



MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF ROXBY DOWNS

DOGS BY-LAW 2016

By-law No. 2 of 2016

A By-law to limit the number of dogs kept on premises and for the management and control of dogs in the Council's area.

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PART 1 – PRELIMINARY**1. Title**

This By-law may be cited as the *Dog By-law 2016* and is By-law No. 2 of the Municipal Council of Roxby Downs.

2. Authorising law

This By-law is made under section 90(5) of the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* and sections 238 and 246 of the Act.

3. Purpose

The objects of this By-law are to control and manage dogs in the Council area:

- 3.1. to reduce the incidence of environmental nuisance caused by dogs;
- 3.2. to promote responsible dog ownership;
- 3.3. to protect the convenience, comfort and safety of members of the public; and
- 3.4. for the good rule and government of the Council area.

4. Expiry

This By-law will expire on 1 January 2024.

Note-

Pursuant to section 251 of the Act, a By-law will expire on 1 January following the seventh anniversary of the gazettal of the By-law.

5. Application

- 5.1. This By-law operates subject to the Council's *Permits and Penalties By-law 2015*.
- 5.2. Subject to clause 5.3, this By-law applies throughout the Council area.
- 5.3. Clauses 9 and 10.3 of this By-law only apply in such part or parts of the Council area as the Council may, by resolution direct in accordance with section 246(3)(e) of the Act.

6. Interpretation

In this By-law, unless the contrary intention appears:

- 6.1. **Act** means the *Local Government Act 1999*;
- 6.2. **approved kennel establishment** means a building, structure or area approved by a relevant authority, pursuant to the *Development Act 1993* for the keeping of dogs on a temporary or permanent basis;
- 6.3. **assistance dog** means a dog trained and used for the purpose of assisting a person who is wholly or partially disabled;

- 6.4. **children's playground** means an enclosed area in which there is equipment or other installed devices for the purpose of children's play (or within 15 metres of such devices if there is no enclosed area);
- 6.5. **Council** means the Municipal Council of Roxby Downs;
- 6.6. **dog** (except for in clause 7.1) has the same meaning as in the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*;
- 6.7. **effective control** means a person exercising effective control of a dog either:
- 6.7.1 by means of a physical restraint; or
- 6.7.2 by command, the dog being in close proximity to the person and the person being able to see the dog at all times;
- 6.8. **keep** includes the provision of food or shelter;
- 6.9. **park** has the same meaning as in the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*;
- 6.10. **premises** includes land, whether used or occupied for domestic or non-domestic purposes; and
- 6.11. for the purposes of clause 9 of the By-law, a dog is under **effective control by means of a leash** if the dog is secured to a leash that does not exceed 2 metres in length and:
- 6.11.1 the leash is either tethered securely to a fixed object; or
- 6.11.2 held by a person capable of controlling the dog and preventing it from being a nuisance or a danger to other persons.

Note-

Section 14 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1915* provides that an expression used in this By-law has, unless the contrary intention appears, the same meaning as in the Acts under which the By-laws was made.

PART 2 – LIMITS ON DOG NUMBERS**7. Limits on dog numbers in private premises**

- 7.1. Subject to clauses 7.2 and 7.4, a person must not, without the Council's permission keep, or cause, suffer or permit to be kept, more than two dogs on any premises.
- 7.2. For the purposes of clause 7.1, 'dog' means a dog that is three (3) months of age or older or, a dog that has lost its juvenile teeth.
- 7.3. Clause 7.1 does not apply to:
- 7.3.1 approved kennel establishments operating in accordance with all required approvals and consents; or
- 7.3.2 any business involving the keeping of dogs provided that the business is registered in accordance with the *Dog and Cat*

Management Act 1995 and operating in accordance with all required approvals and consents.

- 7.4. The Council may require that premises which are the subject of an application for permission to keep additional dogs must be inspected by an authorised person for the purpose of assessing the suitability of the premises for housing dogs.
- 7.5. No dog is to be kept on any premises where, in the opinion of an authorised person, there is no secure or appropriate area where a dog may be effectively confined.

PART 3 – DOG CONTROLS

8. Dog exercise areas

- 8.1. Subject to clauses 9 and 10 of this By-law, a person may enter a park in the Council area for the purpose of exercising a dog under his or her effective control.

Note –

If a person is exercising a dog in a park as permitted under this clause and the dog is not under effective control, this gives rise to a dog wandering at large offence under section 43(1) of the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995, for which the owner of or person responsible for the dog may be liable.

9. Dog on leash areas

A person must not allow a dog under that person's control, charge or authority (except an assistance dog that is required to remain off-lead in order to fulfil its functions) to be or remain on Local Government land or in a public place to which the Council has determined this clause applies unless the dog is under effective control by means of a leash.

10. Dog prohibited areas

A person must not allow a dog under that person's control, charge or authority (except an assistance dog) to enter or remain on:

- 10.1. any Children's playground;
- 10.2. any area of Local Government Land or public place that is within 15 metres of a public picnic or barbeque area (as delineated by the presence of a barbeque or tables and chairs on the land);
- 10.3. any other Local Government land or public place to which the Council has determined this clause applies.

11. Dog faeces

No person is to allow a dog under that person's control, charge or authority to be in a public place or on Local Government land unless that person has in their possession a bag or other suitable container for the collection and lawful disposal of any faeces that the dog may deposit (for the purpose of complying with their obligation under section 45A(6) of the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*).

PART 4 – ENFORCEMENT**12. Orders**

- 12.1. If a person engages in conduct that is in contravention of this By-law, an authorised person may order that person:
- 12.1.1 if the conduct is still continuing – to stop the conduct; and
 - 12.1.2 whether or not the conduct is still continuing – to take specified action to remedy the contravention.
- 12.2. A person must comply with an order under this clause.
- 12.3. If a person does not comply with an order, the authorised person may take action reasonably required to have the order carried out, and the Council may seek to recover its costs of any action so taken from the person to whom the order was directed.
- 12.4. However, an authorised person may not use force against a person under this section.

Note-

For example, an authorised person may order a person to:

- cease keeping more than the permitted number of dogs on that person's premises; or
- remove a dog from a dog prohibited area.

This By-law was duly made and passed by resolution of the Acting Administrator of the Municipal Council of Roxby Downs on the 28 September 2016 in accordance with section 12 of the *Roxby Downs (Indenture Ratification) Act 1982* and section 246 of the Act.



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