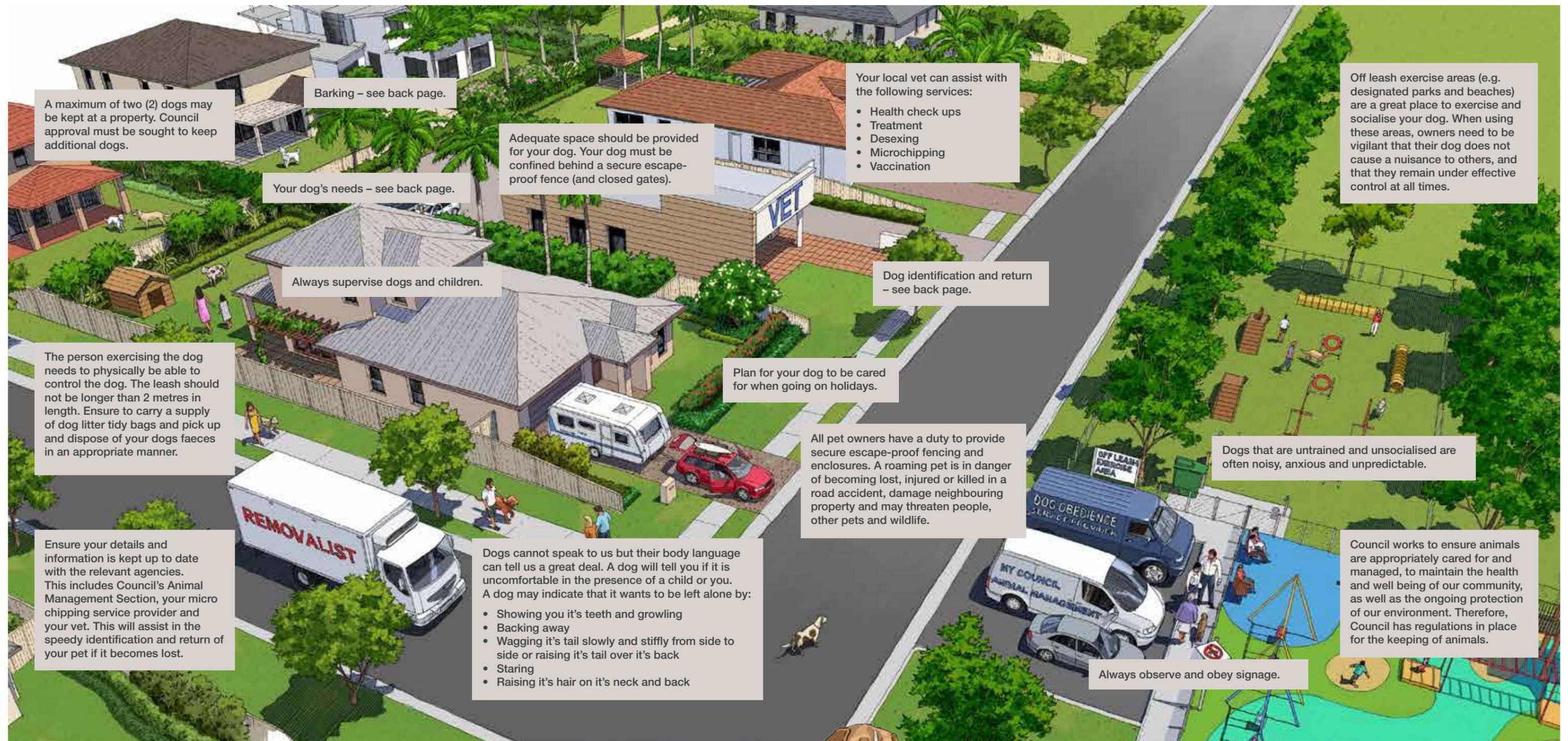


Responsible dog ownership

An easy-to-use guide on keeping your pet
safe, happy and compliant.

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A maximum of two (2) dogs may be kept at a property. Council approval must be sought to keep additional dogs.

Barking – see back page.

- Your local vet can assist with the following services:
- Health check ups
 - Treatment
 - Desexing
 - Microchipping
 - Vaccination

Off leash exercise areas (e.g. designated parks and beaches) are a great place to exercise and socialise your dog. When using these areas, owners need to be vigilant that their dog does not cause a nuisance to others, and that they remain under effective control at all times.

Your dog's needs – see back page.

Adequate space should be provided for your dog. Your dog must be confined behind a secure escape-proof fence (and closed gates).

Dog identification and return – see back page.

Always supervise dogs and children.

The person exercising the dog needs to physically be able to control the dog. The leash should not be longer than 2 metres in length. Ensure to carry a supply of dog litter tidy bags and pick up and dispose of your dogs faeces in an appropriate manner.

Plan for your dog to be cared for when going on holidays.

All pet owners have a duty to provide secure escape-proof fencing and enclosures. A roaming pet is in danger of becoming lost, injured or killed in a road accident, damage neighbouring property and may threaten people, other pets and wildlife.

Dogs that are untrained and unsocialised are often noisy, anxious and unpredictable.

Ensure your details and information is kept up to date with the relevant agencies. This includes Council's Animal Management Section, your microchipping service provider and your vet. This will assist in the speedy identification and return of your pet if it becomes lost.

- Dogs cannot speak to us but their body language can tell us a great deal. A dog will tell you if it is uncomfortable in the presence of a child or you. A dog may indicate that it wants to be left alone by:
- Showing you it's teeth and growling
 - Backing away
 - Wagging it's tail slowly and stiffly from side to side or raising it's tail over it's back
 - Staring
 - Raising it's hair on it's neck and back

Council works to ensure animals are appropriately cared for and managed, to maintain the health and well being of our community, as well as the ongoing protection of our environment. Therefore, Council has regulations in place for the keeping of animals.

Always observe and obey signage.

Artist's impression

Key contact numbers

Call City of Gold Coast on 1300 GOLDCOAST (1300 465 326)

- to update you dog registration details
- to report a dog attack, in severe cases call 000
- if you have a found a dog
- to update your dog microchipping details, call your microchipping company, then contact City of Gold Coast

Call the City Pound on 07 5581 7600

- to report your dog missing

Dog exercise areas

A comprehensive list and detailed maps of off leash dog exercise areas and dog prohibited areas are available at cityofgoldcoast.com.au/dogs or download our free GC Dog Parks app from the app store.



Loud noises are scary!

Include your dog in your disaster management plans

Pets can be frightened of loud noises. Ensure your pet is safely contained in these situations.



Dog identification and return

The following items will assist with the identification and speedy return of your dog if it becomes lost:



Registration tag



Collar



Microchip



Identification tag



City pound



Keep your contact details up to date

Your dog needs...

To ensure the welfare and good health of your dog, it will need the following:



Companionship



Collar and identification



Love



Dog toys



Food and water



Consult with an animal behaviourist or vet



Grooming



Socialising



A place to sleep



Nutrition



Obedience training



Health



Leash and dog litter tidy bags



Exercise

Barking

Excessive barking can be very annoying for neighbours. Excessive barking can be the result of boredom, anxiety, disturbances, discomfort or excitement. The following tips will assist to minimise the likelihood of your dog barking:



Dog toys



Bury dog biscuits



Identify when and why your dog is barking



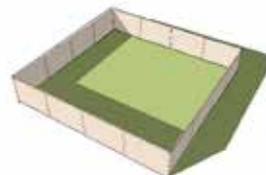
Obedience training



Immediately reward your dog when it stops barking



Regular exercise



Screen open-style fencing



Consult with an animal behaviourist or vet

For further information, please contact the City of Gold Coast 1300 GOLDCOAST (1300 465 326).