

POLICY NO: RS/AC//2

FORMER POLICY NO:

KEEPING OF DOGS WITHIN TOWNSITES

DIVISION	BUSINESS UNIT	RESPONSIBILITY AREA
Works and Services	Regulatory Services	Animal Control

OBJECTIVE

To provide clear criteria against which applications to keep more than two dogs on property within a townsite will be considered.

POLICY

1. Scope

This policy relates to applications from residents who wish to keep more than two dogs at a property located in the townsites of Mount Barker, Kendenup, Rocky Gully and Narrikup.

2. Legislation

Dog Act 1976

Shire of Plantagenet Dogs Local Law 2008

3. Application of Policy

3.1 The Chief Executive Officer may approve an application for permission to keep more than two dogs at a property within a townsite under the following circumstances:

- a) All dog registration requirements are satisfied.
- b) The dogs are not used for breeding purposes.
- c) The dogs are not of a restricted breed or declared a dangerous dog.
- d) There is no history or current incidence of dog nuisance, wandering or control that is likely to impact on the surrounding community.
- e) All abutting neighbours have provided written consent or have no substantiated reasons for refusal.

3.2 Consideration will also be given to:

- a) Fence height and stability
- b) Proximity of neighbours

- c) Location and housing arrangements of dogs
- d) Faecal disposal.

3.3 Approval may be withdrawn at any time if the Shire receives a complaint regarding the dogs at the property, or if any conditions of the permit have been contravened.

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