



Prescribed breeds

Did you know that the Dog and Cat Management Act, 1995 (the Act) has identified certain dog breeds as 'prescribed breeds'?

The following pictured breeds have been classified a 'prescribed breed' under the Dog and Cat Management Act and special conditions apply to them.

- American Pit Bull Terrier.
- Dogo Argentino.
- Fila Brasileiro.
- Japanese Tosa.
- Presa Canario.

Restrictions

A dog classified as a prescribed breed:

- cannot be sold or given away
- must be desexed
- must be effectively confined to the premises of the person who is responsible for the control of the dog
- must have a muzzle securely fixed on its mouth and be under effective control of a person by the means of a chain or cord or leash that is less than two (2) metres in length restraining the dog at all times when the dog is outside the responsible person's premises.

Fines applicable to offences committed by these breeds are significantly higher than those committed by non-prescribed breeds. For example, a fine for keeping an unregistered dog would normally incur a \$80 expiation, however the same

offence for a prescribed breed would be \$210.

If a person has been found to have falsified records in order to register an undesexed prescribed breed, significant penalties of up to \$10,000 apply.

Council would like to encourage anyone who owns a dog classified as a 'prescribed breed' to be a responsible pet owner and adhere at all times to the requirements of the Act.

For further information contact Compliance Administration on 8416 6333 or email csu@wtcc.sa.gov.au.

