

Keep your pet safe around kangaroos

As urban areas encroach on kangaroo habitat, you may come into contact with our native, wild kangaroos. They are mostly docile, but can be unpredictable when feeling threatened, and can hurt people or pets.

In the wild, kangaroos instinctively try to protect themselves from their natural predator the dingo. Any domestic dog running after kangaroos is liable to be injured by the large claws and powerful legs of a kangaroo feeling cornered or threatened.

On the other hand, some uncontrolled dogs may cause harm to kangaroos, especially a young joey temporarily separated from its mother.



Free dog tag



Use the tag above to show you keep your dog under control and away from wildlife.

1: Cut around tag. 2: Fold strap in half. 3: Staple strap together over your dog's collar.

Dogs and wildlife don't mix

- At home, keep your dog away from kangaroos who may travel across or graze on your property.
- Never allow your dog to roam uncontrolled off your property.
- When walking your dog, consider a route where kangaroos are not present or choose a time for walking when kangaroos are not active in the area.

Remember, kangaroos are protected animals and it is an offence to cause injury or kill them.

Be a responsible pet owner

- Dogs in public places are required to be on a leash and under the effective control of a competent person.
- Animals must be kept under direct supervision and control, even when they are off their leash in leash-free areas.
- Owners who fail to keep their dogs leashed in public places (leash-free areas excepted) or take their dogs into prohibited places can attract on-the-spot fines up to \$880.

(Coffs Harbour City Council)



USEFUL CONTACTS

Dog ownership responsibilities:

Coffs Harbour City Council
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Protection of kangaroos or report of incident:

NSW National Parks & Wildlife
Service, Coffs Coast Area
32 Marina Drive, Coffs Harbour
T: 02 6652 0900
E: info@environment.nsw.gov.au

Sick or injured wildlife:

T: 13 000 WIRES or 1300 094 737
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