

FACT SHEET - CAT MICROCHIPPING

Do I have to microchip my cat?

Yes. All cats over 6 months of age must be microchipped as of 1 November 2013, under the *Cat Act 2011*. A penalty of \$200 may apply if a cat is not microchipped.

Why do I need to microchip my cat?

Microchipping helps local governments identify lost and stray cats and quickly reunite them with owners, reducing the period of impoundment along with cost and inconvenience to owners. The cost of microchipping typically costs around \$65+, but your Local Ranger or Vet can provide you with further information.

My cat is old and wouldn't cope with getting a microchip, what can I do?

Your local vet can issue an exemption certificate if microchipping the cat is likely to adversely affect its health.

If you have a certificate, please provide it to us:

- In person at the Shire of Coolgardie
- Sylvester Street Coolgardie WA 6429
- Irish Mulga Drive Kambalda WA 6442

I had my cat microchipped, but I can't recall the number, how do I find it out?

Contact your local Ranger or Vet to have the microchip scanned, or contact the vet/shelter that implanted the microchip for the number

My cat has now been microchipped, what do I need to do?

Please complete your registration renewal form along with the microchip number and applicable fee, then return it to us, (as all cats over 6 months have to be registered):

- In person at the Shire of Coolgardie
- Sylvester Street Coolgardie WA 6429
- Irish Mulga Drive Kambalda WA 6442

How do I update my cat's microchip details?

If you are updating any contact details, please contact the Shire of Coolgardie so that we can give you the appropriate form to fill out.

My cat has died, what do I need to do?

Please contact the Shire on 9080 2111 or email mail@coolgardie.wa.gov.au and provide the cat's name, address and animal registration number to update our records and the date the cat passed away.

What will happen if I don't get my cat microchipped?

Failure to comply with the registration and microchipping requirements under the *Cat Act 2011* can result in a fine of up to \$5,000.00.