

FACT SHEET



Cat & Dog Registration

Legislation requires that every dog and cat over the age of three months must be registered with council by 10 April every year.

All cats and dogs registered with Council must be microchipped prior to registration. This includes all animals previously registered with another Council. Registering your dog and cat is a safeguard against losing your pet.

Council provides pet related services such as animal control and community education about responsible pet ownership.

Moirá Shire Council will forward renewal registration notices to pet owner annually.

Registration Fee Reductions

Rebates are given to animal registrations where one of the following is applicable (supporting evidence must be submitted at the time of application).

- De-sexed dogs and cats
- Dogs that have undergone obedience training which complies with the regulations
- Dogs and cats over 10 years of age
- Dogs kept for working stock
- Dogs and cats registered with an applicable organisation, if their owners are members of the applicable organisation with which the dogs and cats are registered
- Dogs kept for breeding by the proprietor of a registered domestic animal business

Applicable organisations for cats can be found at <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets/cats/relevant-organisations>

Applicable organisations for dogs can be found at <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets/dogs/relevant-organisations>

If you currently hold an eligible pension card you are entitled to a 50% reduction in registration fees (not including State Government Levy costs). Please note Seniors Card and Health Care Card holders are not entitled to the pension rebate.

Registration Fees

The Victorian State Government charges a levy of \$4.10 for each dog and cat. Failure to register your pet will result in a \$330 fine. (Fees are subject to change 1 July each year).

Benefits of Registration

- Council identification tag
- Lost and found animal service
- Animal control service
- Nuisance service
- Responsible pet ownership
- Monitoring animal welfare
- General advice about pet care

Pet Registration

When you register your pet, Council will give you a number identification tag. The identification tag is required to be on the dog or cat at all times.

It is a legal requirement for your pet to have an identification tag, which will help Council return your pet if it becomes lost. It is encouraged that your pet wears a separate identification tag with your cat or dogs name, your phone number and your address so your pet can be easily returned to you.

If your pet loses its Council identification tag a new one can be purchased from Council.

Moirá Shire Office Hours

Mon to Fri 9am to 5pm

