

Responsible pet ownership



The Bundaberg Region is a popular destination for owning a pet, with many households welcoming more than one animal to their family.

This fact sheet will help you understand the requirements of owning a dog and/or cat in the Bundaberg Region.

How to be a responsible pet owner

- **Register** your dog with Bundaberg Regional Council from 12 weeks of age.
- **Microchip** your dog and/or cat from 12 weeks of age and keep the microchip details up to date.
- **Desex** your dog and cat.
- **Provide a suitable enclosure** to ensure your pets stay in your yard or home.
- **Pick-up after** your dog at home and in public areas.
- **Socialise and train** your dog to reduce unwanted behaviours such as excessive barking and digging.
- **Check signage** before allowing your dog off-leash and make sure you follow off-leash rules.

Registration and Microchipping

It is compulsory to register your dogs in the Bundaberg Regional Council area when they reach 12 weeks of age.

Dogs must be registered by someone 18 years or older.

A registration fee is due each year on 31 August with a discount applied to all dogs that are desexed and microchipped.

Cats do not need to be registered but must be microchipped.

In accordance with the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008, all cats and dogs born after July 1, 2009, must be microchipped. If you sell or give away a dog or cat, you must microchip the animal prior to changing ownership.

How to register my dog

Visit a council service centre during opening hours:

- 190 Bourbong Street | Bundaberg
- 45 Churchill Street | Childers
- 4 Dear Street | Gin Gin

Or register online at bundaberg.qld.gov.au/dog-registration

