



Media Release

Have you renewed your pet's registration?

Pet registrations were due for renewal on 10 April, so check that you have done the right thing for your pets. If you have a new pet, it too needs to be registered to receive the benefits that flow from 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 you in cases where your pet might have been injured or attacked by another animal,” explained Council’s Local Laws Coordinator, Bruce Gardiner. “Your registration fees also help provide important pet related services such as animal management and community education about responsible pet ownership, to our communities.”

What do you get for your registration fees?

- Supply of a Council identification marker;
- Lost & found animal service – a guarantee that if your pet is found wearing its Council identification we will attempt to notify you where your pet is so that you may be reunited. (You should ensure that we have your current contact details)
- Animal Management Service – response to problems including reports of dog attacks or complaints about animals wandering on private property;
- Nuisance Service – to help solve animal barking, straying and spraying problems
- Assistance with trapping and impounding feral cats
- Public education about responsible pet ownership;
- Council’s monitoring and enforcement of legislation regarding minimum animal welfare standards in animal businesses. These include pet shops, Council pounds, animal welfare shelters, breeding and dog training establishments; and
- General advice about pet care.

If you have not received your registration renewal forms yet please contact Council on 5662 9200. Pet owners are reminded to ensure that their current contact details are correct.

Local Laws Officers conduct random inspections 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.

End

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