

Pets can improve your quality of life and even decrease your stress. Some research shows that just patting a pet can help reduce your stress and lower blood pressure.

Pets can be affectionate and loyal. They give unconditional love and joy and can become your best friend and beloved companion.



Can we have a pet at a MRAC property?

Generally, the answer is yes, except if you live in a unit, flat or apartment where the Body Corporate rules do not allow pets. Please check with MRAC to see if you can have a pet.

Dogs





In WA, all dogs over three months old must wear a collar, be microchipped with the current owner details and have your local council or shire registration tag attached when in a public place.

Some breeds are restricted in WA. There are provisions related to keeping a restricted breed dog, including compulsory sterilisation and micro-chipping, specific types of dog collars that must be worn and housing within an escape-proof enclosure. Please refer to your local council or shire for the relevant information.

The Dog Act 1976 prescribes the following as restricted breeds under the definition of dangerous dogs being:

- Dogo Argentino
- Fila Brasileiro
- Japanese tosa
- American pit bull terrier
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- Perro de presa Canario or presa Canario

Tenants are only allowed **two dogs** in each property in WA, unless you apply to your local Council or Shire for an additional dog. MRAC does **not allow dogs inside** MRAC properties. Dogs can damage property and potentially spread fleas and ticks.

	<p>Please keep your dog confined to your property and do not allow them to foul or damage neighbouring gardens or communal areas. Ensure you clean up any animal waste as it is a health hazard to you, your family, your visitors, and your neighbours. Make sure your dogs are not continually barking.</p> <p>Dogs must be tied up when MRAC undertakes property inspections.</p>
<p>Cats</p> 	<p>In WA, only three cats are allowed per property and the law requires all domestic cats six months and older to be sterilised, microchipped and to wear a tag in a public place.</p> <p>Each local Council or Shire has their own rules so you will need to check these.</p> <p>Some areas can issue an order to stop your cat trespassing and if you don't comply, you can be fined. Some Councils require cats to be confined to their owner's home during certain hours.</p>
<p>Other pets</p> 	<p>If you wish to have any other type of pet, please contact MRAC to see if it is permitted.</p>