

Dangerous Dog Act & Regulations in Queensland



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Can I Breed my Pit Bull Terrier in Queensland?

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

What Breeds are Restricted in Queensland?

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

Animal Management Regulation 2009 - QLD

This Regulation demands that all dog owners of **declared dangerous dogs, declared menacing dogs and restricted dog 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 QLD if they have a restricted dog breed or a **declared dangerous dog**.

What is a Dangerous Dog in Queensland?

Any dog can be dangerous. The Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 - QLD defines 3 types of dogs:

- **Dangerous Dogs**
- **Menacing Dogs**
- **Restricted Dogs**

How are Dogs Declared Dangerous or Menacing in QLD?

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.

How Do I Identify a Dangerous Dog in QLD?

The main identifier of a dangerous dog, menacing dog and a restricted dog in QLD, is a custom disc shaped dog tag with the words **“Regulated Dog”** engraved on it. The tag is required by the Act to be **at least 25 mm** in diameter, have a yellow background and must be made of metal or plastic. Other than this, a striped Dog Collar, a Dog Muzzle and Leash is required to be worn by the regulated dog at all times when in public and is being handled by a capable adult of at least 18 years of age.

From 1 January 2022 the distinctive collar must meet the following requirements:

- yellow and red striped collar with a yellow identification tag
- each stripe must be 25 millimetres wide and set diagonal to the rim of the collar at an angle of 45 degrees
- at least one of the colours must be sufficiently reflective to be visible in low light
- be made of durable materials
- be able to be securely fastened to the dog

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Dangerous Dog Laws in Queensland

Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act 2008 and Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Regulation 2009

Identifying Tags for Dangerous Dogs in Queensland

Part 2, Division 2, Section 6 of the Regulation states that:

(1) A tag to be attached to a relevant dog's collar must—

- (a) be metal or plastic; and
- (b) be disc-shaped; and
- (c) have a yellow background; and
- (d) be **at least** 25mm in diameter; and
- (e) contain the following information—

(i) the words 'Regulated Dog';

(ii) a 24-hour contact telephone number for the owner of, or any responsible person for, the dog.

(2) The information mentioned in *subsection (1) (e)* must be engraved and legible

Identifying Collar for Dangerous Dogs in Queensland

- (a.) Yellow & Red Striped Collar with a yellow identification tag
- (b.) Each stripe must be 25 millimetres at an angle of 45 degree
- (c.) At least one of the colours must be sufficiently reflective to Be visible in low light.
- (d.) Be made of durable materials
- (e.) Be able to be securely fastened to the dog.



Dangerous Dog Warning Sign (QLD)
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Menacing Dog Warning Sign (QLD)
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Restricted Dog Warning Sign (QLD)
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Warning Signs for Dangerous Dogs (QLD)

Part 2, Division 4, Section 16 of the Regulation states that:

The sign must be of at least the following dimensions—

- (a) 360 mm in height;
- (b) 260 mm in width.

Section 17 (Quality and type of sign) The sign must—

- (a) consist of firm and strong materials; and
- (b) have a yellow background and black border.

Section 18 (Information sign must contain)

(1) The sign must contain all of the following words, in the following case—

- (a) for a declared dangerous dog— 'BEWARE —DANGEROUS DOG';
- (b) for a declared menacing dog— 'BEWARE — MENACING DOG';
- (c) for a restricted dog— 'BEWARE— RESTRICTED DOG';

(2) The words must be—

- (a) indelible; and
- (b) legible; and
- (c) black; and
- (d) for the words in *subsection (1) (a) , (b) or (c)* —approximately 50 mm in height; and
- (e) for the words in *subsection (1) (d)* — approximately 15 mm in height.

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Muzzle for Dangerous Dog - QLD

Schedule 1, Section 3 of the Act states:

(1) A relevant dog must not be in a place that is not the relevant place for the dog unless it is—

(a) **muzzled**; and

(b) under the effective control of someone who has the control of no more than 1 dog at the same time.

(2) However, *subsection (1)* does not apply for a relevant dog in a vehicle that is in a place that is not the relevant place for the dog if the dog is —

(a) in an enclosed part of the vehicle; and

(b) enclosed or restrained in a way that prevents the dog or any part of it from being outside the enclosed part of the vehicle



Enclosures for Dangerous Dogs in QLD

Division 3, Section 11 (Standard for enclosure materials) states that:

The enclosure must consist of firm and strong materials.

Section 12 (Enclosure walls)

(1) The exterior of the walls of the enclosure must be designed to prevent a child from climbing into the enclosure.

(2) The walls may include a perimeter fence for the relevant place or an exterior wall of a structure if it complies with the requirements for the enclosure under *schedule 1, section 4* of the Act and this division.

Section 13 (Gate Requirements)

(1) The enclosure must include a gate (the "enclosure gate").

(2) The enclosure must not have a driveway gate or other vehicle entry gate (a "vehicle gate").

(3) The enclosure gate must—

(a) be childproof, self-closing and self-latching; and

(b) comply with the requirements for the enclosure under *schedule 1, section 4* of the Act and this division.

(4) However, the enclosure may have another gate that is not self-closing and self-latching if it—

(a) is not a vehicle gate; and,

(b) complies with *section 12*; and

(c) is kept securely locked whenever it is not in immediate use.

Section 14 (Weatherproof area required)

The enclosure must include a weatherproof area appropriate for a dog. **Example:**

a **kennel** or an area of an appropriate size, covered by a roof

Dangerous Dogs Products

<https://www.thedogline.com.au/dangerous-dogs/dangerous-dog-act-in-qld-queensland>

<https://www.thedogline.com.au/dangerous-dogs/collars1>

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Where can I get more information?

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

http://classic.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/qld/consol_act/mada2008244/

<https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/asmade/act-2008-074#act-2008-074>

<https://www.thedogline.com.au/dangerous-dogs/dangerous-dog-act-qld-fact-sheet>

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