

INFORMATION ON CATS

Cat Owners must abide by the Cat Act 2011



Registration

All cats over the age of six months must be registered with your Shire. Registration helps you to recover your cat if lost and encourages responsible cat ownership. It is a condition of registration that your cat is both sterilised and microchipped. Registrations are due on the 1st of November each year and remain current for one year, three years or the cat's lifetime. A person under the age of 18 years cannot be the registered owner of a cat. The owner of a cat must ensure that when their cat is in a public place that it is wearing its registration tag at all times.

Cat Registration Fees

Fee Types	1 Year	3 Years	Lifetime
Sterilised	\$20.00	\$42.50	\$100.00
Pensioner	50% of applicable fee		

Cat breeders must also pay a Breeder's Fee. The Breeder's Fee is valid for one year from the date of approval and is payable in conjunction with the cat registration fee.

Sterilisation

All cats over the age of six months must be sterilised unless:

- You can present a signed certificate from a veterinarian stating that sterilisation will adversely affect the health of the cat.
- The cat is owned for breeding purposes by an approved cat breeder and the Breeder's Fee has been paid.

Cat Identification & Microchipping

- The Shire registration tag must be attached to their collar. All cats over the age of six months must be microchipped unless:
- You can present a signed certificate from a veterinarian stating that microchipping will adversely affect the health of the cat. (Such a certificate can not apply to a cat if it is under the age of six months)

Permit to keep more than threecats

The Local Law restricts the number of cats that may be kept at a particular property to two. Maximum number of cats which may be kept on any premises without a permit, other than a registered boarding cattery, is three over the age of six months.

Cat owners must apply for a permit from their Shire to keep more than the prescribed three cats. An application fee is payable and all cats must be registered, sterilised and microchipped.

Wandering Cats

To protect local fauna your Shire encourages cat owners to contain their cats to their own property at all times. Further measures to protect fauna may include attaching a small bell or mirror to your cat's collar. Cats found wandering in a public place or on private property without the property owners' consent can be seized by the Shire Ranger and may be impounded. Impounded cats will not be released unless they are registered, sterilised and microchipped with your Shire or within the district in which they are normally kept.

Pound

Cats lost, wandering or seized by the Ranger may be impounded at the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes Pound. Fees are payable and your cat must be registered prior to collection.

Proof of registration, sterilisation and microchip confirmation must be provided.

Fees

Shire Seizure and Impound of Cat	\$120.00
Kennel Fee for Impounded Cat /Per Day	\$35.00

Checklist for Responsible Owners

- My cat is sterilised and microchipped.
- My cat is registered with my Shire.
- My cat wears the Shire registration tag and has a microchip that will provide my name and address when scanned.
- My cat has regular flea and worm treatments, health checks and vaccinations.
- My cat does not wander from my property and is either inside my house or in a cat run.
- My cat is discouraged from hunting native fauna in my yard with the use of a small bell or mirror attached to its collar.
- My cat has an owner who is prepared to learn how to care for its health and understand its behaviour.