



FACT SHEET: DOG AND CAT OWNERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

What are your responsibilities to the community as a dog or cat owner on the Pacific Harbour Golf and Country Club Estate?

Firstly, the control of pets within the estate is covered by the Murrumbidgee Regional Council, which has clear guidelines on Animal Ownership. The Estate Covenant also covers the issue of pet ownership, however the main rules follow the principals set down by council.

Pacific Harbour General Covenant states the following:

- Pet owners must ensure their properties are securely fenced prior to taking occupancy.
- All animals are to be kept on a leash when outside the owner's property.
- Cat owners are required to install a cat run which requires covenant approval. Cats are not permitted outside of the owner's property at any time. This is to protect the native wildlife.

Pacific Harbour Golf Course Charter states the following:

- Pet animals are prohibited on the Golf Course, Golf Course facilities and Country Club Facilities at all times.

Council rules state that dog and cat owners can be fined or prosecuted for offences in certain circumstances. You can be fined:

- If your dog is found wandering outside your premises.
- If you encourage or cause your dog to attack, bite, worry or chase a person or animal. Council may declare a dog to be menacing if it has nipped or chased a person. A menacing dog will have to wear a muzzle and will have to be restrained on a lead anytime they are outside the owner's premises.
- If your dog or cat is a nuisance, or you fail to comply with a notice ordering you to stop the dog or cat being a nuisance. This includes persistent barking which annoys your neighbours.
- If your dog or cat wanders onto private property without the owner's permission on more than one occasion, and a warning has been issued by the council, an infringement notice may be issued.
- If you allow any part of the animal's excrement to remain on the road, street, nature strip, reserve, public or council land. The owner must carry a disposable bag for droppings which must be removed and disposed of appropriately. You may be fined if you fail to do this.
- For any damage your dog or cat may cause.

When can I exercise my dog?

Dogs may be walked in most areas of the municipality but are only allowed off leash in specifically designated areas and should not be allowed to interfere with wild life in the public domain. They are not allowed on private property at any time – with or without a leash. They are not allowed on the golf course at any time – with or without a leash.

What if a dog or cat keeps wandering onto my property?

If a dog or cat is present on private property on more than one occasion without the permission of the owner or occupier of the private property, contact the Murrumbidgee Regional Council. The dog or cat may be trapped and impounded.

Who can help if I need further information?

Contact the Murrumbidgee Regional Council's customer service officers on 1200 0111 or www.murrumbidgee.nsw.gov.au