

How to be a responsible

Dog Owner

The future of native animals and the environment in our local area relies on your responsible pet management.



The environment we live in

Is characterised by extensive bush reserves and wetlands. This vegetation supports a diverse range of fauna, which is currently under threat from dogs.

Checklist for responsible dog owners

Many native animals in your community are rarely seen or heard. Here is a checklist of steps you can take to ensure you are being a responsible dog owner and protecting the local fauna:

- My dog is sterilised.
- My dog has regular flea and worm treatments, health checks and vaccinations.
- My dog wears a tag with its name, address and contact number on its collar and is micro-chipped in case it gets lost.
- My dog has been to obedience training puppy school.
- My dog is always kept on a lead (no more than 2 metres) when being walked.
- My dog is kept in a secure back yard when at home during the day/night.
- I remove my dogs droppings from all public places.

Facts about dogs

Some things you may not know about your furry friend:

- Australian homes house 3.75 million dogs.
- Domestic dogs will eat native wildlife such as possums, bandicoots, wallabies, kangaroos, frogs, snakes, birds and lizards.
- Dogs can disrupt breeding of wetland birds which nest at ground level.
- Dogs should not be bred until they are at least two years old.
- As well as being unsightly, dog droppings can cause health and environmental problems.
- A barking dog is classified as noise pollution and fines may apply.

The Village at Wellard Joint Venture partners are committed to excellent environmental outcomes and community stewardship of the area. The Village at Wellard was the award winner for Planning Excellence in the 'Environmental Planning or Conservation' Category 2006 from the Planning Institute of Australia (WA).