

Frequently asked questions

Animal identification for registration - cats and dogs

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All cats and dogs in City of Moreton Bay are required to be registered and wear identification. Under Council's new Animal Management Local Law 2023 no registration tag is required to be issued by Council however there is a requirement for cats and dogs to wear an identification tag which contains the current telephone number of the animal owner supplied by the owner.

This change enhances the ability for your pet to be returned more quickly by either a member of the public or Council officers.

What is changing for cat and dog identification?

From 1 August 2024, Council will no longer issue registration tags for cats and dogs (other than a regulated dog).

All cats and dogs must wear an identification tag when not at their registered address. This tag must be provided by the pet owner at their cost.

How will my dog or cat be identified

Your cat or dog will be identified by the current telephone number on the identification tag and its microchip.

Please ensure you have provided Council with your cat or dog's microchip number and that the contact details are up to date with the microchip provider. This will make it easier for Council to reunite your cat or dog with you should it become lost or impounded.

Microchipping of your pet is mandatory under the state's *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*.

What information do I need to have on the identification tag that I supply for my pet?

The identification tag, provided by the pet owner, must state the owners current telephone number as a minimum.

This information will assist with your pet being reunited with you faster, should it become lost or is wandering.

What happens when the registration tag issued by Council breaks or is damaged?

Council will not replace any broken or damaged registration tags.

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If my cat or dog has the Council issued registration tag, does it also need a tag with my contact details on it?

Council's registration tag will not be required after 1 August 2024.

Yes, you need to supply an identification tag at your cost with your current contact details.

Does this apply to regulated dogs?

No, regulated dogs will still need an identification tag issued by Council.

Will my registration fee be reduced

No. Council provides a discount on registration fees for all desexed cats and dogs. Pensioners also receive a concession on fees.

What does my registration pay for?

Registration allows Council to provide services that keep people and their pets safe.

Desexed pets receive a discount on their registration fees.

The services are:

- Council's lost and found service
- Collects animals found wandering and endeavours to reunite them with their owner
- If an animal is found wandering and the owner is home, the pet is returned without being impounded
- Impoundment for registered cats and dogs is free of charge for first time release
- Officers' attendance to investigate and resolve complaints:
 - Dog attacks
 - Barking dogs
 - Patrols of parks, beaches and streets
 - Wandering animal collection and reunification
- Proactive programs
 - Dog patrols on beaches and parkland areas throughout the region
 - Pet education programs that achieve responsible pet ownership
- Provision of education materials, animal registration maintenance and renewals.

For more information

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