs in the community to the 'Dob in a Dangerous Dog' hotline: 1300 101 080



Cats

- Council has a cat curfew in place where all cats must be on the owner's premises between dusk and dawn. This protects wildlife while also protecting your cat from:
 - Being injured by other animals or vehicles
 - Transmitting disease
 - Annoying neighbours
- In the same way a dog can't just roam anywhere, neither can a cat
- Council provides cat traps to residents fed up with strays and domestic cats continually encroaching on their property

Legally you are required to:

- Keep cats inside at night or they may be trapped and seized

Cats are also prohibited from the following reserves at all times:

- Kananook Creek Reserve
- Pines Forest Flora and Fauna Reserve
- Seaford Wetlands
- Seaford Foreshore Reserve
- Sweetwater Creek Reserve



Did you know?

- About 8,000 cats are registered in Frankston City
- An estimated 21,000 disowned cats are on our streets killing native wildlife, fighting and breeding
- Residents feeding cats they do not own are actually 'feeding' the problem and making it worse