

246 Pro Rata Registration for New Cats and Dogs

General Policy



PURPOSE

- To clarify Councils position on the Pro rata/payment of registration fees for new cats and new dogs registered during the registration year.
- To avoid penalising through the requirement to pay higher fees, keepers of dogs which are not old enough to be desexed at the time of registration, and which are subsequently desexed within a reasonable time after reaching a suitable age for desexing; and
- To provide an incentive for the keeper of an entire cat or dog to desex the dog as soon as possible after reaching a suitable age for desexing.

SCOPE

This policy applies to the fees paid/payable for the registration of cats and new and desexed dogs only within the North Burnett Region under the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*.

PRINCIPLES

1. New dogs are:
 - A dog over 12 weeks old which, in terms of Section 44(2) of the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 is starting to be kept in the North Burnett Region (i.e. the local government area) during the registration year and which must be registered within 14 days after starting to be kept.
 - NOT dogs which have been kept in the North Burnett Region for all of the registration year but have not been registered for that registration year.
 - Working dogs are classed as a dog that is kept on rural land by an owner who is a primary producer, or employed by a primary producer with the dogs' primary function to drove, protect, tend or work stock.
2. Cats
 - Domestic cats can be registered on a voluntary basis.
3. That it be policy to calculate pro rata registrations on a monthly basis:
 - Registrations during the year are to be calculated on a monthly rate through the MagiQ Enterprise Animal Control system.
4. Desexed Dogs
 - That it be policy that when a dog has been desexed after the payment of the current dog registration, and upon application by the owner, Council will rebate 50% of the fee paid (at the time of original registration) subject to certification by a veterinarian that the dog has been desexed being provided.

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008

POLICY REVIEW

Updated policy has not yet been reviewed.

DATE ADOPTED

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