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# Don't Let Your Dog Roam



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*Secure Your  
Home*



# “Being a responsible dog owner starts with you, Don’t let your dog roam, secure your home”



## Don't Let Your Dog Roam

Roaming dogs that have escaped from homes and back yards are a big concern to Council. Roaming dogs can be injured or killed, and can also attack other animals or people.

Dogs commonly escape through the following areas:

- Through open front doors
- Through unsecured screen doors or windows
- Unlocked gates
- Through open roller doors
- Loose fence sheets
- Jumping or climbing over fences
- Digging under fences

Dogs are also more likely to escape during storms and thunder and when fireworks occur.

## Secure Your Home

Council would like all dog owners to take steps to secure their homes to prevent their dogs from escaping and roaming.

Steps can include:

- Keeps front doors closed
- Secure screen doors and window screens
- Lock gates and/or secure latches
- When opening roller doors keep your dog secure
- Repair and maintain fences
- Check fence lines for evidence of digging
- Remove items from fences such as bins and boxes that may enable dogs to climb over
- Provide a secure enclosure in the rear yard for your dog to prevent access to gates/fences
- Keep your dog indoors when storms and thunder are predicted
- Keep your dog indoors if fireworks displays are likely to occur during festive seasons and special events

## Avoid the Consequences

If dogs escape the consequences can be very serious and costly.

- A roaming dog is deemed to be wandering at large and can result in a fine with a maximum penalty of \$250 plus seizure fees
- If your dog attacks or harasses it can result in a fine with a maximum penalty of \$1500
- If your dog injures or kills a person or animal you may also face civil action and be liable to compensation claims
- If your dog attacks and is deemed dangerous you may receive a dog control order
- Your dog could be injured or killed by vehicles if wandering at large

So please remember to take some simple steps to keep your dog safe and secure and undertake a regular check of your surroundings.