

Wild Dogs in Urban and Peri Urban Areas

The term 'wild dog' refers to purebred dingoes, dingo hybrids, and domestic dogs that have escaped or been deliberately released and now live in the wild. Peri urban areas around our region provide excellent areas for wild dogs to live.

Impact

Wild dogs impact social and safety values of people living in peri urban areas by:

- stealing and soliciting food,
- loitering in public areas making people feel unsafe, potentially attacking and injuring humans; or
- attacking pets resulting injury or death.



What you can do

1. Ensure your premise is effectively fenced to prevent wild dogs from entering your yard
2. Ensure your pets are safely locked away, especially at night
3. Do not leave food out for pets that may attract wild dogs
4. Be situationally aware if you come across wild dogs
5. Talk to your neighbours and ensure everyone is undertaking the same actions. You may keep moving the problem between yourselves if you don't work together
6. Contact Councils Pest Management Unit on 4932 9000 or 1300 22 55 77 to report sightings of wild dogs.
7. Report sightings of wild dogs at feral scan to support nationwide mapping of wild dogs at www.feralscan.org.au

What Council can do

Council may intervene in certain situations to minimise the risk to public health and safety, this will be assessed on a case by case basis. In suitable situations Council may

- Make the public aware of increased wild dog behaviour in your area
- Educate you on how you can reduce the impact of wild dogs on your land
- Erect signage in the area advising of the presence of wild dogs
- Undertake a control program, by trapping.

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