

NEW CAT & DOG REGISTRATION & IDENTIFICATION

What is lifetime registration?

The Companion Animals Act introduced lifetime registration for cats and dogs on 1 July 1999.

You only have to register your cat or dog once under the Act.

Registration fees

Undesexed dog/cat	\$201
Owned by registered breeder	\$55
Desexed dog/cat	\$55
Desexed and Owned by pensioner	\$23
Desexed purchased Pound/Shelter	\$27.50
Trained seeing eye or hearing dog	Free

Trained animals such as 'Seeing Eye' or 'Hearing' dogs must be microchipped and registered. Farm working dogs are exempt. Greyhounds that are registered with the Greyhound Control Board are covered by separate registration.

Microchipping your animal

Microchipping is a method used to permanently identify your animal and is essential before you can register your animal. This procedure involves the insertion of a microchip (about the size of a grain of rice) under the skin between the shoulders of the animal. This is carried out by a Vet or other authorised Agent, and is described as being similar to receiving an immunisation injection.

The microchip contains numbers which can be read by a scanner. These numbers will identify the pet's owner through a central database. The database can be accessed by all Councils in NSW.

Where do I register my cat or dog?

You now have access to the NSW Pet Registry to

register your pet, update your contact details, report your pet missing, transfer ownership and pay most lifetime registration fees from your computer or mobile device. Please visit www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au for more information.

Animals/Pets can also be registered at any Local Council. Remember, animals must be microchipped before registering at Council.

What happens if my address or contact details change?

- It is the responsibility of the registered owner to notify Council where there is a change of details such as:
 - Moving house.
 - Change of ownership.
- Council needs to be notified in writing within 14 days of the change.
- The back of the Registration Certificate provides for change of details. A new certificate will then be posted to the registered owner with the updated details.
- There is no charge for change of details.
- Owners are required to notify Council if the animal dies or is missing for more than 3 days.

The registration system can only be useful in protecting your pet if it is accurate and the information is up to date.