



## Remember Your Animal Registrations

South Gippsland Shire Council is reminding residents that animal registrations apply to dogs and cats on farmland and not just in residential areas.

Farm dogs provide a great service to the agricultural industry but require registration just like all other dogs in the community.

Registration fees provide a number of benefits for the community including dog bite prevention education programs, lost and found animal services, animal business audits, dangerous and restricted dog breed registers and emergency animal welfare.

Council's Local Laws Officers conduct random inspections throughout the municipality to identify unregistered dogs and cats.

Animal owners found with unregistered animals or animals with expired registration may be subjected to enforcement action and face on-the-spot fines or potential court action.

Council's Acting Manager Regulatory Services Bruce Gardiner said registration assists in the quick recovery of lost animals and reuniting them with their owners.

"Registration is the fastest method for contacting owners in cases where their pet might have been injured or attacked by another animal.

"Registration fees help provide important pet related services within the community such as animal management and community education about responsible pet ownership," said Mr Gardiner.

Pet owners are reminded to ensure that their contact details are correct when registering their animals.

Individuals wanting more information on the benefits of registration can visit <http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/pets/registration-legislation-and-permits/dog-and-cat-registration>.

For assistance with pet registration contact Council's Local Laws team on 5662 9200 or visit Council's website.

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