

## FACT SHEET

# DOG ATTACKS

The Dog Act 1976 gives local authorities wide powers in the investigation and prosecution of dog owners where the dog has attacked and caused injuries to a person or other animal.

- A dog attack does not necessarily mean that an animal has actually bitten any person or other animal.
- If a dog chases any person or another animal, whether any injuries are caused or not, every person liable for the control of the dog commits an offence. Maximum Penalty \$10,000.00.
- If a dog has been involved in an attack it should be reported as soon as possible to the Community Rangers, who will investigate the attack.
- If your dog has been injured, take it ASAP to the nearest Vet Clinic for treatment.
- To minimise the risk of a dog attack keep your dog on a leash at all times, socialize your dog from an early age and attend training classes, so it can interact with other dogs and people in a controlled environment.

To report a dog attack please contact the Community Rangers on 9021 9600.