

Penalty Summary: Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 (SA)

As at November 2025

Part 3 Administration and enforcement

| Section | Offence | Imprisonment (maximum penalty) | Fine (maximum penalty) | Expiation |
|---------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| 31(1) | Hinder authorised person | - | \$5,000 | - |
| 32 | Offence by authorised person | - | \$5,000 | - |

Part 4 Registration

| Section | Offence | Imprisonment (maximum penalty) | Fine (maximum penalty) | Expiation |
|---------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| 33 | Failure to register dog (3 months or older): | | | |
| | - Dangerous or Prescribed dog | - | \$5,000 | \$750 |
| | - Any other dog | - | \$2,500 | \$170 |
| | Continuing offence (for each 14 days): | | | |
| | - Dangerous or Prescribed dog | - | \$5,000 | \$750 |
| | - Any other dog | - | \$2,500 | \$170 |
| 37(1) | Failure to notify if dog: | | | |
| | a) is removed from usual recorded place | - | \$1,250 | \$210 |
| | b) dies | - | \$1,250 | \$210 |
| | c) missing for more than 72 hours | - | \$1,250 | \$210 |
| | d) ownership transferred | - | \$1,250 | \$210 |
| 37(2) | Failure to notify re business: | | | |
| | a) transfer | - | \$1,250 | \$210 |

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| | b) owner/operator ceases business | - | \$1,250 | \$210 |
| | c) other specified circumstances | - | \$1,250 | \$210 |

Part 4A Microchipping and other identification

| Section | Offence | Imprisonment (maximum penalty) | Fine (maximum penalty) | Expiation |
|---------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| 42A | Failure to have dog or cat microchipped: - Dog of prescribed breed, attack trained dog, guard dog or patrol dog - Any other case | - - | \$5,000 \$2,500 | \$750 \$170 |
| 42B | Continuing offence (for each 3 months): - Dog of prescribed breed - Any other case | - - | \$5,000 \$2,500 | \$750 \$170 |
| 42C | Failure to identify dog or cat (not microchipped) | - | \$5,000 | \$170 |

Part 4B Desexing

| Section | Offence | Imprisonment (maximum penalty) | Fine (maximum penalty) | Expiation |
|---------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| 42E | Failure to de-sex dog or cat: - Dog of prescribed breed - Any other case | - - | \$5,000 \$2,500 | \$750 \$170 |
| 42F | Continuing offence (for each 3 months): - Dog of prescribed breed - Any other case | - - | \$5,000 \$2,500 | \$750 \$315 |

Part 5 Management of dogs

| Section | Offence | Imprisonment (maximum penalty) | Fine (maximum penalty) | Expiation |
|---------|---|------------------------------------|--|---|
| 43 | Dog wandering at large <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dangerous dog or prescribed breed - Any other case | - - | \$10,000 \$5,000 | \$1,000 \$315 |
| 44(1) | Person encourages dog attack <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If dangerous dog or prescribed breed (see s 44(3)) | 2 years 4 years | \$50,000 \$100,000 | - - |
| 44(2) | Person who owns dog who attacks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If dangerous dog or prescribed breed - Any other case - If dangerous dog or prescribed breed and death or serious harm caused - Any other case where death or serious harm caused | - - - - | \$25,000 \$10,000 \$50,000 \$25,000 | \$1,000 \$500 \$1,500 \$1,000 |
| 45 | Transporting dogs unrestrained in vehicle | - | \$1,250 | \$210 |
| 45A | Miscellaneous duties relating to dogs <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Where dog injures person on property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dangerous or prescribed dog - Any other case 2) Dog in grounds of school, kindergarten, child care centre or pre-school without permission of person in charge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dangerous or prescribed dog - Any other case 3) Dog in shop without permission of shopkeeper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dangerous or prescribed dog - Any other case 4) Dog chasing vehicle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dangerous or prescribed dog | - - - - - - | \$10,000 \$5,000 \$5,000 \$2,500 \$5,000 \$2,500 \$5,000 | \$1,000 \$750 \$750 \$315 \$750 \$315 \$750 |

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| | - Any other case | - | \$2,500 | \$315 |
| | 5) Noisy/barking dogs | - | \$1,250 | \$315 |
| | 6) Failure to remove dog faeces (public place) | - | \$1,250 | \$210 |
| | 7) Failure to remove dog faeces (private place) | - | \$1,250 | \$210 |
| 45B | Specific duties relating to prescribed breeds | | | |
| | (1) Failure to muzzle and/or control | - | \$5,000 | \$750 |
| | (4) Sell, give away, advertise for sale, etc | - | \$5,000 | - |
| 45C | Specific duties relating to greyhounds | | | |
| | (1) Failure to muzzle or control racing greyhound | - | \$5,000 | \$315 |
| | (1a) Failure to control greyhound | - | \$5,000 | \$315 |
| 45D | Specific duties relating to attack trained dogs, guard dogs and patrol dogs | | | |
| | (c) not kept indoors on in enclosure | - | \$7,500 | \$750 |
| | (d) dog not wearing collar | - | \$7,500 | \$750 |
| | (e) dog not kept under effective control | - | \$7,500 | \$750 |
| | (f) warning signs not displayed | - | \$7,500 | \$750 |
| 47 | Courts power to make order: | | | |
| | (a) destruction/disposal dog | | | |
| | (b) destruction/disposal remission | | | |
| | (c) dog to be registered | | | |
| | (ca) dog be identified in certain manner | | | |
| | (cb) dog be seized and restrained for peri | | | |
| | (d) dog to be controlled in certain manner | | | |
| | (e) abate nuisance/danger posed by dog | | | |
| | (ea) dog be desexed | | | |
| | (eb) destruction/disposal of other dogs of owner | | | |
| | (f) owner not acquire another dog | | | |
| | (g) pay compensation for inj/damage/loss etc | | | |
| | (h) any other order | | | |
| | Failure to comply with any of above orders | - | \$10,000 | |

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| 48 | Authorised officers may give directions - Contravention of direction | - | \$5,000 | \$500 |
| 55(1) | Contravention of Orders Destruction Order Control (Dangerous Dog) Order Control (Menacing Dog) Order Control (Nuisance Dog) Order Control (Barking Dog) Order | - - - - - | \$10,000 \$10,000 \$10,000 \$5,000 \$2,500 | \$750 \$750 \$750 \$500 \$500 |
| 56(1) | Notification to council if dog subject to an order: (a) attacks person or animal (b) goes missing (c) dies (d) ownership changes - Dangerous or prescribed dog - Any other case | - - - - | \$5,000 \$2,500 | \$500 \$315 |
| 56(2) | Failure to notify of change of address of dog subject to order - Dangerous or prescribed dog - Any other cases | - - | \$2,500 \$1,250 | \$315 \$210 |
| 57 | Fail to notify new owner of orders | - | \$5,000 | \$500 |
| 59B | Contravention of Prohibition Order | - | \$10,000 | - |

Part 5A Destruction, seizure and detention etc of dogs and cats

| Section | Offence | Imprisonment (maximum penalty) | Fine (maximum penalty) | Expiation |
|---------|---|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| 64D | Failure to notify of destruction of dog or cat | - | \$1,250 | \$210 |
| 64E | Operator of facility where dog or cat seized, detained or destroyed may recover charges payable under regulations | | | |

Part 7 Breeding and sale of dogs and cats

| Section | Offence | Imprisonment (maximum penalty) | Fine (maximum penalty) | Expiation |
|---------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| 69 | Sell dogs or cats without registration | - | \$5,000 | \$315 |
| 70(1) | Sale of dog or cat without microchip | - | \$5,000 | \$315 |
| 70(2) | Sale of dog or cat not desexed | - | \$5,000 | \$315 |
| 71(1) | Failure to give information to buyer | - | \$5,000 | \$315 |
| 71(2) | Failure to contain all information in advertisement for sale | - | \$5,000 | \$315 |

Part 8 Miscellaneous

| Section | Offence | Imprisonment (maximum penalty) | Fine (maximum penalty) | Expiation |
|---------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| 81(1) | Assistance dog entry refusal | - | \$1,250 | \$210 |
| 81(2) | Claim assistance dog when not accredited | - | \$1,250 | \$210 |
| 81A | Interference with dog or cat in lawful custody | - | \$10,000 | - |
| 81B | Interference with dog or cat identification | - | \$5,000 | \$315 |
| 82 | False or misleading statements: - with knowledge - in any other case | - - | \$10,000 \$2,500 | - - |
| 85 | Continuing offences Penalty for substantive offence + penalty for each day up to 1/10 of maximum penalty for that offence | | | |