

Sensible solutions for dangerous dogs.

10. Identification and control of potentially dangerous dogs.

The alternative approach requires early identification of individual animals that pose a risk, and intervention to protect the community.

While some Australian jurisdictions do have specific restricted classes of dogs based on breed, they also have provisions for declaring individual dogs as dangerous.

The classes of dangerous dogs vary across states and territories. Some have only one category, while most have a range of classifications such as dangerous or menacing.

South Australia - nuisance and barking animals also has further categories for.

Table 3 summarizes the current approaches in each Australian jurisdiction (a detailed table may be found in Appendix 3).

Australia - Jurisdiction classes

Potential triggers for declaring a dangerous dog to be of a certain class in Australian capital territory where the dog has attacked or harassed a person or animal.

New South Wales - Classified a dog as dangerous >>>where the dog.

1. Has, without provocation, attacked or killed a person or animal (other than vermin), or
2. Has, without provocation, repeatedly threatened to attack or repeatedly chased a person or (other than vermin), or
3. Has displayed unreasonable aggression towards a person or animal (other than vermin), or It is kept or used for the purposes of hunting.

Queensland - Classified a dog as dangerous >>> where the dog;

1. Has seriously attacked, or acted in a way that caused fear to, a person or another animal; or
2. May, in the opinion of an authorized person having regard to

the way the dog has behaved towards a person or another animal, seriously attack, or act in a way that causes fear to, the person or animal.

Menacing >>>where the dog.

1. Has attacked, or acted in a way that caused fear to, a person or another animal; or
2. May, in the opinion of an authorized person having regard to the way the dog has behaved towards a person or another animal, attack, or act in a way that causes fear to, the person or animal.

South Australia - Classified a dog as dangerous >>>where the dog;

1. The dog is dangerous; and the dog has attacked, harassed, or chased a person or an animal or bird owned by or in the charge of a person in circumstances that would constitute an offense against the Act.

Menacing.

1. The dog is menacing; and the dog has attacked, harassed, or chased a person or an animal or bird owned by or in the charge of a person in circumstances that would constitute an offense against the Act.

Nuisance >>> the dog is a nuisance.

The dog has attacked, harassed, or chased a person or an animal or bird owned by or in the charge of a person in circumstances that would constitute an offense against the Act.

Tasmania.

Classified a dog as dangerous >>>where the dog;

1. The dog has caused serious injury to a person or another animal; or
2. Here is reasonable cause to believe that the dog is likely to cause serious injury to a person or another animal.

Jurisdiction Classes Potential triggers for declaring a dog to be of a certain class.

Victoria.

Classified a dog as dangerous >>>where the dog;

1. Has caused the death of or serious injury to a person or animal.
2. If the dog is a menacing dog and its owner has received at least 2 infringement notices.
3. If there has been a finding of guilt or the serving of an infringement notice for any other reason prescribed.

Menacing >>> where the dog.

1. The dog has rushed at or chased a person; or
2. The dog bites any person or animal causing injury to that person or animal that is not in the nature of a serious injury.

Western Australia - Classified a dog as dangerous >>where the dog;

1. The dog has caused injury or damage by an attack on, or chasing, a person, animal, or vehicle.
- 2 The dog has, repeatedly, shown a tendency — to attack, or chase, a person, animal, or vehicle even though no injury has been caused by that behavior; or
3. To threaten to attack.

Northern Territory No classes N/A.

That's it – Gawie Manjaro – MK.

