

## **INTRODUCING MONTHLY PRO-RATA PET REGISTRATION RATES**

South Gippsland Shire Council has introduced monthly pro-rata fees for animal registrations in response to community feedback.

“In the past we have had six monthly pro-rata rates, but we’re interested to see if there is an uptake on this new monthly arrangement,” explained Local Laws Coordinator, Bruce Gardiner. “We hope it will encourage pet owners to register their pets as soon as they acquire them or move to the area, so that they have an immediate recovery system in place if they stray. The other aspect is that we can provide a more timely registration refund if a pet should die. It’s hard enough to deal with the loss, without it costing you as well.”

“The annual registration period runs from 10 April 2015 to 9 April 2016, so if you bought a puppy and registered it on 6 July, you would only pay nine months’ registration.”

The new pro-rata system applies whether you register at Council or at the Animal Shelter, which is located at the Korumburra Veterinary Clinic in Langham Drive.

“If you’re looking for a new pet, don’t forget to check out the Shelter. There are usually several beautiful cats and dogs there that desperately need loving homes,” Bruce added.

To find out if a possible new pet is waiting for you there, call 5658 1900.

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