



City of
Melville

Cat Registration Due by 1 November

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Attachments

- Cat Breeders Information Sheet
- Application to Register a Cat Form

The Cat Act 2011 will take effect from 1 November 2013, and will require all cats that are six months of age and older to be microchipped, sterilised and registered.

The *Cat Act 2011* laws are about encouraging responsible pet ownership and reducing the number of unwanted cats in the community, and therefore the number of cats euthanised each year. The laws will take effect from 1 November 2013 and will require all cats that are six months of age and older to be:

- Microchipped
- Sterilised
- Wearing a tag in a public place
- Registered with the relevant local government

The City of Melville encourages responsible cat ownership and recommends that all cat owners comply before the required date.

Fees

- One year registration: \$20.00

- Three year registration: \$42.50
- Lifetime registration: \$100.00

The penalty for not registering a cat is a \$200.00 fine.

A Pensioner Concession Card gives a 50% reduction in the registration fee or both a Commonwealth Seniors Card and a State Seniors Card together allows for a 50% reduction in the registration fee.

How to Register Your Cat

Click here to download the Application to Register a Cat form, and return the completed form and payment to the City of Melville: **Note: To avoid delay in the processing of your application please ensure you provide proof of sterilisation and microchipping for each cat.**

- **In person** at the City of Melville Civic Centre, 10 Almondbury Road, Booragoon, from 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday OR
- **By mail** to
City of Melville
Locked Bag 1
Booragoon WA 6954

FAQ's

What do the new cat laws mean for me and my cat?

As well as being sterilised, microchipped and registered with their local government, your cat will be required to wear a collar and registration tag to ensure they can be easily identified and returned to you if they become lost.

My cat is very old – do I still need to have it sterilised?

Yes, the legislation applies to all cats of all ages. However, your vet can issue an exemption certificate if sterilising your cat is likely to have a negative impact on your cat's health and welfare.

How does this affect cat breeders?

The legislation requires that a person who chooses to breed cats must apply to their local government for a permit.

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

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

Click here to read more about what the Cat Act 2011 means for cat breeders.

What concessions or assistance will be available for pensioners or low income earners?

The Western Australian Government has provided funding to assist and provide low cost sterilisation for cats owned by pensioners and people on low income. Pensioners will pay half the prescribed registration fee (on production of a Pension Concession Card).

For more FAQ's about the *Cat Act 2011*, click here to visit the Department of Local Government's website.