

# Dangerous Dog Act & Regulations in Western Australia



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## Can I Breed my Pit Bull Terrier in WA?

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

## Dog Regulations 2013 (WA)

This Regulation demands that all owners of **declared dangerous dogs, commercial security dogs and dogs with restricted breeds**, 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 WA if they have a restricted dog breed or a **declared dangerous dog**.

## What is a Dangerous Dog in WA?

Any dog can be dangerous. [Dog Act 1976 \(WA\)](#) defines 3 types of dangerous dogs:

- **Dangerous Dog (Restricted Breed)**
- **Dangerous Dog (Declared)**
- **Restricted Dogs**

## How are Dogs Declared Dangerous in WA?

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 WA?

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

This includes a mix of two or more breeds that includes a restricted breed. Your local shire office in Western Australia can assist.

## How Do I Identify a Dangerous Dog in WA?

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** where one of these colours must be fluorescent so that the collar is visible in darkness. 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 Western Australia

### [The Dog Act 1976](#) and [Dog Regulations 2013](#)

### [Collars for Dangerous Dogs \(WA\)](#)

- **Regulation 29, Section 2** states that:  
A [collar](#) worn by a dangerous dog other than a commercial security dog must have alternating red and yellow stripes, each stripe being 25 mm wide and set at an angle of 45 degrees to the rim of the collar, with one of those colours being fluorescent so that the collar is visible in darkness.
- (3) **a collar worn by a dangerous dog must** —
  - (a) be made of durable materials; and
  - (b) be capable of being securely fastened; and
  - (c) be capable of being attached to a leash; and
  - (d) have a **minimum width** —
    - (i) in the case of a dog weighing less than 10 kg, 15 mm;
    - (ii) in the case of a dog weighing 10 kg or more but less than 20 kg, 25 mm; or
    - (iii) in the case of a dog weighing 20 kg or more but less than 40 kg, 40 mm; or
    - (iv) in the case of a dog weighing 40 kg or more, 50 mm.



[Dangerous Dog Sign in WA. Click here...](#)



[Dangerous Dog Peck \(WA\). Click here...](#)

### [Dangerous Dog Warning Sign in WA](#)

- **Regulation 30** (Warning signs about dangerous dogs) states that:
  - (1) **a warning sign must** —
    - (a) be a white rectangle measuring 200 mm by 300 mm; and
    - (b) be made of a durable material; and
    - (c) contain the word “**WARNING**” in white capital letters 30 mm high on a red rectangular panel measuring 190 mm by 45 mm near the top of the rectangle referred to in paragraph (a); and
    - (d) contain below the panel referred to in paragraph (c) a red circle 160 mm in diameter containing a picture of the black head and neck of a dog 100 mm high wearing a collar mentioned in regulation 29(2) (whether in colour or black and white); and
    - (e) contain below the circle referred to in paragraph (d) the words “**DANGEROUS DOG**” in capital letters 20 mm high.

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## Muzzle for Dangerous Dog in WA

- Section 33GA of the Act (Offences relating to dangerous dogs), subsection 6 states that:

When a dangerous dog is not confined in an enclosure, every person liable for the control of the dog must ensure that the dog wears a [muzzle](#).

### **Penalty:**

(a) a fine of \$10 000, but the minimum penalty is a fine of \$500;



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[www.thedogline.com.au/buy/dog-muzzle-plastic-cage](http://www.thedogline.com.au/buy/dog-muzzle-plastic-cage)

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## Enclosures for Dangerous Dogs in WA

- Section 33GA of the Act (Offences relating to dangerous dogs), subsection 2 states that:

Every person liable for the control of a dangerous dog must ensure that the enclosure within which the dog is confined, whether or not the enclosure is at the premises where the dog is ordinarily kept or ordinarily permitted to live, is constructed to —

- (a) prevent the dog from escaping; and
- (b) prevent the dog from being removed or released from the enclosure without the permission of the person liable for the dog's control; and
- (c) prevent a child who has not reached 7 years of age from entering, or inserting any part of its body into, the enclosure without the help of an adult.

### **Penalty:**

(a) a fine of \$10 000, but the minimum penalty is a fine of \$500

## **Where can I get more information?**

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

[www.legislation.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/](http://www.legislation.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/)  
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