

Farm Dogs Need Registration Too

South Gippsland Shire Council is reminding local farmers of the importance of registering their farm dogs with Council.

In accordance with the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*, all dogs and cats three months and older must be registered with the Council in which they reside: this includes farm dogs.

Farmers are eligible for reduced registration fees if their dog is kept for working stock. To be eligible, the dog must be used primarily for the purpose of droving, tending, working or protecting stock.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Manager Regulatory Services Jamie Thorley said farm dogs are vital to the agricultural sector but they must be managed appropriately.

"Farm dogs are often an integral part of the working staff on a farm. These dogs contribute many hours of labour so all effective care is necessary to ensure they can work to the best of their ability.

"While routine care such as nutrition and medical checks are often completed, registration is also another necessary requirement. Registrations ensure your farm dog can be returned to you if it gets lost and they also contribute to the provision of a range of animal services for South Gippsland," said Mr Thorley.

For more information on pet registrations and to make a new registration please visit Council's website www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/register-your-pet

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