

Fact Sheet

Dogs

Registration

The State Government's *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* "the Act" requires all dogs to be registered and microchipped once they turn 12 weeks of age.

In addition "the Act" requires owners to ensure any dog is microchipped before they are sold or given away.

It is mandatory for all dogs to be registered with Council within 14 days of:

- the dog reaching 12 weeks of age
- the dog moving into the council area
- an owner acquiring a new dog

Registration will make your dog identifiable and ensure a quick reunion with you should your dog be injured or impounded.

NOTE: The only dogs that are exempt from registration are working dogs. Working Dog definition as per "the Act": "means a dog usually kept or proposed to be kept –

- on rural land; and*
- by an owner who is a primary producer, or a person engaged or employed by a primary producer; and*
- primarily for the purpose of –*
 - droving, protecting, tending or working, stock; or*
 - being trained in droving, protecting, tending, or working, stock."*

Reduced Registration Fees

Council offers reduced dog registration fees for pensioners, desexed dogs and dogs that are both desexed and microchipped.

Proof of your pension card, your dog's desexing certificate and microchip information is required if registering a dog or requesting a discount for the first time. If mailing your payment, a photocopy of your pension card, your dog's desexing certificate and microchip information is required.



Minimum Standards and Tips

Owners must also meet the below minimum standards:

- An adequate supply of food and water must be provided.
- All faeces must be disposed of without causing nuisance.
- All dogs should be vaccinated as appropriate to the age of the animal.

- Dogs must be kept in a manner that does not make them harmful to a person's safety.

It is a breach of Council's Local Laws to allow dogs to become a nuisance.

Below are tips to help ensure your dog avoids nuisance activities such as roaming and excessive noise:

- **Microchipping** - A quick and easy way to identify your dog. The process takes less than five minutes and is relatively painless for the animal.
- **Desexing** - This will make your dog more settled and reduce the number of unwanted puppies. Your vet can help with further information.
- **Containment** - Ensure your dog is contained to your property at all times and supply them with toys, shelter, food and water. Keeping your dog contained ensure its safety, by reducing the risk of it contracting viruses and parasites.

Keeping Numbers

A maximum of 2 dogs are permitted to be kept in a town area, unless a permit has been obtained for keeping more.

Desexing

Please contact Council for desexing information.

Injured or Distressed Dogs

If you encounter an injured dog or believe the animal may be in distress, it is recommended you contact the RSPCA on 1300 852 188.

For further information please contact
Banana Shire Council on 07 4992 9500