



Registration and Microchipping Obligations

If you buy or are given a cat or dog, you must:

- ensure the animal has been microchipped by an authorised provider;
- register the animal with Council, if over 12 weeks of age; and
- ensure you update your contact details with Council and the microchip registry.

Desexing is recommended at an appropriate age. Check with your vet for further information.

What will happen if I get a cat or dog that is not microchipped and registered?

You must ensure your new pet meets the microchipping and registration requirements prior to taking your pet home otherwise you may be liable to pay a maximum fine of \$2,523.

Can I still give away puppies or kittens?

Yes. Puppies and kittens, as well as older animals, can still be given away, however each animal must be microchipped, and if they are older than 12 weeks of age they must also be registered.

If you sell or give away a cat or dog, you must:

- Ensure that the animal is microchipped by an authorised provider
- Provide the buyer with the microchip certificate and details of the licensed microchip registry so they can change the ownership details, and
- Register the animal with Council, if over 12 weeks of age.

Desexing is recommended at an appropriate age, check with your vet for further information.

What will happen if I sell or give away a cat or dog that is not microchipped and registered?

You may be liable to pay a maximum fine of \$2,523 for supplying a cat or dog without having a microchip, not having the details recorded with the microchip registry and not registering the animal with Council.

What about my current cat or dog?

All cats and dogs over 12 weeks of age that reside in the Livingstone Shire Council area must be registered with Council. If you already owned a cat or dog that was older than 12 weeks on the day these laws came into effect on 12 December 2010 you do not have to have it microchipped, although it is recommended.

**For more information contact
Council's Customer Service Centre on the below details**