Responsible **Cat Ownership**

Bayside Council

Keeping animals at home

▶ Only keep animals that are suitable for your property.

▶ Only keep the number of animals appropriate for your property – Bayside allows a maximum of two cats on a property.

▶ If appropriate, check with the body corporate to see if there are rules about keeping animals.

▶ Keep your animals in clean and healthy conditions.

▶ Take whatever steps necessary to avoid attracting vermin, creating offensive noise or odours, causing a drainage nuisance or annoying your neighbours.
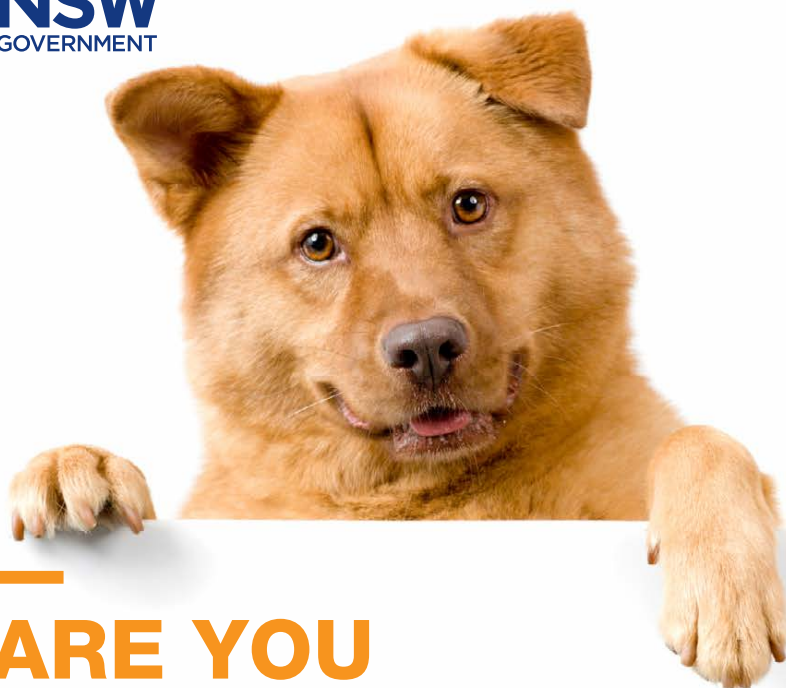
Microchip and registration

▶ All cats in NSW must be microchipped by 12 weeks of age – you can get your cat microchipped at your local vet.

▶ All cats in NSW must be lifetime registered by 6 months of age – register your cat online on the NSW Government's Pet Registry website (see over sheet for details).

▶ Cats in NSW must be desexed or an annual permit fee is required to be paid.

▶ Cast must wear a collar as well as a tag that shows the pets name and the owners address or phone number.

▶ Registration and collar identification will ensure that a lost pet can be returned as soon as possible.

▶ Update microchip and registration details online using **petregistry.nsw.gov.au** as soon as you move address or change phone number, change pet owner, or if your pet passes away.

Keeping your cat contained on your property

▶ Whilst cats are legally allowed to roam, Bayside Council encourage the containment of cats on your property, either wholly within your property, or contained indoors at night time.

▶ Keeping your cat safe at home is important to:

　▶ Protect them from injury from cars, dogs and other cats;

　▶ Protect them from acquiring a serious infection, such as FIV;

　▶ Protect them from eating toxic plants or poisons, or picking up ticks or fleas;

　▶ Protect them from straying and getting lost, or being stolen;

　▶ Stop them from harming or killing other animals;

　▶ Preventing them from interacting with undesexed roaming cats.

▶ Stop other cats from coming inside your home by filling a cat-flap that only opens for your cats microchip.

▶ Try to prevent other cats from entering your garden by securing holes in fences or hedges.

▶ Provide a litter tray indoors so your cat has access to an indoor toilet option.

ARE YOU KEEPING YOUR BEST MATE SAFE?

Help get your cat or dog home safely by registering them – visit www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au

Why register your pet?

If your pet is registered and your details are up to date, it can be safely returned if it gets lost.

It's also the law – pet cats and dogs must be microchipped and then registered in NSW.

Microchipping

To register your pet, it must first be microchipped by a vet or authorised identifier. Microchips are the size of a grain of rice and are implanted under your pet's skin. Each microchip has a unique number that can be read with a scanner, like a barcode at the supermarket.

Registration

How: It's easier than ever before to register your cat or dog.

➤ **Online:** Registrations can be completed online via the NSW Pet Registry or Service NSW using your MyServiceNSW Account.

➤ **Over the counter:** You can also register your pet in person at your local council or at any Service NSW Centre.

Fee: A once only lifetime registration fee applies.

Discounts are available for de-sexed pets, eligible pensioners and cats and dogs bought from certain rehoming organisations, including council pounds and shelters.

More information

NSW PET REGISTRY

petregistry.nsw.gov.au

1300 134 460

pets@olg.nsw.gov.au

Your pet's registration fee at work

Money collected goes straight back to the community by funding companion animal services:

➤ Council pounds/shelters

➤ Ranger services

➤ Dog recreation areas

➤ Education and awareness activities

➤ Responsible pet ownership initiatives