

STERILISATION

The owner of a cat that has reached 6 months of age must ensure that the cat is sterilised by a veterinarian unless the cat is exempt under the Act from sterilisation. This veterinarian is required by law to provide a certificate of sterilisation and to notify the microchip database company within 7 days of the cat being sterilised.

Penalty: \$5,000 fine for non-compliance.

\$5,000 fine will apply to anyone incorrectly identifying a cat as being sterilised.

MANAGEMENT OF CATS

The Act enables Local Governments to issue cat control notices and direct the owner of the cat/cats to comply with a provision of the Act, the regulations or a local law in respect of the cat/cats within a specified period.

The Act also enables Local Governments to seize any cat that an authorised person believes or suspects, on reasonable grounds, to be the subject of an offence.

The authorised person is to ensure that a seized cat is taken to its owner or is impounded in a proper cat management facility.

The owner of a cat kept in a management facility is liable to pay costs associated with:

- Removing and impounding the cat;
- Keeping and caring for the cat;
- Implantation of a microchip in the cat;
- Sterilisation of the cat; and
- Destruction and disposal of the cat.

BREEDING OF CATS

A person may **not** breed cats unless the person is an approved cat breeder.

Penalty: \$5000 fine for non-compliance.

FEES AND CHARGES

Sterilised male/female	1yr	\$20.00
Sterilised male/female	3yrs	\$42.50
Unsterilised male/female (Registered Breeding only)	1yr	\$100.00

Lifetime registration

Sterilised male/female	\$100.00
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(Pensioner Concession - 50% of fees except Registered Breeders)

(Registrations expire 31st October.)



SHIRE OF BEVERLEY



CAT OWNERSHIP

2015-2016



UNDER THE CAT ACT 2011

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THE CAT ACT 2011

An Act to –

- Provide for the control and management of cats; and
- Promote and encourage the responsible ownership of cats, and for related matters.

Cat owners now have to sterilise, microchip and register their pets according to legislation passed in the State Parliament in 2011. This legislation has been in full effect since 1st November, 2013.

The new Cat Act gives Local Governments the power to deal with cat owners that are not responsible, including cat hoarders, and with cats that are not owned.

The legislation will make way for better management of the unwanted impact of cats on the community and the natural environment, eg. causing nuisance and damage to property.

It also provides for the reunion of cats with their owners.

ADMINISTRATION & ENFORCEMENT

Under the Act, Local Governments are authorised to administer it's local laws and are authorised to do all other things that are necessary or convenient to be done,

for, or in connection with, performing it's functions under this Act.

REGISTRATION & TAGGING

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: \$5,000 fine for non-compliance.

Owners of cats that are ordinarily kept in the district of a Local Government must make application for registration (appropriate forms available from the Shire Office).

Cats must be:

- Microchipped; and
 - Sterilised
- (unless exempt under the Act)

Applicants must be:

- Over the age of 18
- Not convicted within the previous years or convicted of 2 or more offences against:
 - The *Cat Act 2011*
 - The *Dog Act 1976*
 - The *Animal Welfare Act 2002*

Verification of information supplied for the purpose of cat registration will be required, either by way of suitable documentation or by statutory declaration within 21 days.

Local Governments are required by law to refuse applications for registration if the

applicant does not comply with the requirements within this specified time. Local Governments are also required by law to cancel the registration of a cat if:

- The cat has died;
- Is no longer kept in the State;
- Has been registered with another local government; or
- Found to have been incorrectly identified as sterilised.

All registered cats will be allotted a registration number, and the owner will be given a registration certificate and a registration tag.

The owner of a registered cat must ensure that when the cat is in a public place the cat is wearing its registration tag.

Penalty: \$5,000 fine for non-compliance.

MICROCHIPPING

The owner of a cat that has reached 6 months of age must ensure that the cat is microchipped, unless the cat is exempt under the act from microchipping.

A microchip implanter who implants a microchip in a cat is required by law to give notice in writing to the microchip database company who then must keep and maintain this information in respect of the cat.

Penalty: \$5,000 fine for non-compliance.