

# Information Sheet

## Responsible Cat Ownership and Registration



### What does the Law say?

The Cat Act 2011 was introduced by the State Government to encourage responsible cat ownership and to reduce the number and unnecessary removal of unwanted cats across Western Australia.

Effective 1 November 2013, all cat owners must ensure that by the time the animal is 6 months old they:

- Have their pet micro-chipped and wearing a collar with registration tags (for identification purposes if the animal is lost or injured).
- Ensure their pet is sterilised (unless prior approval is received from the Shire to breed the animal).
- Ensure their pet is registered with the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu.

### How many cats can I keep on my premises?

The local health laws of the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu make allowance for no more than three (3) cats to be kept on one property on a permanent basis.

### What will it cost me to register my cat?

Registration	1 Year	3 Years	Lifetime
Full Fee	\$20.00	\$42.50	\$100.00
Concession*	\$10.00	\$21.25	\$50.00

\*Concession rates apply upon proof of either a current:

- Pensioner Concession Card
- State Concession Card; or
- Commonwealth Seniors Card together with a Seniors Card

### What if I move or my circumstances change after registration?

If you move address or your animal unfortunately passes away, please advise the Shire of these changes. If your pet goes to a new home for any reason, you will need to ensure you and the new owner sign a change of ownership form. You are also required to update information with the Australian Animal Registry, Pet Chip Registry or relevant microchip supplier database where your pet was initially registered when the microchip was implanted.

### What else do I need to know?

As a responsible cat owner, all cats must be desexed by six months old as this will reduce territorial fighting habits and unwanted breeding. You need to discuss desexing options with your vet. Please ensure your animal is desexed prior to registration with the Shire.

### Additional Information

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries  
Website: [dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government/community/cats-and-dogs](http://dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government/community/cats-and-dogs).

Cat Breeders Check List - contact us for further information or to discuss registering your animal for breeding purposes.

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