



cats & dogs

Getting a cat or dog?

Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008



Dates the new laws come into effect:

1 July 2009

- Brisbane, Gold Coast, Ipswich, Logan and Redland city councils
- Lockyer-Valley, Moreton Bay, Scenic Rim, Somerset, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, Gladstone and Central Highlands regional councils

1 March 2010

- Banana Shire Council

1 July 2010

- Balonne, Burdekin, Hinchinbrook, McKinlay and Richmond shire councils
- Barcaldine, Charters Towers, Goondiwindi, Longreach, Mackay and Western Downs regional councils

1 December 2010

- Cassowary Coast and Tablelands regional councils.

All other Queensland councils will introduce these laws before 12 December 2010.

If you buy or are given a cat or dog you must:

- ensure the animal is microchipped (if over the age of eight weeks)
- register the animal with your local council
- update your contact details linked to your pet's microchip with the licensed microchip registry company.

How will I know if my cat or dog is microchipped?

A certificate and details of the microchip registry company should be provided to you by the person who sold or gave you the animal. If you are not given these details you will need to contact a vet or your local council to ensure your cat or dog is microchipped.

What will happen if I get a cat or dog that is not microchipped and registered?

You may be liable to pay a maximum fine of \$2000 for not having your new animal microchipped, the details recorded with a microchip registry company or registered with your council.

What about my current cat or dog?

All cats and dogs in Queensland must be registered with the relevant local council.

If you already owned a cat or dog that was older than 12 weeks on the day these laws came into effect in your council you do not have to have it microchipped, although it is recommended.



What must I do if I sell or give away a cat or dog?

Under the law you must:

- ensure the animal is microchipped (if over the age of eight weeks) by an authorised implanter
- provide the buyer with the microchip certificate and details of the licensed microchip registry company to enable the buyer to change ownership details.

Can I still give away puppies or kittens?

Yes, puppies and kittens—as well as older animals—can still be given away, however each animal must be microchipped if they are older than eight weeks.

How will I know if the microchip implanter is an authorised implanter?

You may ask the implanter to provide you with their authorised implanter number provided to them by the Department of Infrastructure and Planning.

What will happen if I sell or give away a cat or dog that is not microchipped?

You may be liable to pay a maximum fine of \$2000 for supplying a cat or dog without a microchip.

Selling a cat or dog responsibly

- Provide the buyer with the number of the microchip and details of the microchip registry.
- If the animal is under the age of eight weeks, provide a voucher for microchipping the animal with an authorised implanter.

	I have a cat or dog aged under 12 weeks	I already have a cat or dog aged over 12 weeks	I am buying a cat or dog (any age)	I am giving away or selling a cat or dog aged under 12 weeks	I am giving away or selling a cat or dog aged over 12 weeks	I have a declared menacing dog	I have a declared dangerous dog	I have a restricted dog
Register with your local council [#]	compulsory	compulsory	compulsory	optional	compulsory	compulsory	compulsory	compulsory
Microchip with an authorised implanter [*]	compulsory	recommended	compulsory	compulsory	compulsory	compulsory	compulsory	compulsory
Desex at an appropriate age with your vet [†]	recommended	recommended	recommended	recommended	recommended	recommended	compulsory	compulsory

[#]Cats and dogs must be registered once they turn 12 weeks old. ^{*}Cats and dogs should be eight weeks old before they are microchipped, and this should be done before they turn 12 weeks old. [†]Contact your local vet or animal welfare agency to find out the recommended desexing age for your pet.

For more information

Your local council will be able to provide more information on the rules regarding the microchipping, sale and registration of cat and dogs.

Call 1800 467 561 or visit www.dip.qld.gov.au

