The Victorian Declared Dog Register

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Supplementary aims

- To Centralise the recording of Declared dogs in Victoria.
- This includes Dangerous Dogs (Attack), Dangerous Dogs (Guard Dog) , Dangerous Dogs (Attack Trained), Menacing Dog and Restricted Breed.
- To Enable Animal Management Officers ,Municipal supervisors and the Bureau to view information from ANY Municipality in Victoria.
- To grade the severity of an "attack" or "menace" using UAM gradings.
- To provide a solid basis of information to assist in the development of future legislation.
- To facilitate a platform of uniform data recording that may be used in other States

How it works

The database is Internet delivered via a secure web site accessed via the Bureau web site. Specific user name and password will be required to access the site.   All data and additions, amendments are preferred to be entered directly on this site.

Search functions are limited to Microchip number and Council Reference number. All users and file accesses are logged.

Different users

There is a tiered structure of users with different privileges.

There are three categories of Municipal users.

1. Council view – Users can only search and view records across Victoria.
2. Council data entry – Users can search, view, records across Victoria but also can add or amend data ONLY FOR THEIR MUNICIPALITY.
3. Council Supervisor – Only one per Council and they can search, view, records across Victoria but also can add or amend data FOR THEIR MUNICIPALITY and are responsible for authorising and deactivating the login's of "Council View Only" and "Council Data Entry".

There is access also to Bureau and Registry Supervisor and Registry data entry.

Database fields

Fields in the database for animal details include microchip number, animal name, age, sex, breed, colour, location, status and comments.

Owner details include name, address and contact details

Declaration details including declaring officer, Municipality, type of declaration, UAM grading where applicable and Council reference number.

Council Reference number is the Unique animal identifier on your Council computer management system NOT the dog registration Tag number.

Most fields have validation and work from pick lists or 'autofill' rather than being text fields.

Who does the work ?

It is anticipated that the majority of data entry will be completed by Municipal staff and it is at the discretion of the Municipal supervisor whether this is clerical staff or Animal Management Officers.

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Non Computerised or Internet connected Municipalities

Provision is made for completion of all the details on a specially designed "Declared Dog Register Form" and submitting this to the Bureau on a dedicated fax line.

Linkage with other Registries

Export of details in particular Declared Dog details linked to microchip numbers will be facilitated to all Victorian Government accredited Microchip registries to facilitate warnings to Vets, Animal Welfare Shelters and Councils for OHS issues when animals are presented and scanned by the respective organisations.

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