

Dangerous Dogs Fact Sheet - NSW

The Companion Animals Act 2008(NSW) demands that all dog owners of declared dangerous dogs, declared menacing dogs and restricted dogs must comply with legislation requirements or face a court imposed fine for each offense.

Below are a few facts to act as a guide for a dog owner in NSW if they have a restricted dog breed or a declared dangerous dog.

What is a Dangerous Dog?

Any dog can be dangerous. The Act defines 3 types of dangerous dogs:

- Declared Dangerous Dog
- Declared Menacing Dog
- Restricted Dogs

What Breeds are Restricted?

- dogo Argentino
- fila Brasileiro
- Japanese tosa
- American pit bull terrier
- Pit bull terrier
- Perro de Presa Canario

This includes banned breeds by the Customs Act 1901 of the Commonwealth. Your local council in New South Wales can assist.

Can I Breed my Pit Bull Terrier?

All restricted dog breeds are required to be sterilised. If you have a restricted breed dog, it is compulsory that you notify your local council of it.

Selling, buying or advertising to sell a restricted dog breed is also an offense.

Dangerous Dog Products

http://www.thedogline.com.au/buy/dangerous-dog-collar http://www.thedogline.com.au/buy/dangerous-dog-sign-nsw http://www.thedogline.com.au/buy/dog-muzzle-plastic-cage

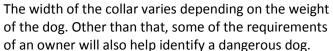
How are Dogs Declared Dangerous or Menacing?

Any breed of dog can be declared dangerous if they:

- Cause injury or damage by an attack on a person, animal or vehicle.
- The dog has repeatedly or shown a tendency to attack.
- The dog attacks or chases a person, animal or vehicle even without causing injury or damage.

How do I Identify a Dangerous Dog?

The main identifier of a dangerous dog is the **special collar** that they are required to wear. These collars have **red and yellow diagonal stripes** where one of these colours must be fluorescent.



What is required for the Owner?

If you own a declared dangerous, menacing or restricted dog, you must comply with these requirements or face large fines.

- A dangerous dog must wear a special collar to indicate that it is a dangerous dog. Available in 3 sizes as required in.
 - > 25mm for dogs between 10kg and 20kg
 - ➤ 40mm for dogs between 20kg to 40kg
 - > 50mm for dogs weighing 40kg or more
- A special warning sign must be prominently displayed around the premises.
- The dog must always be muzzled and on leash when in public and handled by a capable adult.
- A dangerous dog must be confined in an enclosure that complies with the requirements of clause 24 of the Companion Animals 2008.

Where can I get more Information?

Get specific information about the Dog Laws from your local government.

http://www.thedogline.com.au/dangerous-dogs/dangerous-dog-act-in-nsw-new-south-wales http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/fullhtml/inforce/subordleg+374+2008+pt.4+0+N?

More from The Dog Line

http://www.thedogline.com.au/electronic-dog-fence http://www.thedogline.com.au/dog-barking-collars http://www.thedogline.com.au/dog-training-collars

