

The assessment processes below follow from the giving by a local council of a notice of intention to declare the dog a restricted dog. The dog's owner MUST continue to comply with the requirements in that notice until the assessment processes are finalised.

What you need to do next...

Temperament Assessor

You MUST provide this PINK copy of the assessment statement to the owner of the animal within 3 working days.

Dog Owner

If your dog PASSES this assessment

(ie: the temperament assessor has indicated that this dog is not a danger to the public and is not likely, without provocation, to attack or bite any person or animal).

1. Your dog will NOT be declared a RESTRICTED dog.
2. The temperament assessor who assessed your dog will provide the written statement to the local council that served the notice of intention to declare the dog restricted.
3. The council will record your dog's breed and temperament statements on the NSW Companion Animals Register.

If your dog FAILS this assessment

*(ie: the temperament assessor has indicated that this dog is a danger to the public and **is likely**, without provocation, to attack or bite any person or animal).*

- The approved temperament assessor who conducted this assessment will send a copy of this statement to the local council that served the notice of intention to declare the dog a restricted dog.
- **The council will declare your dog to be RESTRICTED. You MUST then, by law, comply with the following control requirements as prescribed by Section 56 (1) (a) – (h) of the Companion Animals Act 1998, including:**
 - **Desex** your dog within 28 days.
 - **Display** a sign on your property showing the words "Warning Dangerous Dog" in letters clearly visible from the boundaries of the property.
 - **Enclose** your dog in its prescribed enclosure within 3 months. Your local council will give you specifications for the enclosure in which the dog must be kept. As soon as your dog is declared RESTRICTED, and until you have completed its enclosure, the dog must be sufficiently restrained to prevent a child from having access to it.
 - **Collar** your dog at all times with the prescribed collar required by law, whenever your dog is outside its enclosure.
 - **Muzzle** your dog securely enough to prevent your dog biting any person or animal, whenever your dog is outside its enclosure.
 - **Leash** your dog whenever it is outside its enclosure, with an adequate chain, cord or leash held by or secured to a competent person.
 - **Control** your dog when it is outside its enclosure. A competent person must accompany your dog. A maximum of two (2) dogs at one time can be under the control of a competent person, if one of the dogs is dangerous or restricted. The dog must not at any time be in the sole charge of a person under the age of 18 years.
 - **Register** your dog within 7 days, if it is not already registered.
 - **Notify** your Council that the dog:
 - has attacked or injured a person or animal (within 24 hours of the attack).
 - can not be found (within 24 hours after the dog's absence is noted).
 - has died (as soon as practicable).
 - is no longer being ordinarily kept in the area of the council, or that the dog is ordinarily being kept at a different location in the area of the council (as soon as practicable).
- The temperament assessor who assessed your dog will send the assessment statement to the local council that served the notice of intention. The council will contact you regarding the outcome of this assessment.
- The council that served the notice of intention will record your dog's breed and temperament statements on the NSW Companion Animals Register.

These instructions may be available in community languages. Contact your local council for further information