



2016 Animal Registration period open

Council's 2016 Animal Registration period is now open, giving dog and cat owners over a month free registration if registering that animal for the first time.

Animals currently registered are still registered until 9 April, 2016, with renewal notices expected to be sent shortly.

As well as being a legal requirement, Local Laws Coordinator, Bruce Gardiner, said payment of your pet's registration (and display of a registration tag) was a good way of reuniting lost pets with their owners.

"Your registration fees also help provide important pet related services within South Gippsland Shire such as animal control and community education about responsible pet ownership," he explained.

Pet owners are encouraged to pay their renewals online via Council's website or by scanning the QR (Quick Response Code) on the renewal form using a smart phone or device.

"The benefit of paying online is that people with multiple animals will be able to pay them all in the one transaction", Mr Gardiner said.

Information on the various categories of 2016/17 animal registration are available on Council's website.

There are currently 5,319 dogs and 1,311 cats registered in South Gippsland Shire. Top breeds for dogs include Kelpie, Jack Russell, Border Collie and Labrador. The most popular cat breeds are Domestic Short Hair, Domestic Long Hair and Ragdolls.

Locals are naming their dogs Bella, Max, Charlie and Ruby, while popular cat names include Smokey, Missy, Puss and Tiger.

If you're looking for your own 'Bella' or 'Smokey', don't forget to contact the Korumburra Animal Shelter on 5658 1900 where there may be the perfect dog or cat seeking a loving home.

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