



PACIFIC HARBOUR

GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB



FACT SHEET: DOG AND CAT OWNERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

What are your responsibilities to the community as a dog or cat owner on the Pacific Harbour Golf Estate?

Firstly, the control of pets within the shire is covered by the Morton Bay Regional Council which has clear guidelines to "[Animal Ownership](#)". The Estate Covenant also covers the issue of pet ownership, however the main rules follow the principals set down by council.



Pacific Harbour General Covenant States the following:

- Pet owners must ensure their properties are securely fenced prior to taking occupancy.
- All animals are to be kept on a leash when outside the owner's property.
- Cat owners are required to install a cat-run which requires covenant approval. Cats are not permitted outside of the owners property at any time. This is to protect the native wildlife.
- Any pets found roaming the streets will be reported to Council.



The Pacific Harbour Golf Course Charter States the following:

- Pet animals are prohibited on the Golf Course, Golf Course Facilities and Country Club Facilities at all times.



Council Rules State that Cat and dog owners can be fined or prosecuted for offences in certain circumstances. You can be fined:

- If your dog is found wondering outside your premises;
- If you encourage or cause your dog to attack, bite, worry or chase a person or animal. Council may declare a dog to be menacing if it has rushed or chased a person. A menacing dog will have to wear a muzzle and will have to be restrained on a lead anytime they are outside the owner's premises.
- If your dog or cat is a nuisance, or you fail to comply with a notice ordering you to stop the cat or dog being a nuisance. This includes persistent barking which annoys your neighbours.
- If your dog or cat wonders onto private property without the owner's permission on more than one occasion, and a warning has been issued by the council, an infringement notice may be issued.
- If you allow any part of the animal's excrement to remain on the road, street, nature strip, reserve, public or council land. The owner must carry a disposable bag for droppings which must be removed and disposed of appropriately. You may be fined if you fail to do this.
- For any damage your dog or cat may cause.

Questions and Answers to Common Problems:

Where can I exercise my dog?

Dogs may be walked in most areas of the municipality but are only allowed off leash in specifically designated areas and should not be allowed to interfere with wild life in the public domain. They are not allowed on private property at any time – with or without a leash.

What to do if a dog or cat keeps wondering onto my property?

If a dog or cat is present on private property on more than one occasion without the permission of the owner or occupier of the private property, the dog or cat will be trapped and impounded.

What can I do to stop my dog from barking?

Dogs can bark for a number of reasons. Movement of people, animals or vehicles near the property, the dog becoming bored/lonely and for no apparent reason.

To minimise barking:

- Restrict your dog's view to inside the yard. If your dog cannot see the person or vehicle on the other side of the fence, it may not bark;
- Provide regular exercise;
- Brighten your dog's environment with toys, balls etc;
- Ensure your dog has a secure, well maintained sleeping area;
- Leave a radio going inside so your dog thinks you are home;
- Take your dog to obedience training.

Who can help if I need further information?

Contact the council's customer service officers on 07-3205 0555 or www.mortonbay.qld.gov.au



Helpful Links:

<http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/uploadedFiles/common/forms/animals/Cat-nuisance-information-pack.pdf>

<http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/uploadedFiles/common/forms/animals/Fences-and-roaming-domestic-dogs.pdf>

<http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/uploadedFiles/common/forms/animals/Places-you-and-your-dog-can-play.pdf>

<http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/uploadedFiles/common/forms/animals/Barking-dog-nuisance-complaint.pdf>

<http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/uploadedFiles/common/forms/animals/Managing-barking-in-our-community-information-pack.pdf>