



# cats & dogs

## Registration obligations

*Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*



Dates the new laws come into effect:

### 1 July 2009

- Brisbane, Gold Coast, Ipswich, Logan and Redland city councils
- Lockyer-Valley, Moreton Bay, Scenic Rim, Somerset, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, Gladstone and Central Highlands regional councils

### 1 March 2010

- Banana Shire Council

### 1 July 2010

- Balonne, Burdekin, Hinchinbrook, McKinlay and Richmond shire councils
- Barcaldine, Charters Towers, Goondiwindi, Longreach, Mackay and Western Downs regional councils

### 1 December 2010

- Cassowary Coast and Tablelands regional councils.

All other Queensland councils will introduce these laws before 12 December 2010.

The *Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act 2008* promotes responsible pet ownership. One of the key initiatives under the Act is the requirement to register cats and dogs.

### Why register your cat or dog?

Registration makes it easier for lost cats and dogs to be identified and re-united with their owners. This will also help reduce the number of feral and stray cats and dogs and their effect on the environment and native fauna.

For these reasons all cats and dogs across Queensland will need to be registered.

### How to register your cat or dog

To register a cat or dog with your council you must:

- (a) complete a registration form for your cat or dog available by contacting your council
- (b) ensure the registration form is accompanied by:
  - (i) the registration fee for the cat or dog
  - (ii) if it is desexed, a signed veterinary surgeon's certificate stating that it has been desexed.

It is important to note that recording your cat's or dog's details with a microchip registry is different to registering your pet with your local council. If you do not register your cat or dog with your council you run the risk of being fined.

Unregistered cats and dogs are also more difficult to reunite with their owners if they get lost. By making sure your cats and dogs are registered and microchipped you are ensuring that you can be contacted if they are found away from home.



## Cat registration

By 12 December 2010 all councils in Queensland will have adopted mandatory cat registration.

It is important that pet owners contact their local council for registration details, any discounts that may be available and fee-free periods.

### **What are the costs to register a cat or dog?**

Each council determines the cost of animal registration within the local government area. Councils must provide a registration allowance for desexed cats or dogs. Contact your local council to find out the registration fees in your area.

### **How old does a cat or dog have to be before it is registered?**

All cats and dogs older than 12 weeks need to be registered with your local council.

### **When do I need to register my cat or dog?**

The laws requiring all cats and dogs in Queensland to be registered are being rolled out across the state. All councils will implement these laws by 12 December 2010, however many councils already have them in place. See the list on the front of this sheet for the implementation dates of each council.

### **How long can a cat or dog be registered?**

Each local council can decide how long registration can be made for. Most councils register cats and dogs for one year, however some councils will allow registrations for a period of up to three years.

### **For more information**

Call 1800 467 561 or visit [www.dip.qld.gov.au](http://www.dip.qld.gov.au)

