

Fences and roaming

Owning a pet is both a basic right in our community and a serious responsibility, so if you intend on owning a pet on the Sunshine Coast region you must take responsibility for confining it to your property.

Why fence my property?

Fences and gates protect your animals from the dangers of roaming and stop them from causing a nuisance in your neighbourhood and ensure that your pet doesn't hurt other animals or people.

Dogs While many people keep dogs as a deterrent for unauthorised people entering their property, it is important that people legally passing near properties, housing dogs are protected from them.

Animals that are not kept safely behind a fence can risk being injured or causing injury to others:

- they become a traffic hazard for motorists
- are a bite risk to innocent people
- can display territorial aggression
- are an annoyance to other animals in the community and
- can cause property damage.

Irresponsible owners will be liable for any injuries or damages that their animals cause.

Fence requirements

Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011 states that:

A person who keeps an animal must maintain a proper enclosure to prevent the animal from escaping the person's property. Generally, this means that the enclosure you provide for your animals must stop them from escaping or protruding over, under, through or around your fence.

Enclosures should also meet the needs of your animals to ensure they are safe, comfortable and cared for.



Community rights

People in the community have a right to live without interference from other people's pets.

Unaccompanied animals roaming the streets are at risk and all residents have a right and responsibility to have them rescued and either taken to a refuge or returned to their owners.

When council finds a roaming companion animal, everything possible is done to take the animal to its registered home.

If no one is home, the owner of the animal is not contactable, or if the animal is not registered, it may be taken to the Sunshine Coast Animal Pound.

Identifying your animal

On registering your cat or dog you will be provided with a registration tag. This tag is used to identify your animal should it escape from your property.

Micro chipping is an ideal way to ensure we can return your animal to you in the event it loses its collar. When you register your animal with their microchip details it provides another avenue for council to be able to identify you as the owner and return your animal to you if it is lost or injured.

Update your details

When you move house, change your phone number or your email address let council and your microchip provider know.

The more contact details we have on file for you the easier it will be for us to reunite you with your pet if it is lost or injured.

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