

Dangerous Dog Act & Regulations in Tasmania



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Can I Breed my Pit Bull Terrier in Tasmania?

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.

The Dog Control Act 2000 (TAS)

This Act demands that all owners of **declared dangerous 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 TAS if they have a restricted dog breed or a **declared dangerous dog**.

What is a Dangerous Dog in Tasmania?

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

- Dangerous Dogs
- Restricted Breed Dogs

How are Dogs Declared Dangerous in TAS?

Any breed of dog can be declared dangerous if they:

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

What Breeds are Restricted in TAS?

- Dogo Argentino
- Fila Brasileiro
- Japanese Tosa
- American Pit Bull Terrier
- Pit Bull Terrier
- Perro de Pesa Canario

How Do I Identify a Dangerous Dog in Tasmania?

The main identifier of a dangerous dog is the **special collar** that they are required to wear. These collars have **red and yellow diagonal stripe** and at least one of the two colours reflects light in the dark. The **width** of the collar varies depending on the weight of the dog. Other than that, some of the requirements of an owner will also help identify a dangerous dog.



Dangerous Dog Special Collar

Dangerous Dog Laws in Tasmania

Dog Control Act 2000 and Dog Control Regulations 2010

Dangerous Dog Warning Sign in Tasmania

- Part 3, Division 3, Section 33 of the Act states that:

The owner or person in charge of a dangerous dog or a restricted breed dog must ensure that signs of an approved type, warning of the presence of the dog, are displayed at every entrance to the premises on which the dog is kept.

An **approved sign** is one which:

- (a) is a square with sides of 40 cm; and
- (b) is made of a durable metal; and
- (c) contains at least one colour that reflects light in the dark.



Dangerous Dog Warning Sign (TAS)
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Restricted Breed Dog Warning Sign (TAS)
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Collars for Dangerous Dogs in TAS

- Part 3, Division 3, section 32, subsection 3 of the Act states that:

The owner or person in charge of a dangerous dog or a restricted breed dog must ensure that –

- (a) the dog is under the effective control of a person; and
- (b) the dog wears an **approved collar** at all times

A collar is of the **approved kind** if:

- (a) It consists of red stripes alternately spaced with yellow stripes each being of a width of 25mm and set diagonal to the rim of the collar at an angle of 45 degrees; and
- (b) At least one of the two colours reflects light in the dark;
- (c) It is made of durable materials; and
- (d) It is able to be securely fastened; and
- (e) It has a facility to attach a leash; and
- (f) It has a **minimum width** of:
 - (i) 25mm for a dog weighing less than 20 kg; or
 - (ii) 40mm for a dog weighing between 20 kg and 40 kg; or
 - (iii) 50mm for a dog weighing more than 40 kg.

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Muzzle for Dangerous Dog (TAS)

- Part 3, Division 3, Section 32, subsection 1 of the Act states that:

A dangerous dog or a restricted breed dog is under the effective control of a person when not on premises at which the dog is usually kept, including an area where a dog must be on a lead or is not required to be on a lead, if –

- (a) the person is over the age of 18 years; and
- (b) the dog is wearing a **muzzle** so as to be unable to bite a person or animal



Plastic Muzzle for Dangerous Dogs in TAS.
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Enclosures for Dangerous Dogs in TAS

- REG 4 (Requirements for enclosure for dangerous dog), Section 1 of the Regulation states that:

For the purposes of section 32 of the Act, an enclosure for housing a dangerous dog **must** –

- (a) be fully enclosed; and
 - (b) be childproof; and
 - (c) have a **minimum height** of 1.8 metres and a **minimum width** of 1.8 metres; and
 - (d) have a floor area of **at least** 10 square metres for each dog in the enclosure; and
 - (e) have the walls, roof and the door or gate is made of brick, timber, concrete, iron or mesh, or a combination of these materials, of sufficient strength and durability to prevent the escape of a dog; and
 - (f) have a sufficient weatherproof sleeping area for each dog in the enclosure; and
 - (g) have a sealed, graded concrete floor; and
 - (h) be situated so as not to require a person to pass through it to gain access to other parts of the property on which it is situated; and
 - (i) if fitted with a door or gate –
 - (i) be fitted with a self-closing and self-latching mechanism for the door or gate; and
 - (ii) be locked from the outside when a dog is inside the enclosure; and
 - (iii) have a clearly legible **sign** saying "Dangerous Dog" displayed on the door or gate; and
 - (j) be sufficient to prevent any dog in it from escaping
- (2) If the walls, roof or door or gate of an enclosure are made of mesh, the mesh must be –
- (a) chain mesh of **at least** 3.15mm gauge, with a maximum spacing of 50mm; or
 - (b) weldmesh of **at least** 4mm gauge, with a maximum spacing of 50mm.
 - (c) has a lock that enables the enclosure to be securely locked when the dog is in the enclosure; and
- (3) There may be a gap of **not more than** 50mm at the top and bottom of a wall or door or gate of an enclosure to provide ventilation and drainage.

Dangerous Dogs Products

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www.thedogline.com.au/buy/restricted-dog-sign-vic

www.thedogline.com.au/buy/dog-muzzle-plastic-cage

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Where can I get more information?

Get the complete information of the Dog Laws in your local government here:

www.thedogline.com.au/dangerous-dogs/dangerous-dog-act-in-vic-victoria

http://www5.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/vic/consol_act/daa1994163/

http://classic.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/vic/consol_reg/dar2015272/

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