



Annual permits for restricted and dangerous dogs

from 1 July 2020

What are the new annual permits about?

From 1 July 2020 owners of dogs of a restricted breed or declared to be dangerous will be required to pay a \$195 annual permit in addition to their one-off lifetime pet registration fee.

Why are annual permits being introduced?

Annual permits for dangerous and restricted dogs will:

- ✓ reduce ownership of high-risk dogs
- ✓ encourage owners to better manage the behaviour of their animal
- ✓ improve community safety
- ✓ reduce dog attacks



How can I avoid the annual permit?

- ✓ Don't own a restricted dog
- ✓ Manage your dog's behaviour to ensure that it's not declared dangerous

What breeds are restricted?

Restricted dog breeds are the pit bull terrier, American pit bull terrier, Japanese tosa, Argentinian fighting dog, Brazilian fighting dog, and canary mastiff. A dog can also be declared to be one of, or a cross-breed of, one of these restricted breeds.

What is a dangerous dog?

Dogs of any breed can be formally declared dangerous by a council or court if the dog, without provocation, has attacked or killed a person or animal, repeatedly threatened to attack or repeatedly chased a person or animal, or is kept or used for hunting.

How will pet owners pay for the annual permits?

From 1 July 2020, pet owners will be able to pay for annual permits using the NSW Pet Registry website, or through their local council.

Where will the revenue raised from the annual permits go?

Pet registration fees and annual permit fees go directly back to the local community through local councils to fund:

- ✓ animal pounds/shelters
- ✓ ranger services
- ✓ dog recreation areas
- ✓ education and awareness programs

They also fund operation of the Government's NSW Pet Registry and the Responsible Pet Ownership Education Program which teaches dog safety tips to children in our pre-schools and primary schools across the State.

What is the penalty if pet owners don't have an annual permit and get caught?

Owners of restricted and dangerous dogs who fail to obtain an annual permit risk an on-the-spot fine of \$700.

If taken to court, a maximum penalty of \$6,600 may apply.

Where can I get further information?

Visit the Office of Local Government website at olg.nsw.gov.au