



St George, Dirranbandi, Thallon, Bollon, Hebel & Nindigully

Fact Sheet – Stock Dogs

Even though stock dogs do not have to be registered in Queensland there are laws that you may need to adhere to.

What is a Stock Dog?

At Balonne Shire Council when we refer to a 'stock dog' we are referring to a working stock dog. A stock dog is defined in The Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 as a dog which is kept:

- On rural land; and
- By an owner who is a primary producer, or a person engaged or employed by a primary producer; and
- Primarily for the purpose of droving, protecting or working stock

Can I register my Stock Dog?

While you are not legally obligated to register your stock dog Council does allow you to register for free.

Registration is a great way to ensure your dog can be quickly and easily identified should it become lost.

To register your stock dog:

- Complete a Stock Dog Registration Exemption Application form
- Attach the relevant documentation
- Keep your details up to date to ensure we can contact you should your animal ever become lost.
- If your dog retires and becomes a pet, you simply need to update your dog's status with Council and the relevant registration fee will be charged from the next registration period.

Requirements of keeping a Stock Dog

While stock dogs are exempt from registration with Council, they still need to abide by other Local Laws.

Containment

Stock dogs need to be contained to their property when they are not on a leash or actually engaged in moving livestock under the control of their owner. When dogs are in a vehicle, they should be contained in such a way that it cannot reach beyond the extremities of the vehicle.

Microchipping

While microchipping is not required for stock dogs, Council recommends microchipping for all dogs. Microchipping is a great way for Council to reunite dogs with their owners if they wander from home. Your local vet can perform microchipping.

Keep Your Details Up to Date

After microchipping your dog, it is essential you keep your contact details up to date.

Other Laws Relating to Animals

Your dog cannot cause a nuisance to the community. This includes excessive barking, roaming, attacking other animals or people when not protecting stock (such as other stock, dogs on public land etc.).