Frequently asked questions about Dogs in the Shire of Moora

What is wandering at large?

A dog is considered to be wandering at large if the dog is in a public or private place without the consent of the occupier and nobody is exercising effective control of the dog.

How do I report a dog wandering at large?

The information that you will need to provide to Council includes the following:

- Breed of dog
- Colour of Dog
- Does it have a collar or ID
- Current location of dog

Dog Pickup

If you find a wandering dog and would like Council to collect it, council would prefer the dog to be restrained as it could wander off again. If you are not keen to do so due to the dogs nature, please make sure that you advise the officer of a possible 'problem' dog. Either way, notify the officer of how the dog has been detained.

What happens if my dog is found to be wandering at large?

The dog will be taken to the Shire pound. It will be held there for 3 days and if not collected it will be re housed or humanely put down.

How do I report lost dogs?

To report a lost dog, please contact Ranger Services at the Shire of Moora 9651 0000.

How do get my dog from the pound?

To collect your dog from the Shire of Moora pound, you will need to contact Ranger Services 9651 0000

Provide ID with your current address

If the dog is unregistered and over 3 months of age.

The Dog must be micro chipped by a veterinarian, (approx. \$76.00)

The dog must be registered before release.

produce all documentation i.e: sterilisation papers: microchip document:

Cost of registration:

Unsterlised Dogs:	l year \$30.00	3years \$75.00- Pensioners 50% off – Sheep Dogs – 75% off
Sterilised Dogs	l year \$10.00	3 years \$18.00 – Pensioners 50% off – Sheep Dogs – 75% off

Fees Charged for impounding:

Impound Fee \$78.50 Sustenance Fee \$28.00 per day

Why does a dog bite?

Dogs bite for many different reasons, most commonly because of fear or misunderstanding. Never place your dog in a position that may cause it to become anxious. Take your dog to obedience classes and always socialize your dog at an early age. If your dog shows signs of aggression towards people or animals you should consult your local vet for advice.

What happens if a dog is reported for attacking?

Under the provisions of the Dog Act 1976, it is an offence for a dog to attack or harass a person or animal.

If you are the victim of a dog attack, report this immediately to:

Shire of Moora Ranger Services Phone 9651 0000

Mobile 0408 511 409

The incident will be investigated thoroughly by the Ranger. Details: Date, Time and location of attack. Description of dog / owner will be required. Keep copies of any medical assistance if required and photographic evidence is always of assistance to investigations.

What is the infringement process?

When issued with an infringement, you have 28 days to pay the fine at the Shire of Moora Administration centre. If it is not paid by the due date, a Final Demand is issued with a further cost of \$32.50. If the fine is not paid 28 days from the issue of the Final Demand it is referred to the Fines Enforcement Registry.

What is the process for appealing any infringements?

To appeal against any infringement notice issued by the Ranger you can write a letter to Council or visit Council Office to lodge a counter appeal. You can also email. <u>moorashire@wn.com.au</u>

How can I make payments of infringements?

Payments can made at the Shire of Moora administration building. Or by phoning 9651 0000 and quote your credit card details, full name and address and nature of payment. Please quote Infringement number.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, we urge you to contact the Ranger Services at the Shire of Moora 9651 0000.