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**TEA TREE GULLY**  
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# DOG ATTACK

## **What is a dog attack?**

A dog attack is when a dog attacks, harasses, chases or otherwise endangers the health of a person or an animal or bird owned by or in the charge of another person, regardless of whether an actual injury occurs..

## **Reporting an attack**

Call 8397 7313 during office hours or 1300 405 536 outside of business hours.

## **What happens after a dog attack is reported?**

We will investigate all reported dog attack incidents in line with the *Dog and Cat Management Act 2015*. The circumstances surrounding the attack will direct our response.

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As part of our investigation we may:

- Contact the person reporting the attack to explain the complaint process and arrange a time to take a statement from them
- Collect photographs of any injuries to the person or animals involved
- Interview the dog owners to get their version of the incident
- Contact witnesses if any
- Collect other evidence and assess the circumstances
- Make a decision for action to be taken
- Issue legal notices if required.

### **Dog attack penalties**

The maximum penalty for a dog attack is \$2,500.

The expiation fee is \$315 and a further \$210 will apply if the dog was without an owner or was not under effective control at the time of the incident.

The owner or person in charge of the attacking dog may be issued with:

- A warning
- Expiation notices (on the spot fines) for all offences that occurred
- A summons to appear in court to answer the charges
- A control order.

Claims for damages are a civil matter. We are unable to assist with any compensation claims.