



Why register my dog?

There are real benefits

Registering your dog provides council with a description of your dog, identifies you as the owner and lists contact information. If your dog is wearing its collar and registration disc and becomes lost or goes wandering, it can be quickly re-united with you.

All dogs 3 months of age and over must be registered in the name of an owner 16 years or older. Family pets and dogs kept for general purposes, are an 'Individual Registration'. A business or person who has numerous Dogs, kept as part of a breeding, training or security business may register the number of dogs as a 'Business Registration' with councils that offer this fee rather than registering each dog individually.

We understand...

...some councils limit the number of dogs you may keep on a property, so it's best to check out your local council by-law.

Registration: the Fast Facts

The funds raised from Registration enables:

- A 'proof of ownership' identification system for all registered dogs allowing lost or injured dogs to be quickly re-united with their owners
- Maintenance of council dog pounds and staff
- Equipment, fencing, bag dispensers and other materials for council maintained dog parks
- Funding of the Dog and Cat Management Board, who coordinate dog and cat management over the 68 council areas. The Board undertake research, provide education materials and media communications to raise awareness of responsible pet ownership
- Funds from dog registration can only be spent on dog management matters, set out in the Dog and Cat Management Act and cannot be used for general council expenditure
- There are penalties and fines that apply for keeping an unregistered dog.

We understand...

...the best way to be quickly reunited with your lost dog is to make sure it is micro-chipped and always wears a collar with their current registration disc and a name tag with your contact details.



Dog Registration Fees

Each council sets their own dog registration fees and other associated fees for dog and cat management. You can significantly reduce your annual dog registration fee by desexing and microchipping your dog.

Life-time dog registration is not available in South Australia. South Australian dogs are required to be registered each year by the 31st August.

Proper identification

Your dog must wear a collar with a current registration disc when outside your own property. Ideally, your dog should wear it at all times in case it wanders or escapes your yard. In addition, a name tag along with your contact details and current mobile phone number is suggested. If your dog loses its collar or it has been removed a micro-chip assists in your dog's identification and return.

Dog registration rebates

- Desexing, micro-chipping and training your dog earns rebates on dog registration.
- A dog can receive all three rebates if eligible.
- Councils, at their own discretion, may identify the rebate percentage.

General registration

Individual dogs: Family pets, re-homed pet greyhounds and all dogs kept for general purposes.

Disability dogs: No registration fee is payable for an accredited disability dog, guide dog or hearing dog.

Business registration

Business registration fees: A council may choose to charge a flat fee for the registration regardless of how many dogs are held or alternatively choose to determine a fee per dog held and then charge a multiple of that fee.

Dog Registration: a Good Owner tip

As the owner, you are accountable for your dog's behaviour, so it's important to understand the needs of your dog and your responsibilities.

To find the facts and other tips on how to be a good dog owner, visit dogandcatboard.com.au



An initiative of the **DOG AND CAT MANAGEMENT BOARD** and your local council. Council information and contact details can be located at www.lga.sa.gov.au View the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* along with Information Sheets on selection, health, behaviour and care at www.dogandcatboard.com.au