

Dog Microchipping FAQs

1. Do I have to microchip my dog?

Yes. All dogs over 3 months of age must be microchipped as of 1 November 2015, under the *Western Australian Dog Act Amendment 2013*.

2. Why do I need to microchip my dog?

Microchipping helps local governments identify lost and stray dogs and quickly reunite them with owners, reducing the period of impoundment and costs and inconvenience to owners.

3. I don't have access to a computer, how else can I provide my dog's microchip details to the City?

You can go to your local library to hire a computer or:

Telephone: 9405 5000

Fax: 9405 5499

In person: Civic Centre, 23 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo WA 6065
Clarkson Library, Ocean Keys Blvd, Clarkson WA 6030

4. How much does it cost to microchip a dog?

Typically, about \$60 but your Vet can provide you with costs.

5. My dog is old and wouldn't cope with getting a microchip, what can I do?

Your local Vet can issue an exemption certificate if microchipping the dog is likely to adversely affect its health.

If you have a certificate please provide this to the City in person at the Civic Centre, Clarkson Library, by fax on 9405 5499, email enquiries@wanneroo.wa.gov.au or post to City of Wanneroo, Locked Bag 1, Wanneroo WA 6946.

6. I had my dog microchipped years ago and have no idea what the number is, how do I find out?

Contact your local Vet to have the microchip scanned, or contact the Vet/shelter that implanted the microchip for the number.

7. How do I update my dog's microchip details?

If you have the microchip number you can do a search via www.petaddress.com.au and update your contact details online. If you are updating any contact details, please remember to also contact the City of Wanneroo so that we can ensure we have up to date contact information.

8. When is my dog's registration due for renewal?

Dog registrations are due by 31 October 2015. You will receive a registration renewal notice in the mail in early October.

9. My dog has died, what do I need to do?

Please contact the City to advise us of this and provide the dog's name, address and animal registration number to update records.

10. What will happen if I don't get my dog microchipped?

Failure to comply with the registration and microchipping requirements under the *Western Australia Dog Act 1976* can result in a fine of up to \$5,000.00.