

# PRESCRIBED BREED DOGS

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## SA 'PRESCRIBED BREEDS'

Five breeds of dog are prescribed in the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*. Shown here, they are:

1. The American Pit Bull Terrier
2. The Fila Brasileiro
3. The Japanese Tosa
4. The Dogo Argentina
5. The Presa Canario.



## Keeping a 'prescribed breed' dog

### The responsibilities of ownership

Ownership of any dog involves not only the need to feed, care for, train and exercise the dog, but also to ensure it is properly controlled and well behaved.

While no breed of dog is banned in South Australia, there are five 'prescribed breeds' that have certain ownership restrictions. They are all Mastiff-type dogs that, at some stage in the breed's history, were specifically bred for fighting. These dogs require particularly responsible ownership and those who choose to own them must recognise the potential of these dogs and take additional safeguards to ensure the safety of the public, other animals and their own families.

As they are not recognised by the Australian National Kennel Council, there is no Australian breed standard and individual size and colour may vary considerably.

### Prescribed Breeds: the Fast Facts

- No breed of dog is banned in South Australia.
- There are certain 'prescribed breeds' that require particularly responsible ownership and obligations.
- 'Prescribed breeds' must be registered and desexed.
- All the penalties relating to dogs wandering at large, attacking and other offences are considerably higher if the dog involved is a 'prescribed breed'.

- Have your dog respond to basic commands of 'sit', 'stay', 'come', to 'heel' and walk on a lead.

Also, the owner of a 'prescribed breed' dog must:

- Effectively confine the dog to their property
- Muzzle the dog when in public
- Restrain the dog in public, with a lead not exceeding two metres (even if in an area where other dogs are allowed off-lead)
- Produce evidence that the dog is desexed, if requested by a council officer to do so
- Must not sell or give the dog away, or advertise it for purposes of sale or give away.

To find the facts and other tips on how to be a good dog owner, visit [dogandcatboard.com.au](http://dogandcatboard.com.au)

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