

FACT SHEET - CAT REGISTRATION

You are required by law to register your Cat.

Cats over the age of six months are required to be microchipped and registered with the local government. A cat over the age of six months, found not to be registered may be fined \$200.00.

Microchipping.

It is compulsory for all cats to be microchipped from the age of six months.

Sterilisation.

All cats over six months of age should be sterilized unless you have been approved as a registered breeder. When registering your cat, you are required to provide evidence that your cat has, in fact, been sterilized.

Registration tag.

Your cat is required to wear a collar with valid registration tag. It is an offence for your cat not to wear these, and you can be given an on-the-spot fine.

Why register?

If your cat escapes or becomes lost and is impounded by a Ranger, we have a better chance of finding the owner of the cat if it is registered and wearing its tag. Cats are required by law to be registered when over 6 months of age – Fine of \$200.00

The animal welfare industry advises that the majority of pets, including cats, without proper identification are never reunited with their owners. Rangers keep lost cats in foster care for as long as possible, often for longer than the required minimum three-day or seven day holding period (depending on circumstances). However, unregistered cats cannot be kept indefinitely, and local governments have no option but to rehouse or dispose of uncollected cats.

Penalties for non-registration.

It is an offence to keep an unregistered cat over the age of six months. Currently, the maximum fine is \$5000.00, with a modified penalty of \$200.00. If your cat is unregistered and subsequently impounded, you may be liable for additional fees. Some local governments may exercise their right to keep your cat in their pound until you pay the registration fee, impound fees and any outstanding infringements.