

1.7 Dingoes

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Introduction

- 1.7.1 The Dingo (*Canis familiaris*), is regarded by some people to be a native animal because it has been present in Australia for at least 4,000 years. Others regard the Dingo as an introduced predator because it did not evolve in Australia.
- 1.7.2 The Dingo is not protected under the National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1974, However, like all wildlife, Dingoes are protected within lands managed by the Parks and Wildlife Division of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC). A Licence is not required under the NPWS Act to authorize the holding of this species, but it would be an offence to liberate a captive Dingo, whether bred in the wild or in captivity, without a specific approval from the DEC. The WIRES Licence and authorities issued under that license, do not confer any right for a person to possess or liberate Dingoes.
- 1.7.3 Under the Rural Lands Protection Act, 1998, there is no specific reference to the Dingo and as such free-living Dingoes are regarded as “wild dogs” that are declared noxious animals. A licence is not required from the NSW Department of Primary Industries to authorize possession of a Dingo because the provisions of the Companion Animals Act apply.
- 1.7.4 The Companion Animals Act 1998 makes no specific reference to the Dingo. Accordingly, domestic Dingoes are regarded as, and treated as, a breed of dog, which is subject to all the registration and marking requirements etc of the Act.

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- 1.7.5 All enquiries relating to Dingoes will be referred to the Dingo Sanctuary, Arina Road, Bargo, 2574, Phone 4684 1156, or any zoo or sanctuary licenced by DEC to hold Dingoes.

POLICY 1.8 EDUCATION ANIMALS IS CURRENTLY BEING REVIEWED AND HAS BEEN REMOVED FOR THE TIME BEING – IT IS IN CONFLICT WITH NPWS POLICY.