

## Registration Fees

1 year	\$ 20.00
3 years	\$ 42.50
Lifetime	\$100.00

**Pensioners pay 50%  
of the above fees.**



**For more information,  
including tips for being  
a responsible cat  
owner, visit the local  
government website:**

[www.dlg.wa.gov.au/  
Content/Legislation/  
ResponsibleCatOwnershi  
p.aspx](http://www.dlg.wa.gov.au/Content/Legislation/ResponsibleCatOwnership.aspx)

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# *The Cat Act 2011*



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**Laws and  
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# Laws for Responsible Cat Owners



## What is the Cat Act 2011?

The Cat Act 2011 requires the identification, registration and sterilization of domestic cats, and gives local governments the power to administer and enforce the legislation.

The legislation will provide better management of unwanted cats on the community and the environment, as well as encourage responsible cat ownership.

## What is the purpose of the Cat Act 2011?

The new cat laws are not only about responsible pet ownership, they are also aimed at reducing the number of unwanted cats in the community and the number that are euthanized each year. Microchipping and registration will also ensure that your cat is returned to you if it becomes lost.

## What does this mean for you and your feline friend?

From 1 November 2013, all cats that have reached six months of age are required to be:

- Microchipped
- Sterilised, and
- Registered with the Shire of Kulin.

## How does this affect cat breeders?

Even if you wish to only breed one litter from your cat, you are considered a cat breeder.

If you are a current cat breeder or wish to become a breeder, you must apply for a permit from your local government. These permits are valid for 12 months. A fee is payable.

When a cat is sold or given away, you must ensure the cat is microchipped and sterilised prior to transfer.

If the cat cannot be sterilised due to its young age, you must provide a prepaid sterilization voucher to the new owner.

## Will there be limits on cat numbers?

At this stage the Shire of Kulin has not introduced a local law limiting the number of cats allowed. The community will be notified if and when such law is introduced.

## My cat is very old - do I still need to have it sterilised?

Yes, the legislation applies to all cats of all ages. However, your vet can issue an exemption if sterilising your cat is likely to have a negative impact on your cat's health and welfare.



## Registration tags and certificates

Once your cat is registered with the Shire of Kulin, you will be issued a registration certificate, as well as a valid registration tag which your cat is required to wear on its collar.

Cat registration tags change in colour each year. The colours for the next four years are:

- **Yellow** tag for registration period ending 31 October 2014
- **Red** tag for registration period ending 31 October 2015
- **Blue** tag for registration period ending 31 October 2016
- **Green** tag for registration period ending 31 October 2017
- **Orange** tag for lifetime registration



## What concessions or assistance is available for pensioners or low income earners?

The State Government has provided funding to a number of veterinarians to assist and provide low cost sterilisation for cats owned by pensioners and people on low incomes. Pensioners will receive a discount on registration fees paid to the Shire of Kulin.

*For more information please contact the Shire of Kulin*