

## FACT SHEET- DOG MICROCHIPPING

### **Do I have to microchip my dog?**

Yes. All dogs over 3 months of age must be microchipped as of 1 November 2015, under the *Western Australian Dog Act Amendment 2013*. A penalty of \$200 may apply if a dog is not microchipped.

### **Why do I need to microchip my dog?**

Microchipping helps local governments identify lost and stray dogs 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 Vet can provide you with further information.

### **My dog 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 dog 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 dog 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 dog 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 dogs over 3 months have to be registered):

- In person at the Shire of Coolgardie
- Sylvester Street Coolgardie WA 6429
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### **How do I update my dog's microchip details?**

If you are updating any contact details, contact the database your animal's microchip is registered with. If you do not know where it is required, visit <https://petaddress.com.au/> and type in your animal's 15 digit microchip number and search, this site will take you to where the microchip is registered.

### **My dog has died, what do I need to do?**

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

### **What will happen if I don't get my dog microchipped?**

Failure to comply with the registration and microchipping requirements under the Western Australia Dog Act 1976 can result in a fine of up to \$5,000.00.