



## GETTING THE RIGHT PET FOR YOU

The average lifespan of a small dog is 11 years. This means dog owners need to be prepared to dedicate this time to properly look after their pet.

Potential owners should consider the costs involved in keeping a pet such as food, Council registration, microchipping, vaccinations, worming, vet bills and desexing to name a few.

To help you decide which type of pet would suit your lifestyle, contact the organizations below for information.

Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources:  
[agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets)

Dogs Victoria:  
[dogsvictoria.org.au](http://dogsvictoria.org.au)

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

CITY AMENITY & COMPLIANCE  
Melton City Council

P: 9747 7200

E: [csu@melton.vic.gov.au](mailto:csu@melton.vic.gov.au)

**Melton Civic Centre**  
232 High Street  
Melton VIC 3337

**Melton Library and Learning Hub**  
31 McKenzie Street  
Melton VIC 3337

**Caroline Springs Civic Centre**  
193 Caroline Springs Bvd  
Caroline Springs VIC 3023

**Animal Pound**  
90-92 High Street  
Melton VIC 3337

PO Box 21  
Melton VIC 3337

**Fax:** 9743 9970  
**Web:** [melton.vic.gov.au](http://melton.vic.gov.au)



# Melton City Council RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

[melton.vic.gov.au](http://melton.vic.gov.au)  
Phone: 9747 7200



## DOG REGISTRATION AND MICROCHIPPING

All dogs over the age of 3 months must be registered with Council.

Dog registrations are due on the 10 April every year.

Penalties apply for unregistered dogs.

All dogs registered for the first time must be microchipped. Microchipping is an effective way to quickly reunite owners with lost or injured pets. Microchipping is a painless procedure where a chip the size of a grain of rice is inserted under the skin at the back of the dog's neck.

For further information about microchipping contact your local vet.



## DOG HEALTH

Dogs have a number of basic requirements to ensure they remain healthy and happy. Some of these include:

- Feeding your a dog a balanced diet
- Supplying cool fresh water in a container that cannot be tipped over
- Providing a dry comfortable sleeping area including shade
- Regular vet checks for vaccinations, worming and heartworm, flea control and for any injuries or illnesses.

For more dog health care advice contact your local vet.

High Street Vet	9743 4942
Melton Vet	9743 4413
Best Friends	8746 2706
Caroline Springs Vet	8390 2266

## DOG ATTACKS

A dog of any size or breed can become aggressive when defending its territory. Even a friendly dog may guard the area on or around his/her property, especially when you are not present.

Most dog attacks in public places occur on the footpath or road bordering the attacking dog's property. For this reason, it is important to make sure your dog is securely contained.

If your dog rushes at or chases someone, you may be fined, and your dog declared as a menacing dog.

If your dog attacks a person or animal, penalties can include court action, fines, damages and the declaration of your dog as dangerous or even be put down.

**All dog attacks should be reported to Council on 9747 7200.**

