

OTHER TIPS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Give the minder your mobile phone number, and contact details for your vet.
- ✓ Provide the minder with instructions and a list of contact numbers if your pet escapes and is lost.
- ✓ Let neighbours know that someone will be entering your property to care for your pet.
- ✓ Brief the minder about any health problems or phobias (eg thunderstorms) your pet may have, and provide instructions on how to manage these.
- ✓ Ensure your pet has at least two bowls of water (placed in the shade), in case one is knocked over.
- ✓ Ensure that the property is secure from escape such as fencing being structurally sound and gates self-closing and locking.
- ✓ Leaving a list of your pet's regular routine will assist with settling in your absence.

Where ever your pet is placed, you may find it will take a few days for your pet to feel comfortable and settle into their new surroundings. If away from home bring something from home like their usual bed, play toys and bowl.



Enjoy your holiday knowing that your pet is being well looked after and is safe!

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**HOW TO CONTACT COUNCIL**

If you require any further information about this, please call Council's Community Safety team on 1300 007 662 or visit

www.mymaranoa.org.au

GOING ON HOLIDAY**WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR PET**

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GOING AWAY ON HOLIDAY?

Don't forget to plan for your pet! There are a few options available to you;

- take pets on holiday with you,
- have them board at a kennel or cattery, or
- arrange for someone to look after them in your home or in their home.

TIPS FOR TAKING YOUR PET ON HOLIDAY WITH YOU

- ✓ Ensure that the place you are going to is pet friendly.
- ✓ Remember to restrain your pet safely when in the car.
- ✓ Never leave animals unattended in a parked car, even in the shade with the windows down - they can still suffer from heat exhaustion.
- ✓ Give animals regular rest breaks during the trip, to stretch their legs, toilet and have a drink.
- ✓ Ensure your pet is wearing identification with your contact information (mobile number is best).
- ✓ Having your dog microchipped is the best way to identify and retrieve the contact details for your pet, particularly if they have lost their collar.
- ✓ Your pet should also be wearing their registration tag at all times when away from their home (or kept at address).
- ✓ Ensure your holiday home has a secure yard and fences.
- ✓ Have the contact details of the nearest vet clinic handy in case of emergencies.

TIPS FOR BOARDING AT A KENNEL OR CATTERY

- ✓ Choose a registered kennel or cattery.
- ✓ Ask your local Veterinarian for a recommendation.
- ✓ Visit beforehand to make sure you're happy with the facilities, cleanliness and staff.
- ✓ Book well in advance to ensure you get a place during busy school or public holiday periods.
- ✓ Your pet will need to be up-to-date with their vaccinations.
- ✓ Some establishments will request that your pet is microchipped and all worming and other medications are up to date.



TIPS FOR HOME CARE (IN YOUR HOME OR IN SOMEONE ELSE'S)

- ✓ Whether in your home or in theirs, it would be advisable to have the minder visit while you are at home so they are familiar to your pet.
- ✓ Ask your local Veterinarian for a recommendation of a professional pet minder service.
- ✓ It is important that the minder is reliable, has good references and is knowledgeable about animal care.
- ✓ If leaving your pet at home ensure someone visits regularly (at least twice a day) to provide fresh food and water, exercise and attention.