

## Registration Fees

1 Year \$20.00  
3 Years \$42.50  
Lifetime \$100.00

### Pensioner Rates (50%)

1 Year \$10.00  
3 Years \$21.25  
Lifetime \$50.00

For more information including tips for being a responsible cat owner, visit Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

<https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government/community/cats-and-dogs/laws-for-responsible-cat-owners>

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## THE CAT ACT 2011



## LAWS AND RESPONSIBLE CAT OWNERSHIP

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## LAWS FOR RESPONSIBLE CAT OWNERS

### What is the Cat Act 2011?

The Cat Act 2011 requires the identification, registration and sterilization of domestic cats, and gives local governments the power to administer and enforce the legislation.

The legislation will provide better management of unwanted cats on the community and the environment, as well as encourage responsible cat ownership.

### What is the purpose of the Cat Act 2011?

The new cat laws are not only about responsible pet ownership, they are also aimed at reducing the number of unwanted cats in the community and the number that are euthanized each year. Microchipping and registration will also ensure that your cat is returned to you if it becomes lost.

### What does this mean for you and your cat?

From 1 November 2013, all cats that have reached six months of age are required to be:

- Microchipped
- Sterilised, and
- Registered with the Shire of Kulin.

### How many cats can I have?

Current legislation allows for property owner's to keep a maximum of two cats. In some circumstances, residents may wish to keep more than the prescribed number, however approval from council is required.



### How does this affect cat breeders?

Even if you wish to only breed one litter from your cat, you are considered a cat breeder.

If you are a current cat breeder or wish to become a breeder, you must apply for a permit from your local government. These permits are valid for 12 months. A fee is payable.

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

If the cat cannot be sterilised due to its young age, you must provide a prepaid sterilization voucher to the new owner.

### My cat is very old – does it need to be sterilised?

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

### What concessions/assistance is available for pensioners or low income earners?

The State Government has provided funding to a number of veterinarians to assist and provide low cost sterilisation for cats owned by pensioners and people on low incomes. Pensioners will receive a discount on registration fees paid to the Shire of Kulin.



## REGISTRATION TAGS AND CERTIFICATES

Once your cat is registered with the Shire of Kulin, you will be issued a registration certificate, as well as a valid registration tag which your cat is required to wear on its collar.

Cat registration tags change in colour each year. The colours for the next four years are:

- Red tag – period ending 31 October 2023
- Blue tag – period ending 31 October 2024
- Green tag – period ending 31 October 2025
- Yellow tag – period ending 31 October 2026
- Orange tag for life time registration

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RESPONSIBLE CAT OWNERSHIP

- Ensure all vaccinations are up-to-date
- Keep worm and flea treatments up-to-date
- Keep your cat indoors between dusk and dawn. This is to protect native flora and fauna; and to limit fighting with other roaming or feral cats
- Contain cats in your property/install an outdoor cat enclosure
- Make arrangements for a responsible person to care for your cat/s or place your cat/s in a boarding facility when on holiday or away from home

