

Missing and stray dogs

If your dog is missing act quickly and contact the City of West Torrens as soon as you can.

Losing your dog

If we have not found your dog, you should contact the local animal shelters and vets. Also talk to your neighbours and ask if they have seen your pet. It is also advisable to place a notice in local shopping centres, vet surgeries and perhaps do a letterbox drop in the streets surrounding your home.

Do not delay - under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995, any dog impounded may be euthanased after 72 hours if not claimed and unsuitable for rehoming. Dogs which are properly identified are not euthanased as they can be quickly returned to their owners if registered and identifiable.

To find out if your dog has been impounded check the 'impounded animals' register at westtorrens.sa.gov.au. This web site is updated every weekday. It could also be useful to check the websites of nearby councils, such as the City of Charles Sturt, the City of Holdfast Bay and the City of Unley.

To help ensure your dog is quickly reunited with you if they go missing, make sure your dog is registered on Dogs and Cats Online (DACO) and keep your contact details, including your emergency contact information, up to date.



Do not abandon your dog

If you find for any reason, that you are unwilling or unable to continue to care for your dog, contact your local animal shelter which may be able to find a new home for it. It is an offence under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal Act 1985 to abandon a dog and the penalties are severe.

Finding a stray

If you find a stray dog, try to contain the animal safely if you can and then contact the City of West Torrens. A council officer will collect the dog. If you are unable to contain the animal, advise council of its whereabouts. Every effort will be made to reunite the dog with its owner.

Do not keep a stray dog

Stray dogs have often been reported missing. If you keep a stray, you will be preventing authorities from returning the dog to its rightful owner. Only officers appointed by councils are empowered to deal with stray or wandering dogs under the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995.

For further enquiries contact Council, phone 8416 6333 or email info@wtcc.sa.gov.au

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