

Dangerous dog revocation

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1. Purpose

To provide a procedure for the consideration of requests to revoke a dangerous dog order.

2. Definitions

A **dangerous dog** is one that has been declared under the Companion Animals Act as a dangerous dog.

3. Background/legislative requirements

Council has powers pursuant to Section 39 of the Companion Animals Act 1998 to consider applications to revoke a dangerous dog order.

4. Policy, protocol or procedure statement

Council will assess applications to revoke dangerous dog declarations in accordance with this policy.

5. Procedures

Applications

In dealing with requests to revoke a dangerous dog declaration the following procedure will apply:

- An application will only be accepted in writing no earlier than 12 months from the date of the original declaration.
- The application is to be accompanied by a current temperament assessment completed by a competent person registered with Dogs NSW or another recognised and approved body.
- The application will be reviewed by a panel of staff consisting of –
 - Animal Control Officer or equivalent staff member
 - Regulatory Services Supervisor
 - Manager Environment, Development & Regulated Services or their delegate
- The panel may request to review the dog and its behaviour at a location acceptable to Council, e.g. an animal pound.
- The panel is to make a recommendation to the General Manager for consideration on the application.
- Council delegates to the General Manager to determine applications to revoke a dangerous dog declaration in accordance with this adopted Policy.

Assessment Criteria

Matters to be taken into account when assessing applications include:

- The outcomes of the temperament assessment.
- The nature of the original attack/s and the reasons for the original declaration.
- The manner in which the dog has been cared for and managed since the declaration was imposed.
- The history of any dog attacks or complaints received since the original declaration.
- The nature of the physical surroundings, adjoining premises, fencing and/or enclosures at the property and where the animal is normally kept.