



Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter

Are you ready to own a dog?

Owning a dog is a big responsibility. The following questions need to be carefully considered and honestly answered before making the decision to become a dog owner.

Have I the time to care properly for a dog?

Your dog will need daily exercise and training as well as grooming, feeding and quality time with you.

Can I afford to feed a dog?

Your dog's diet must contain all the nutrients required, be it a growing puppy or an adult dog.

Can I afford the veterinary costs?

Your dog should have annual vaccinations, regular worm treatments and any other health care treatments, all of which take time and money.

Is my property suitable for keeping a dog?

Properties containing dogs should be fully fenced, preferably with high fences that are strong and fitted with lockable gates. Your dog must have clean bedding and access to proper shelter from the heat and the cold.

Having considered all the issues around the adoption of your new dog or puppy, it's time to introduce your new pet to your home and family

When adopting a dog from a shelter, it is important to consider all the issues above and not to adopt a dog simply because it looks cute.

Listen to the shelter staff and heed their advice.

Remember dog ownership is a long term commitment.



This document contains important information. If you do not understand it, contact the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450.



Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter

Address: 10 Mulgrave Road
McGraths Hill NSW 2756
Mailing Address: PO Box 146
WINDSOR NSW 2756
Phone: (02) 4560 4644
Fax: (02) 4577 6604
Email: companionanimal@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au
Council Website: www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au
Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9am-12:30pm and 2pm-4:30pm
Saturday 9:30am-11:30am
Sunday 7am-9am
Public Holidays 7am-9am