



## Domestic Animals at Patrol Policy

(Approved and adopted by Management Committee on 22 August 2017)

1. No member should bring a domestic animal (including but not limited to dogs) to patrol with them regardless of size, temperament or age. This is only with the exception of assistance dogs\*.
2. Members who are not on patrol but using club equipment or representing the club in any way should comply with SLSA, SLSWA, Local and State Government regulations regarding domestic animals and dogs; keeping them on leads when required and only using appropriate points of entry to dog friendly beaches and spaces (This specifically excludes the stretch of beach in front of the Swanbourne Nedlands Surf Life Saving Club\*\* and between the flags).
3. Swanbourne Nedlands Surf Life Saving Club asks its members to respect the seriousness of our patrol and lifesaving responsibilities by not bringing domestic animals within 20m of the patrol tower and/or patrol flags during patrol hours.

*\*People with assistance dogs trained by the following organisations are automatically granted public access rights under the Dog Act 1976 regulations, including access to any building or place open to or used by the public for any purpose, or travel on public transport. Assistance Dogs Australia, Lions Hearing Dogs, Seeing Eye Dogs Australia, Royal Guide Dogs Association of Australia and affiliated bodies.*

*\*\* DOG ACT 1976 - CITY OF NEDLANDS - DOGS LOCAL LAW  
(clause 5.1(f)) - Dogs are prohibited absolutely from entering or being in any of the following places— (a) SWANBOURNE BEACH RESERVE No. 23729, being the sand and dune area adjacent to the Swanbourne Beach development, between the area north of the access pathway at the intersection of Odern Crescent and Marine Parade, and south of the northernmost access pathway of the development.*

Any questions regarding this policy can be directed to [admin@swannysurfclub.org.au](mailto:admin@swannysurfclub.org.au)

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This policy has been prepared by the Swanbourne Nedlands Surf Life Saving Club Committee to:

1. Ensure the club and all its members comply with the following policy's:
  - State Government Dog Act 1976
  - The SLSA - Australian Coastal Public Safety Guidelines (2007)
  - ANIMAL CONTROL AND BEACH FOULING Guideline Number: GO1332
  - ESTABLISHING PATROLLED AREAS – BEACH OPENING Guideline Number: LS1402
  - SLSWA policies
  - City of Nedlands local government policies and signage
2. Ensure members on patrol are free from additional responsibilities and distractions which may inhibit their ability to perform required lifesaving roles.