

YOUR CAT AND THE LAW

INFORMATION FOR
CAT OWNERS



City of
Wanneroo

Cat Requirements

The Cat Act 2011 was passed by the Western Australian Parliament in November 2011 and promotes the responsible ownership of cats throughout the State. All cats more than six months of age must be microchipped, sterilised and registered, wearing a registration tag when in public places. Failure to comply with these requirements can result in a \$200 on-the-spot fine.

Registration

The cat registration period is from 1 November to 31 October (one year and three year cat registrations expire 31 October regardless of the month your cat was registered). Cat registration renewals are forwarded to registered cat owners in October each year.

Cat registration fees are as follows:

	One year	Three years	Lifetime
Registration Fee	\$20	\$42.50	\$100

From 1 June each year, first-time annual registrations will be 50% of the normal fee. Download a registration form from the City website wanneroo.wa.gov.au

Please ensure the form is completed, signed and returned by post with payment, or alternatively attend one of the City's facilities as listed below:

- **City of Wanneroo Civic Centre**
23 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo
- **Clarkson Library**
27 Ocean Keys Blvd, Clarkson

Proof of sterilisation is required and is usually provided by a Veterinary Surgeon's Certificate, or a Statutory Declaration made by the owner. The sighting of a tattoo ear insignia denoting a sterilised cat is also acceptable.

Falsely identifying your cat as sterilised can result in a \$200 infringement.

The microchip number must be completed for the registration form to be processed.



Pensioner Concessions

Pensioner Concessions are available for eligible cardholders, who may register their cats for 50% of the application fee.

A copy of a current Pensioner Concession Card OR a copy of either a Centrelink or Department of Veteran Affairs 'Commonwealth Seniors Health Card' together with a Seniors Card must be produced to prove eligibility.

A refund is available if a person obtains the Pensioner Concession during the current registration period, and may be obtained by a written request to the City, together with copies of the above documents.

Owners' Responsibilities

As an owner, you have several responsibilities as outlined by the Cat Act 2011, which states owners must ensure their cat:

- Wears a collar displaying the Council registration tag when in public places
- Is registered in the name of one person who is aged 18 years or over
- Is sterilised and microchipped.

Change of Address

When a cat is transferred, it is the previous owner's responsibility to notify the City in writing about any changes of address or cat 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 cat breeding permit from the City.

These permits are valid for 12 months and a fee of \$100 per breeding cat is payable. Breeding cats are also required to be registered.

When a cat is sold or given away, you must ensure the cat is microchipped and sterilised prior to transfer.

If the cat cannot be sterilised due to its young age, you must issue a prepaid sterilisation voucher to the new owner.

Even if you wish to only breed one litter from your cat, you are considered a cat breeder.



Enquiries

Cat owners can locate their lost cats by checking the Animal Care Centre web page on the City's website to see if their cat has been located.

If your cat is wearing a current registration tab, the City will contact you wherever possible.

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**.

The Animal Care Centre is located at the City of Wanneroo Ashby Operations Centre, 1204 Wanneroo Road, Ashby.

Contact us on **9405 5000** Monday to Friday 8.30am-5pm, or after hours on **1300 138 393**.



On-the-spot Fines

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 cats, not being an approved cat breeder
- Refusal to provide information to an authorised person



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