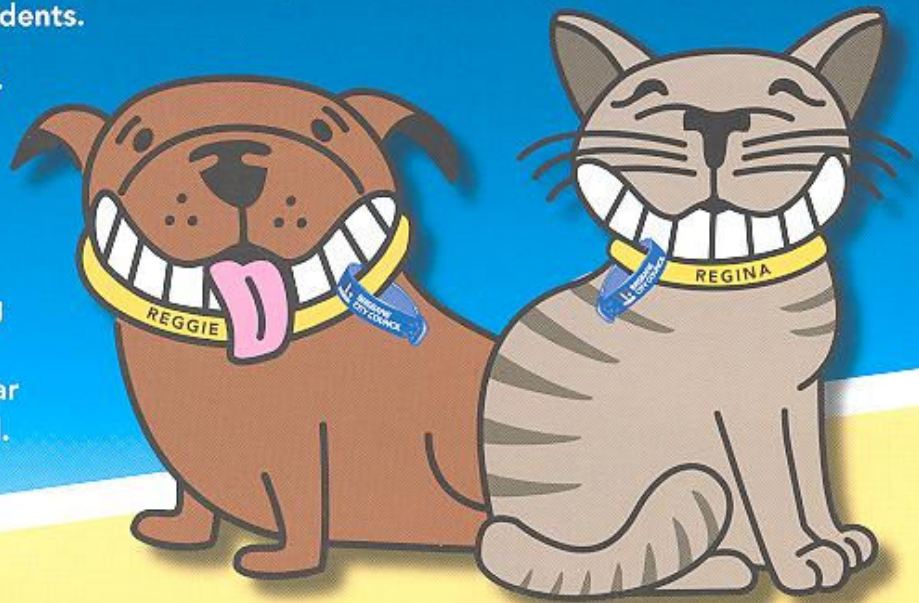


New requirements for cat and dog owners in Brisbane

The Queensland State Government has introduced new laws requiring cats, as well as dogs, to be registered. Dog owners are also affected by these new changes. Under these new laws the Brisbane City Council is responsible for putting these changes in place for Brisbane residents.

All changes start from 1 July 2009.

This sheet contains information you need to know about what's changed and how to register your pet. You can also find out about new microchipping requirements as well as the requirement to have your pet's ear tattooed at the time it is desexed.



Registering your pet

Cats

All cats must now be registered.

You will NOT have to pay any registration fee if you have a desexed cat and you register it between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010. If you intend to have your cat desexed within this period, you will not be charged the fee. However, you also still need to submit a registration application.

Dogs

No changes have been made to how dogs are registered.

How to register your pet

From late July 2009 you will be able to register your pet online using Council's new online registration process. Otherwise you will need to complete an Animal Registration Application form and send it in to Council. You can get this form by:

- downloading it from Council's web site at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au
- calling 3403 8888 or
- visiting a Council Regional Business Centre or Customer Service Centre.

Registration fees and concessions

To find out about registration fees and whether you're eligible for a concession, visit Council's web site at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or call 3403 8888.

Council offers discounts if your cat or dog is desexed or if you're a pensioner.





Microchipping your pet

What is microchipping?

Microchipping is a harmless procedure, which has been done for a number of years, where a vet implants a very small electronic identification device under the cat or dog's skin.

The microchip can be read using a scanning device so that the information about your pet can be accessed from a central registry. Microchipping is extremely useful in reuniting lost pets with their owners.

You must microchip your cat or dog:

- when it's sold (responsibility on the seller)
- when it's given away (responsibility on the person giving away the animal)
- before it reaches the age of 12 weeks.

Important: If you have a cat or dog that's older than 12 weeks you DON'T have

to microchip it unless you sell or give it away.



Tattooing your desexed pet

What is tattooing? At the time a cat or dog is desexed the vet places a permanent mark (tattoo) on the inside of the animal's ear to identify it as being desexed.

If you have your cat or dog desexed after 1 July 2009 you must have its ear tattooed at the time it is desexed. If the animal has been desexed prior to 1 July 2009, you DON'T have to have it tattooed.

Important: You DON'T have to have your cat or dog desexed although it is recommended. You are only required to have your pet desexed if your dog is declared by Council to be a dangerous or restricted dog or if it is a condition of a permit to keep multiple cats or dogs.



Regulated dogs

There are new requirements for owners of regulated dogs, including dangerous and menacing dogs. Visit Council's web site for more information at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

New requirements at a glance

A summary of what you need to know about the new requirements.	Cats or dogs aged up to 12 weeks	Already own a cat or dog 12 weeks and over	Buying/ selling a cat or dog	Giving away a cat or dog (any age)
Do I need to register my pet with Council?				
Do I need to microchip my pet?				
Do I need to have my pet desexed?				

Legend: Yes, it's compulsory No, but it's recommended

Need more information?

- Visit the Department of Infrastructure and Planning web site which outlines the new laws at <http://www.localgovernment.qld.gov.au/Laws/LocalGovernment/ManagingCatsandDogs>
- Visit the Brisbane City Council web site for more information on the new changes as well as information on responsible pet management at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au
- Contact Council on 3403 8888.



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