

## Animal Registration Reminders

South Gippsland residents are reminded that pet registrations are now overdue for the 2018/19 pet registration period. All domestic animals are required to have their registration renewed by 10 April each year.

Registration renewal forms were sent out for the 2018/19 period in early March. Reminder notices have also been issued to pet owners who have not renewed their registration.

These payments can be made online at Council's website, in person at Council's office, at Australia Post outlets or using BPay details on the renewal notice.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Coordinator Local Laws Bruce Gardiner spoke about some of the benefits of animal registration.

"Registration assists in the speedy recovery of lost animals and in reuniting them with their owners. It gives us the fastest method for contacting owners in cases where pets might have been injured or attacked by another animal.

"In addition, registration fees help provide important pet related services within South Gippsland such as animal management and community education about responsible pet ownership," said Mr Gardiner.

Further details of the benefits of animal registration are available on Council's website at [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/animals](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/animals)

Random inspections are conducted throughout the municipality to identify unregistered dogs and cats. Owners found with unregistered animals or animals with expired registration may be fined or subject to further action.

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