



Dogs and Cats & Your Obligations

Residents are reminded that all cats and dogs must now be registered. There are a number of options available with regard to registration varying from annual registrations to lifetime registrations. If you do not have a lifetime registration it may now be time to reregister your pet.

If you are not sure if your pet is registered please contact the Shire Office on (08) 9971 1204 to confirm if the registration is current.

Dog Registrations

Dogs over three (3) months of age must be registered each year with the Shire of Morawa as per requirements of the *Dog Act WA 1976*. ***Dogs over 3 months must also be microchipped.***

There are restrictions on the number of dogs at any one address. Up to 2 dogs over the age of 3 months may be kept in townsites and up to 4 dogs over three months outside of townsites. If you wish to register additional dogs at any one premise a letter is to be written to Council seeking permission.

Dog registrations take effect from the 31st of October each year for the ensuing year. Registration may be for a one (1) or three (3) year period.

2015/16 Registration Fees are as Follows:

12 Month Registration

Unsterilised: \$50.00

Sterilised: \$20.00

3 Year Registration

Unsterilised: \$120.00

Sterilised: \$42.50

Lifetime Registration

Unsterilised: \$250.00

Sterilised: \$100.00

Concessional Registration

Dogs used for droving or tending stock: 1/4 rate

Dogs owned by Pensioner Concession holders: 1/2 rate

Dogs owned by Seniors Card holders: 1/2 rate

Registrations After May 31

Unsterilised: \$25.00

Sterilised: \$10.00

Cat Registrations

As per the *Cat Act 2011* that provides for the control and management of cats and promotes and encourages the responsible ownership of cats, cat owners are responsible for ensuring the following:

Cats over the age of six months must be sterilised (de-sexed) & micro-chipped;

Cats over the age of six months must be registered with their local government annually; and

Cats must wear a collar with identification and registration tags.

2015/16 Registration Fees are as Follows:

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3 Year Registration

Sterilised: \$42.50

Concessional Registration

Dogs owned by Pensioner Concession holders: 1/2 rate

Dogs owned by Seniors Card holders: 1/2 rate

Registrations After May 31

Sterilised: \$10.00

Lifetime Registration

Sterilised: \$100.00

Remember there are also restrictions on dogs and cats roaming. Fines may apply where this occurs and animals may be impounded. Further information on the keeping of dogs and cats is available on the Department of Local Government website

<http://dlg.wa.gov.au/Content/Community/Dogownership/Guidelines.aspx>

<http://dlg.wa.gov.au/Content/Legislation/ResponsibleCatownership.aspx>

