

Your Cat and the Law

Information for cat owners



Owners' responsibilities

Under the Cat Act 2011, all domestic cats six months and older must be:

- registered in the name of one person who is aged 18 years or over
- wearing a current Council registration tag
- sterilised (unless used for registered breeding)
- microchipped.

Cat owners are required to:

- submit an application to the City if they wish to keep more than three cats on their premises
- ensure their cats are not displaying nuisance behaviours including spraying, yowling and killing wildlife
- keep their cats out of designated Cat Prohibited Areas.

For the full list of Cat Prohibited Areas within the City, visit wanneroo.wa.gov.au/cats



Cat registrations

Cats must be registered and wear a current registration tag. Fines of up to \$200 may apply for owning an unregistered cat.

Cat registration renewals are forwarded to registered cat owners in October each year.

Cat registration fees are as follows:

	1yr	3yrs	Lifetime
Registration fee	\$20	\$42.50	\$100

You must provide proof of sterilisation (provided by a veterinarian) or make a statutory declaration to register a cat.

The sighting of an ear tattoo denoting a sterilised cat is also acceptable. Your cat's microchip number must also be provided at the time of registration.

Registrations can be made online, by post or in person at:

- City of Wanneroo Civic Centre.
- Wanneroo and Clarkson Libraries.

Pensioner concessions

Eligible cardholders may register their cats for 50 per cent of the applicable fee.

You will need to provide a copy of your current Pensioner Concession Card or a copy of either a Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs Commonwealth Seniors Health Card and your Seniors Card to prove eligibility.

If you obtain a pensioner concession during the current registration period, you may be eligible for a refund of the difference in fees.

For a refund to be issued, you will need to lodge a refund request and provide proof of concession.

Change of address

You must notify the City in writing about any change of address or ownership so registration records can be kept up-to-date.

Cat breeders

If you are a current cat breeder or wish to become a breeder you must apply for a permit from the City.

Cat breeding permits are valid for 12 months and cost \$100 per cat. Cats must be registered prior to applying for a permit.

Every cat must be microchipped and sterilised prior to being sold or given away. If a cat cannot be sterilised due to its young age, you must issue a prepaid sterilisation voucher to the new owner.

Remember, even if you only wish to breed your cat once, you are considered a cat breeder.



Animal Care Centre

The Wanneroo Animal Care Centre is located at the Ashby Operations Centre, 1204 Wanneroo Road, Ashby. The centre is open to the public by appointment year-round, except on Good Friday and Christmas Day.

Appointments can be made by phoning **9405 5000**.

If you think your pet has been impounded

Call the Animal Care Centre Team on **9405 5000** Monday to Friday 9.30am-4pm, or **1300 138 393** after hours.

You can also view photographs of impounded pets at wanneroo.wa.gov.au

If your pet has been impounded and is wearing current registration tags, the City will attempt to contact you.

Impounded cats are temporarily housed at the City's Animal Care Centre before being transferred to the Cat Haven at Shenton Park. Contact the Cat Haven on **9442 3600** or visit cathaven.com.au



Infringements

Cat owners who do not comply with regulations may be issued with an on-the-spot fine.

\$200 infringement

- Unregistered cat.
- Failure to ensure cat is wearing its registration tag in public.
- Failure to ensure cat is microchipped.
- Failure to ensure cat is sterilised.
- Identifying a cat as sterilised that is not.
- Transfer of a cat that is not sterilised and microchipped.
- Breeding cat without being an approved cat breeder.
- Refusal to provide information to an authorised person.

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