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Notices

Snake Safety Notice – Summer 2025/26

Just like many of our members, Dogs West is surrounded by Australian bushland, which means snakes may occasionally be spotted during the warmer months. For your safety, we have posted the contact details of local snake catchers throughout our grounds. If you do see a snake, please inform an Event Official immediately.

General tips if you encounter a snake:

Dogs West Christmas & New Year Schedule

The Dogs West office, administration, and grounds will be closed for the Christmas and New Year period:

**Closed: 5.00 pm, Monday 22 December
2025**

**Re-opening: 9.00 am, Wednesday 7
January 2026**

These closures do not apply to Alpha Dog Shop. For their holiday opening hours, please refer to Alpha Dog directly.

movements may provoke the snake.

- **Give it space.** If you are very close, remain still and allow the snake to move away.
- **Do not touch or disturb it.** Avoid trying to catch it, throwing anything, hitting it, or shouting. Simply watch where it goes.
- **Call a professional if needed.** Use the snake catcher contacts posted around the grounds.

Your safety is our priority—remember, most snakes will move away if left alone.



Message from the President – October 2025

Your Governing Council met recently to discuss a range of organisational and operational matters as we head toward the end of the year. Here are a few key updates from the October meeting:

Christmas and a happy New Year!



Evening Grounds Access

Friendly reminder: on weekdays, the Ranford Rd gate locks at 4pm. Evening visitors can use the Warton Rd gate for entry.

Congratulations to our Halloween Photo Comp Winner!

Tania Mccrea

Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun — our reception looked amazing with all your creative costumes!

A big shoutout to **Wild Tails** for generously providing our prize pack. ❤️

Chief Executive Officer for a 12-week period (excluding the Christmas closure), commencing Monday 13 October through 16 January. Caroline's appointment will ensure continuity of leadership while the recruitment process for a permanent encumbant continues.

Administrative Officer Role Update

Following review, the position currently titled Chief Executive Officer will be advertised under the new title General Manager. This change better reflects the responsibilities and scope of the role and aligns with Dogs West's organisational structure moving forward.

SprintDog™ Program Congratulations to Ashleigh McLeod and Kerrilee Bell, who have successfully completed all requirements and been ratified as SprintDog™ Lure Operator Trainees. This represents another great step in supporting the growth of this exciting sport within our community.

Surrender of Shotguns It was agreed that Dogs West surrender the 12G 'hammer style' shotguns in the Voluntary Buyback Scheme currently being offered by the WA Police Firearm reform division, as these weapons have not been utilised for several years and are hard to operate correctly.

Committee & Working Party

Appointments Council has confirmed Working Party Coordinators across our many disciplines and event areas, including agility, obedience, scent work, retrieving, and the Western Classic. Appointments to Governance Committees was deferred as Expressions of Interest is ongoing. Thank you to every volunteer



From PD Insurance

PD's Tick Season Checklist — Are You Prepared?

As temperatures rise across Australia, so does tick activity — posing a serious risk to pets. With one of the world's highest pet ownership rates, knowing how to remove a tick safely is vital for every Aussie dog owner. In this guide, PD Insurance outlines the dos and don'ts of tick removal, explains why old-school myths don't work, and shares life-saving tips to protect your canine companions this tick season. [Read more.](#)

contributions are invaluable.

Your Governing Council remains committed to good governance, clear communication, and fostering a positive and inclusive community for all members and dog enthusiasts.

Thank you for your ongoing support and participation — we look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming end-of-year events and trials.

Pamela Campbell President, Dogs West

Upcoming Events

Find all our Upcoming Events online [here](#).



From Dogs Australia

Recruitment of New Dogs Australia Administrator.

Dogs Australia is looking for a Full-Time Administrator.

Flexible work-from-home options available.

If you have 5+ years' admin experience, love working with people, and have a passion for dogs, this could be for you!

Applications close 24 Nov 2025.

See the full details [here](#).

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