

# Animal Containment

## What is containment?

A person who keeps animals must maintain a proper enclosure to prevent the animals from escaping the person's property. Generally, this means that the enclosure provided for the animals must stop them from escaping or protruding over, under or through the enclosure. Enclosures should also meet the needs of the animals to ensure they are safe, comfortable and cared for.

## Why fence my property?

Animals that are not kept safely behind a fence can risk being injured or causing injury to others can:

- Become a traffic hazard to motorists;
- Become a bite risk;
- Display territorial aggression;
- Cause annoyance to other animals in the community and
- Cause property damage.

Irresponsible owners will be liable for any injuries or damages that their animals cause.

## What does Council do with roaming animals?

When Council finds a roaming animal, officers will do everything possible to inform the animal owner. The animal may be impounded at the pound and an impound fee may apply to the owner. Owners are required to register all dogs and microchip their animals and keep all contact details up to date.



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## For more information

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