



Animal Registration

In 2008 the State Government introduced the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*. Section 44 and 46 of this Act requires that animal owners microchip and register their dog with their Local Government Authority.

All dogs that are kept within the Richmond Shire Council area and are aged (3) three months or over must be microchipped and registered each year with the Richmond Shire Council. Registrations expire each year on the 31st July and must be renewed by 1st August.

Benefits of registration

It allows for quick and easy identification of your dog or cat should it be wandering at large. This allows Council to return your pet to you as soon as possible.

Note: Under the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*, it is a requirement to microchip your cat.

Dog registration fees

Registration fees vary according to the status of your dog and any concessions that may apply to the owner. These fees are set each year by the Council.

Council offers;

- Discounts for desexed dogs.
- Discounted registrations for puppies up to 6 months of age.
- Pro-rata registration.
- Reciprocal registration (free transfer from other councils).
- Discount for pensioners.

What you get for your registration fees

The Richmond Shire Council provides an animal management service to the community. This includes, but is not limited to;

- Providing a lost and found service for compliant owners.
- Responding to calls of wandering dogs and dog attacks to ensure community safety is upheld.
- Dealing with community complaints relating to animals.
- The control of 'dangerous', 'menacing' and 'restricted breed' dogs to ensure they do not pose a risk to the community.

How to register your animal

You must submit a completed registration form along with the allocated fee to Council. This can be done face to face, by visiting the Richmond Shire Office. You can download a registration form online, by heading to www.richmond.qld.gov.au website page. Once you pay your new registration fees you will receive a dog tag that must be displayed on your pet's collar at all times.

When to notify Richmond Shire Council

You must notify the Council as soon as possible if any of the following changes occur:

- Your personal details change i.e. address or contact number or email address.
- The dog has moved to another premises.
- The dog dies or is missing.
- Ownership of the dog is transferred to another person.

For any further information relating to this fact sheet, contact the Richmond Shire Council