



Torres Shire Council

To Lead, provide and facilitate a sustainable,
safe and culturally vibrant community

Pet Ownership Requirements

Torres Shire Council's Compliance Department manages animal control for our shire.

The aim of the department is to protect both animals and the community against risks to health and safety as well as assist owners by providing advice on the Torres Shire Council's Local Law requirements around responsible pet ownership.

Residents who own pets must:

- 🐾 register each of their dogs and/or cats annually with council.
- 🐾 apply for a permit if they have more than 2 dogs on their property.
- 🐾 own no more than 2 cats over the age of 3 months (Maximum 2 per property).
- 🐾 keep outdoor animals in a suitably fenced and secured yard with adequate shelter, fresh water and food.
- 🐾 keep dogs on a lead and under control when taking them off your property.
- 🐾 pets are not allowed in playground areas or cemeteries.
- 🐾 clean up after dog(s) when they are not on your property and dispose of waste appropriately.
- 🐾 not allow their animals to create a noise nuisance.

There are separate regulations around the keeping and control of dangerous dogs and other types of animals. Regulated dogs and other regulated animals require special permits and housing conditions.

Torres Shire Council may fine people who do not keep and control their animals as required by the Animal Management Local Laws and the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*.

For enquiries relating to pet ownership and compliance contact us

- **in Person** at the TSC Main Office 67 Douglas Street, Thursday Island
- **by Phone**
 - TSC Reception 07 4083 1200
 - Compliance Team 0429 691 300
- **by Email**
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 - Contact Us form www.torres.qld.gov.au

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