

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
DOGS REGISTRATION ORDINANCE 1953
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 10 of 1953

The Dogs Registration Ordinance 1926-1938 is being amended for the following purposes:

- (1) To amend the definition of “domestic animal” to include poultry;
- (2) to make it compulsory for the keeper of the dog to cause it to wear a collar with the registration disc attached;
- (3) to permit the remission of fees in case of hardship;
- (4) to provide that stray dogs which are seized should be held for seven days, and released only on payment of the cost of their maintenance, and in the case of an unregistered dog, a penalty registration fee;
- (5) to amend and clarify the provisions relating to the destruction of a dog worrying or attacking people or animals;
- (6) to provide that a bitch on heat shall not be permitted to be at large;
- (7) to permit the destruction of a diseased or badly injured dog; and
- (8) to require the destruction of a dog to be carried out without cruelty.