

## Administration of the Cat Act

### KEY FACTS:

- The Shire of Dardanup is responsible for administering and enforcing the Cat Act 2011 within its Shire boundaries. Penalties apply for non-compliance with this legislation.
- All cats 6 months and older must be sterilised, microchipped and registered with the local government where the cat ordinarily lives.
- A person must apply to the Shire of Dardanup for approval to keep 3 or more cats.
- Cat breeders must apply to the Shire of Dardanup for approval to keep unsterilised cats.
- A person must apply to the Shire of Dardanup to use any premises as a cat management facility.
- A cat may be impounded if it is the subject of an offence against the Cat Act 2011. Pound fees may apply for retrieval of impounded cats.

## Lost Cats

If your cat goes missing you should report this as soon as possible to the Shire of Dardanup who will record your contact details and a description of your cat on the Shire's lost animal register. Rangers can then contact you if they come into possession of your cat or any information relating to your cat. It is a good idea to also contact your neighbours, local vet clinics and animal shelters and surrounding local governments to increase your chances of being reunited with your cat.

***If you call the Shire of Dardanup after hours, the call will go to our Call Centre. Please leave a message for the Rangers to follow up.***

## Responsible Cat Owner Checklist

As a responsible cat owner you must ensure your cat is:

- Microchipped
- Sterilised
- Registered with the local government where the cat ordinarily lives
- Wearing its registration tag on its collar whenever it is in a public place

You must also ensure that your cat's registration and microchip details are kept up to date. If you move house, change your phone number, ownership of your cat changes, or your cat passes away, you must contact the local government where the cat is registered and also the microchip database company where your cat's microchip details have been recorded, to notify them of these changes.



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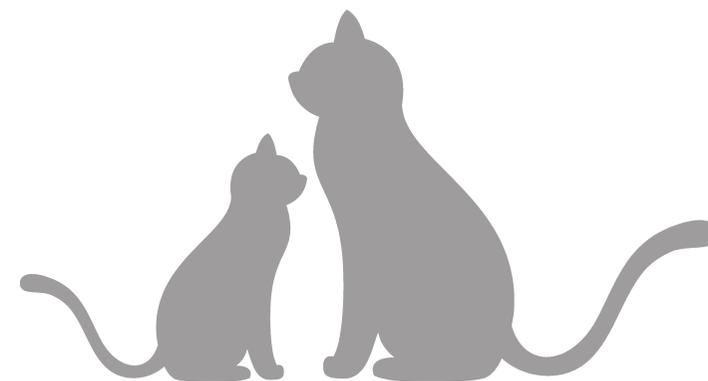
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## CAT CONTROL INFORMATION BROCHURE



YOUR CAT IN THE COMMUNITY

## Introduction

Cats have a very special place in the hearts of millions of Australians.

Owning a cat is a responsibility that requires you to give understanding, affection, shelter and sustenance, and in return you will receive loving companionship.

Research studies have shown that owning a pet can have measurable health benefits for pet owners including a lower risk of heart attack, lower cholesterol, lower blood pressure and lower triglyceride fats in their blood when compared to non-pet owners.

## What is the WA Cat Law?

On 1 November 2013 the Cat Act 2011 came into effect. The Act requires the identification, sterilisation and registration of domestic cats and allows local governments the power to administer and enforce legislation relating to cats.

The purpose of the Act is to address some of the unwanted impacts of cats on the community and the environment and to encourage responsible cat ownership.



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## What do you need to do?

'Unless exempt, **ALL** domestic cats 6 months and over must be:

### 1. Microchipped

A microchip is a permanent method of electronic identification. If your cat becomes lost, you are far more likely to be reunited if it is microchipped.

A cat is exempt from microchipping if a certificate is given by a veterinarian stating that the implantation of a microchip may adversely affect the health and welfare of the cat.

### 2. Sterilised

Sterilising cats helps to prevent unwanted kittens, strays and reduces cat numbers in animal shelters.

A cat is exempt from sterilisation if a certificate is given by a veterinarian stating that to sterilise the cat may adversely affect the health of the cat, or the cat is owned for the purpose of breeding by an approved cat breeder.

### 3. Registered

Your cat is required to be registered with the local government authority applicable to the place where the cat is ordinarily kept. A cat can be registered for 1 year, 3 years or a lifetime and registration fees apply (as outlined in this brochure).

If your cat is impounded by the Shire of Dardanup, the following fees may apply.

Poundage Penalties and Fees	
Seizure and impounding of a cat	\$140
Sustenance and maintenance of a cat in the pound per day, or part thereof	\$20

## Sterilisation Program

The Shire of Dardanup has introduced a Cat Sterilisation Program for all residents of the Shire who are interested in having their cat sterilised. Valuable assistance has been offered by the following local Veterinary clinics :

### Eaton Vet Clinic

6 Cassowary Bend, Eaton: 9725 0399

### Eaton Pet Vet

5/7 Millard Street, Eaton: 9725 2008

### Dardanup Veterinary Clinic

2 Charlotte Street, Dardanup: 9728 0132

The Shire of Dardanup has a limited number of vouchers available which may be utilised to offset some of the costs of sterilisation and you are encouraged to contact Ranger Services with any queries in this regard.

## Registration Fees

Cat Type	1 Year	3 Years	Lifetime	Pension
Standard	\$20	\$42.50	\$100	50% of fee payable
Breeder	Application Fee \$100 Annual Fee (per cat) \$100			
Cat Management Facilities	Application Fee \$200 Annual Fee \$125			