

FACT SHEET - DOG REGISTRATION

You are required by law to register your dog.

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

Microchipping.

It is compulsory for all dogs to be microchipped from the age of three months.

Confining your dog.

When registering your dog, you are required to make a signed declaration to certify that the property where the dog is kept is capable of confining the dog within those premises.

Registration tag.

Your dog is required to wear a collar with your name and address attached, as well as a valid registration tag. All dogs are required to wear a registration tag in public places. It is an offence for your dog not to wear these, and you can be given an on-the-spot fine.

Why register?

If your dog escapes your property or becomes lost and is impounded by a Ranger, we have a better chance of finding the owner of the dog if it is registered and wearing its tag. Dogs are required by law to be registered when over 3 months of age – Fine of \$200.00

The animal welfare industry advises that the majority of pets, including dogs, without proper identification are never reunited with their owners. Rangers keep lost dogs at the pound for as long as possible, often for longer than the required minimum three-day (72 hrs) or seven day holding period (depending on circumstances). However, unregistered dogs cannot be kept indefinitely in pounds and local governments have no option but to rehouse or dispose of uncollected dogs.

Penalties for non-registration.

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