



YOUR CAT, YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

When a cat becomes part of your family you become responsible for its health, welfare and the impact it has on your surrounding community.

Register your Cat

Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011 states that all cats over the age of 12 weeks and living anywhere in the Livingstone Shire must be registered with Livingstone Shire Council. Cat registration is required each year by 31 August. Registration makes it easier for lost cats to be identified and reunited with their owners. Registration also helps us provide animal management services and facilities that help keep your pets, the community and the environment safe.

If you do not register your cat you may receive a fine of \$275.

You can register your pet online or at council's Customer Service Centres in Yeppoon and Emu Park.

Desex your cat

Cats are prolific breeders and can have two or more litters per year.

Desexing your cat will not only help reduce the unwanted pet population but also reduces your registration fee and helps keep your cat safe.

Desexed cats can live a happier, healthier life. They are generally less likely to get diseases and desexing commonly reduces problem behaviours.

Desexing your pet:

- prevents uterine infections
- eliminates unwanted harassment from the opposite sex
- tends to make animals less aggressive and territorial and less likely to wander and mark their territory
- reduces registration fees.

Microchip your cat

By law, dogs and cats must be microchipped and registered by the age of 12 weeks

Cats can be escape artists when it comes to wearing a collar. Microchipping your cat is the surest way to ensure it can be returned to you if it is found roaming.

In accordance with the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 all cats and dogs born after 1 July, 2009 must be microchipped.

Microchipping is not the same as Council Registration. A microchip registration means that your pet is essentially registered to a microchip database i.e. National Pet Register. By microchipping your pet, you are not registering them to your council.

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