

# FACT SHEET

## Responsible Pet Ownership and Registration



### Dog

#### What does the Law say?

The Dog Act 1976 requires that effective 1 November 2015, all dogs must be microchipped. Dog owners within the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu must ensure that their dogs are registered and microchipped by the time they are three months old.

#### How many dogs can I keep on my premises?

Property <10,000m<sup>2</sup> - 1 to 2 dogs

Property >10,000m<sup>2</sup> up to 20,000m<sup>2</sup> - 3 dogs

(permit required for 3rd dog)

Property greater than 20,000m<sup>2</sup> - 4 dogs (permit required 3+ dogs)

#### What will it cost me to register my dog?

Registrations expire on 31 October of each year and can be obtained for a period of one or three years, or for the lifetime of the pet.

REGISTRATION	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	LIFETIME
Dog Unsterilised	\$50.00	\$120.00	\$250.00
Dog Sterilised	\$20.00	\$42.50	\$100.00
Dog Unsterilised (Pension Concession**)	\$25.00	\$60.00	\$125.00
Dog Sterilised (Pension Concession**)	\$10.00	\$21.25	\$50.00

Unsterilised dogs used for tending stock 25% of fee.

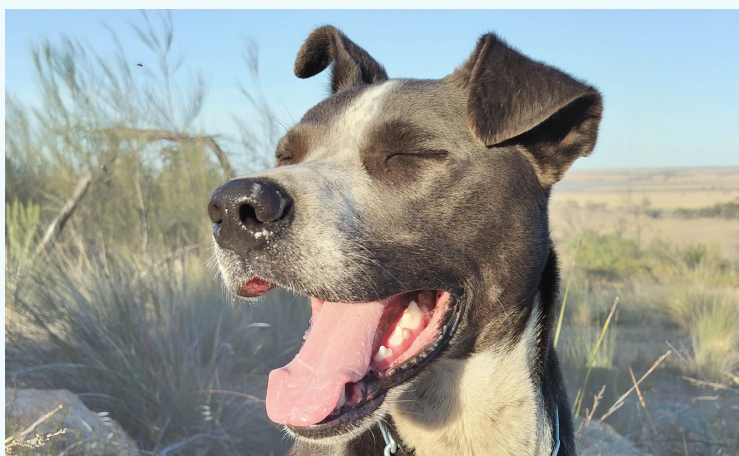
\*\* Pension Concession

Reduced fees apply upon proof of either current:

Pensioner Concession Card

State Concession Card; or

Commonwealth Seniors Card together with a Seniors Card



#### What else do I need to know?

All dog owners must:

- Attach the registration tag and dog's identification tag to their collar and ensure the dog is wearing the tags at all times.
- Keep the dog secure and don't allow the animal to wander. Appropriate fencing for the size of the animal must be provided. It is an offence to tether a dog and fines apply.
- When in public places, restrain the animal on a leash and clean up after your pet.

### Cat

#### What does the Law say?

The Cat Act 2011 requires that effective 1 November 2013, all cat owners must ensure that by the time the animal is 6 months old they:

- Have their pet micro-chipped and wearing a collar with registration tags (for identification purposes if the animal is lost or injured).
- Ensure their pet is sterilised (unless prior approval is received from the Shire to breed the animal).
- Ensure their pet is registered with the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu.

#### How many cats can I keep on my premises?

The local health laws of the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu make allowance for no more than three (3) cats to be kept on one property on a permanent basis.

#### What will it cost me to register my cat?

Registrations expire on 31 October of each year and can be obtained for a period of one or three years, or for the lifetime of the pet.



REGISTRATION	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	LIFETIME
Full Fee	\$20.00	\$42.50	\$100.00
Pension Concession**	\$10.00	\$21.25	\$50.00

#### What if I move or my circumstances change?

If you move address or your animal unfortunately passes away, please advise the Shire of these changes. If your pet goes to a new home for any reason, you will need to ensure you and the new owner sign a change of ownership form. You are also required to update information with the Australian Animal Registry, Pet Chip Registry or relevant microchip supplier database where your pet was initially registered when the microchip was implanted.

#### Ranger and Animal Management Facility

Council employs a ranger to patrol its reserves and streets to enforce various Acts of Parliament and Council's by-laws relating to control of straying animals, Council and animal control. Contact 9671 2500.

The Council Animal Management Facility is situated within the confines of the Works Depot. The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu reserves the right to impound animals in any Council approved management facility.

Fees are imposed on all impounded animals and are payable to the Shire Council before the release of the animal. Unidentifiable animals must be held for a minimum of 72 hours. Identifiable animals must be held for a minimum of 7 days. Animals currently in the facility can be viewed [www.wongan.wa.gov.au/pound/](http://www.wongan.wa.gov.au/pound/)

