

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Registration payment for cats and dogs due by 30 November**

Gladstone Regional Council reminds owners of cats and dogs in the Gladstone Region that animal registration is due by the end of the month.

Gladstone Region Councillor Natalia Muszkat said renewal notices had been issued from the end of September and failure to pay by 30 November would result in animal registration being cancelled.

It is a Queensland Government requirement that dogs aged 12 weeks and over must be registered and microchipped.

Under Gladstone Regional Council's *Local Law No 2 (Animal Management) 2011*, cats in the Gladstone Region are also required to be microchipped and registered.

"Failure to renew animal registration and failing to microchip cats and dogs are offences which may result in infringements issued," Councillor Muszkat said.

Council has this year introduced a permanent animal registration tag so pet owners do not need to change their pet's tag every year.

Owners will receive animal registration tags by mail once payment is made.

"While the tag is permanent, registration renewal notices will continue to be issued annually," Cr Muszkat said.

The only time a tag will be reissued is if a registration tag is lost or damaged.

The first replacement tag is free however subsequent replacement tags incur a fee.

Cr Muszkat said animal registration was beneficial for reuniting lost animals with their owners.

"Registering your dog or cat and ensuring contact details are kept up-to-date improves the chances of pets being returned to owners if they become lost."

Council's animal registration fee structure includes incentives for pet owners that have desexed or microchipped their pet.

Pet owners can renew or cancel animal registration, submit new animal registration, update animal details or owner details online at [www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/registration#legislation](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/registration#legislation)

Council's animal registration preferred payment method is online. Other payment options include telephone and internet banking, in person at a Council Customer Contact Centre, by mail or call Council on 4970 0700.

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