

CAT REGISTRATION FEES AS PER THE CAT ACT

	<u>Sterilised</u>
<u>1 yr</u>	\$20
<u>3yrs</u>	\$42.50
<u>Life</u>	\$100.00

50% Pensioner Discount (card must be produced)

My children each own a cat. Can they be the registered owner?

To be a cat owner you must be over 18 years of age. If the "owner" is a child under 18 years of age then the cat must be registered under that child's parent or guardian, as they must take legal responsibility.

Why do we need this legislation?

There is a large population of unwanted and feral cats in Western Australia, and figures show that approximately 5,000 cats are being euthanized each year.

Before the introduction of the legislation, the approach for the management of cats was for local governments to establish cat control local laws under the *Local Government Act 1995*. There are two indicators that suggest this regulatory approach is not achieving a desired outcome. Firstly, there remains a significant number of unwanted cats received by cat and animal welfare organisations which are ultimately euthanized. Secondly, cat control local laws have been enacted by only a small number of local governments in Western Australia.

For more information visit The Shire of Woodanilling's website:
www.woodanilling.wa.gov.au

Alternatively visit the Department of Local Government and Communities Website:
<https://www.dlg.wa.gov.au/Content/Legislation/ResponsibleCatOwnership.aspx>



How to be a Responsible Cat Owner





Have you registered your cat?

The State regulations state that:

Registration, identification and sterilisation of cats

Division 1 — Registration and tagging

Subdivision 1 — Cats must be registered and tagged

The Woodanilling Shire now has given you 12 months grace to get your cats registered and microchipped.

All cats that have reached the age of six months are now required to be:

Microchipped;
Sterilised;
Registered with the Shire of Woodanilling

Your cat is also required to wear a collar and registration tag to ensure they can be easily identified and returned to you if they become lost.

Will I be fined if my cat loses its collar?

It is a defence if you can show that the loss of the collar and registration tag was outside your control. You must show that the cat is registered and that you took reasonable precautions to prevent this happening. A local government is likely to issue a warning in these circumstances.

I am a responsible cat owner, why should I have to comply?

By identifying cats that are owned through microchipping and registration, local governments are able to deal with the problems caused by unowned, stray and feral cats.

My cat is an indoor cat; does it need to be microchipped and sterilised?

Yes, the legislation will require all cats to be microchipped and sterilised unless an exemption is granted for health or breeding reasons. Any cat can escape – this protects your cat.

My cat is very old; do I have to have it sterilised?

The legislation applies to all cats. However, a veterinarian can issue an exemption certificate if sterilising the cat is likely to adversely affect the health and welfare of the cat. This should be shown to your local government when registering your cat.

Cats to be registered

The owner of a cat that has reached 6 months of age must ensure that the cat is registered with the local government in whose district the cat is ordinarily kept. Penalty: a fine of \$5 000.

If you have not done so by now:
Please have your cat microchipped and or registered with the shire within the next 28 days.

Infringement notices

(1) An offence against regulation 6(1) is a prescribed offence for the purposes of section 62 (1) of the Act and the **modified penalty for the offence is a fine of \$200 per cat**