



New South Wales

Companion Animals Amendment (Reporting Dog Attacks) Regulation 2009

under the

Companion Animals Act 1998

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Companion Animals Act 1998*.

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Minister for Local Government

Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to provide for a local council to enter information relating to a dog attack on the Register of Companion Animals within 72 hours of receiving information about the attack.

This Regulation is made under the *Companion Animals Act 1998*, including section 74 (2) and section 96 (the general regulation-making power).

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Companion Animals Amendment (Reporting Dog Attacks) Regulation 2009*.

2 Amendment of Companion Animals Regulation 2008

The *Companion Animals Regulation 2008* is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendment

(Clause 2)

Clause 33A

Insert after clause 33:

33A Dog attack information on the Register

- (1) Information about dog attacks may be entered on the Register, whether or not the attacking dog is a registered companion animal at the time of the attack.
 - (2) A council with which an arrangement is in place under section 74 (4) of the Act must enter on the Register the following information in respect of a dog attack:
 - (a) the identification information of the dog if it is a registered companion animal,
 - (b) a description of the dog and the owner (if known) if it is not a registered companion animal,
 - (c) details of the person or animal attacked and the nature of any injury,
 - (d) details of any securing or seizing of the dog under section 18 of the Act, or any action taken to protect persons or property under section 22 of the Act,
 - (e) such other information as the Director-General may direct from time to time by notice to the council.
- Note.** Councils enter information on the Register in accordance with an arrangement in place under section 74 (4) of the Act.
- (3) A council must enter the information on the Register within 72 hours after any relevant information is received by the council.
 - (4) In this clause, *dog attack* means an incident that involves or is alleged to involve a dog rushing at, attacking, biting, harassing or chasing a person or animal (other than vermin), whether or not any injury is caused to the person or animal, but not including an incident that occurs in the course of:
 - (a) lawful hunting, or
 - (b) the working of stock by the dog or the training of the dog in the working of stock, or
 - (c) the working or training of a police dog.