

Breeding cats in Tasmania

Application form and information for those wishing to register as a cat breeder



On 1 July 2012, the *Cat Management Act 2009* came into effect and placed restrictions on the breeding of cats in Tasmania. Under the new laws, a person must not breed cats unless they are a registered breeder.

What is the purpose of the *Cat Management Act 2009*?

Tasmania's new cat laws were created to:

- encourage responsible pet ownership;
- reduce the number of unwanted cats in the community; and
- reduce the number of cats euthanised each year.

The new laws require all cats to be desexed and microchipped so that lost cats can be quickly returned to their owners.

Who is considered a cat breeder?

Anyone that breeds a litter from a cat, even if kittens will not be offered for sale, is considered a cat breeder.

How do I become registered as a cat breeder?

If you are a current cat breeder or wish to become a cat breeder you must:

- apply for cat breeder registration with the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment; or
- be a member of an approved cat organisation.

What are approved cat organisations?

Approved cat organisations are the Cat Association of Tasmania, Cat Control Council of Tasmania and Australian National Cats Inc.

What happens if I am not registered and I breed cats?

It is an offence to breed cats unless you are a registered breeder and severe penalties apply. You may also be ordered to have the relevant cat desexed.

How do I apply for registration?

If you would like to apply to become a registered cat breeder, please fill out the form over page and return it to:

Invasive Species Branch

PO Box 46 Kings Meadows TAS 7249

If approved, you will receive a certificate with a registered breeder number and any conditions that apply to your breeding registration.

If refused, you will be advised in writing.

Do I need to use my registered breeder number?

Yes, a registered breeder must include their registered breeder number in any advertisement relating to cats.

Where can I get more information?

Information about the new cat laws, including tips for being a responsible cat owner, can be found at:

www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/invasivespecies

Registered Breeder Obligations – Selling of Cats

All cats sold or given away by registered breeders must be:

- at least 8 weeks of age;
- meet prescribed health requirements (veterinary check including worming and vaccination);
- microchipped; and
- desexed.

(unless a 'Care Agreement' has been entered into).

Cat sales between registered breeders are exempt from the desexing requirement of the Act.

The purchaser and seller of a cat may enter a written 'Care Agreement' where a cat has not been desexed and/or microchipped prior to the transfer of ownership due to health or welfare considerations or the inability to arrange desexing and/or microchipping after reasonable attempts to do so.

The purchaser and seller must both keep a copy of the 'Care Agreement' until it has been fully complied with. Desexing and/or microchipping must be completed within specified times.

For further information, please refer directly to the Act.



Application for Registration as a Cat Breeder Cat Management Act 2009 (Section 30)

Surname:			
Given Names:			
Date of Birth:		Place of Birth:	
Residential Address			
Postal Address:			
Telephone Number(s):			
Email Address:			
Application Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual		
(Select ONE option only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Member of Cat Organisation	Organisation:	
		Member Number:	
Address(es) where cats will be bred:			
Purpose of Breeding	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal / Family Pet <input type="checkbox"/> For Sale <input type="checkbox"/> For Show Purposes <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Have you previously applied for Registration as a Cat Breeder in Tasmania?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Have you ever been convicted for an offence under the <i>Cat Management Act 2009</i> or <i>Animal Welfare Act 1993</i> or offences relating to the keeping of animals or animal welfare including similar legislation interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If Yes, attach details of the offences including the date and location of the offences</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I certify that the information provided in support of this application is true and correct • I acknowledge that the Department will retain my personal information and may provide details (name, date of birth) to other organisations to verify the accuracy of that information • I consent to the Department using the information provided to verify the accuracy of that information 			
Signature of Applicant:		Date:	

This completed form must be sent to: Invasive Species Branch PO Box 46 Kings Meadows TAS 7249

1. Personal information will be collected from you and will be used by DPIPWVE for assessing, considering, advising upon, managing and/or determining the relevant application, and may be used for other purposes permitted by the *Cat Management Act 2009* and regulations made under this Act.
2. You are required to provide this information by the *Cat Management Act 2009* and regulations made under this Act. Incomplete information may result in your application not being processed or refused. Providing false information may be an offence and may result in your application being refused or, if registration is approved, registration being cancelled.
3. Your personal information will be used for the primary purpose for which it is collected, and may be disclosed to contractors and agents of the Resource Management and Conservation Division, law enforcement agencies, courts and other organisations authorised to collect it.
4. Your basic personal information may be disclosed to other public sector bodies where necessary, for the efficient storage and use of the information.
5. Personal information will be managed in accordance with the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004* and may be accessed by the individual to whom it relates on request to DPIPWVE. You may be charged a fee for this service.

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