

# Responsible Dog Ownership

## 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 dogs 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 dogs in NSW must be microchipped by 12 weeks of age – you can get your dog microchipped at your local vet.
- ▶ All dogs in NSW must be lifetime registered by 6 months of age – register your dog online on the NSW Government's Pet Registry website (see over sheet for details) or visit Bayside Customer Service Centre at Rockdale or Eastgardens.
- ▶ Dogs must wear a collar and also a tag that shows the pet's name and the owner's address or phone number.
- ▶ Registration and identification tag will ensure that a lost pet can be returned as soon as possible.
- ▶ Update microchip and registration details online using [petregistry.nsw.gov.au](https://petregistry.nsw.gov.au) as soon as you move address or change phone number, change pet owner, or if your pet passes away. Failure to do this may result in your pet being impounded. Penalties may also apply.



## Dogs on leash

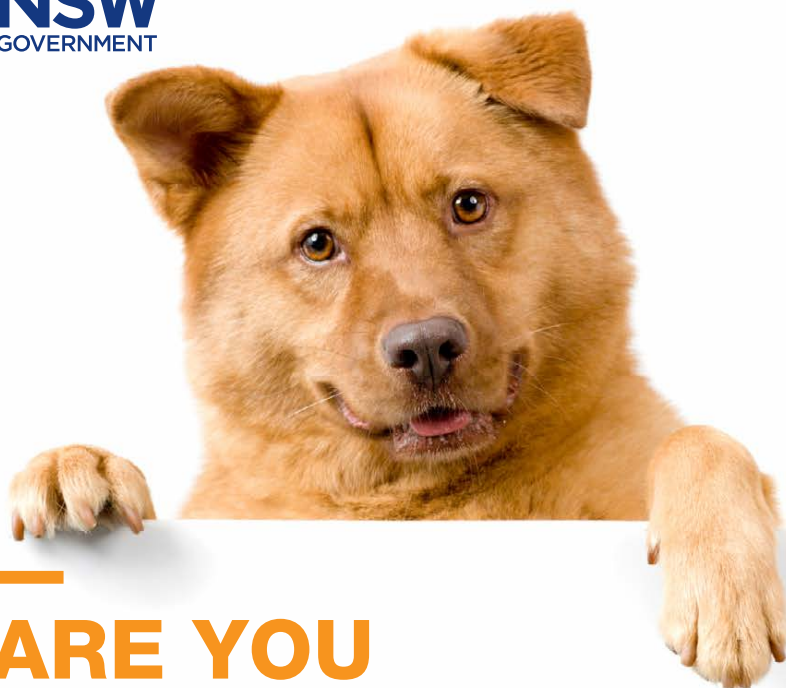
- ▶ Dogs must be on a leash at all times in public areas (unless a designated off leash dog area).
- ▶ Dogs are prohibited in the following places, whether they are leashed or not:
  - ▶ Within 10 metres of playgrounds and play equipment;
  - ▶ Within 10 metres of food outlets, except if the place is in a public thoroughfare;
  - ▶ In bathing areas such as tidal pools, beaches and foreshores;
  - ▶ Within schools;
  - ▶ Within child care centres;
  - ▶ Within shopping arcades or shopping complexes, including parking areas or access to shops;
  - ▶ Within any area set apart for the protection of wildlife.

## Animal waste

- ▶ You must clean up after your dog in public areas or fines may apply.
- ▶ Please ensure you carry waste bags when taking your pet out.

## Nuisance or dangerous dogs

- ▶ To prevent your dog from becoming a nuisance or worst a danger, care for your dog by:
  - ▶ Keeping your dog stimulated
  - ▶ Exercising your dog daily
  - ▶ Providing training
  - ▶ Socializing with other dogs and people.



# ARE YOU KEEPING YOUR BEST MATE SAFE?

Help get your cat or  
dog home safely by  
registering them – visit  
[www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au](http://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](http://petregistry.nsw.gov.au)

1300 134 460

[pets@olg.nsw.gov.au](mailto: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