

Media Release

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Animal Registration Renewal Notices issued with Council also offering discounted microchipping for cats and dogs

Dog and cat owners will begin to receive animal registration renewal notices from this week and are being reminded of the rules surrounding microchipping.

It is a Queensland Government requirement that dogs and cats, aged 12 weeks and over, must be registered and microchipped with the microchip details provided and updated with your local council.

Effective from last year, Gladstone Regional Council (GRC) will follow up on all registrations where the animal is not microchipped and born after April 2009, unless written evidence is provided from a veterinarian stating that microchipping would place the animal's health at risk or is a Council-approved working dog. Fines will apply if animals are not microchipped.

This is also the second year where GRC will not issue tags for renewal registration, but they can be reissued if lost or damaged, with the first replacement tag free of charge.

Animal owners have until Monday 8 November to pay their registration with discounts available depending if the animal has been desexed and/or microchipped.

Council has included the standard registration due date of the 31 October 2021 on the top right side of the animal registration notice, as this is the standard registration period end date.

However, you will notice in the 'pay by' section on the bottom of the notice that Council has extended this year's due date by one week to 8 November 2021 to allow for any postage delays related to COVID-19.

A pensioner discount is available for pet owners that hold a current Centrelink Queensland Pensioner Concession Card, a Veteran Affairs Gold Card or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner Concession Card – please call Council or visit our website if you have further questions surrounding eligibility.

Meanwhile, Gladstone Region Councillor Chris Trevor said pet owners who do not have their cat or dog microchipped can do so at an upcoming discount microchipping day.

"Council will host a discounted microchipping day at the Gladstone Pound Facility, located at 17 Albert Street, Callemondah on Thursday 14 October between 8.30am-3.45pm, at a cost of only \$15 per animal," Councillor Trevor said.

"If your pet is wearing their registration tag, is microchipped and the microchip and registration details are kept up to date, you are giving your pet the best possible chance to be reunited with you if they become lost.

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Cr Trevor added that desexing and microchipping was the best way to save money on registration.

“Council’s animal registration fee structure includes incentives for responsible pet owners that have desexed or microchipped their pet,” he said.

“Microchipping your pet will reduce your animals’ annual registration by up to \$17 per annum, however if you desex and microchip your pet you can save up to \$77 per annum.”

Please visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/registration for further information on animal registration.

Discounted Microchipping Day

WHEN: Wednesday 14 October, 8.30am-3.45pm

WHERE: Gladstone Region Pound (17 Albert Road, Callemondah)

COST: \$15 per animal

FURTHER INFO:

- Bookings are essential – contact Council on 4970 0700 to make a booking – walk ins on the day will not be permitted due to Covid restrictions
- Please bring exact cash – EFTPOS facilities are also available
- Due to Covid restrictions on venue capacity limits, only one person can attend with the animal that is booked in to be microchipped
- Animals must be kept on a leash or kept within a cage for the full duration of their booking
- Currently only one discount microchipping day is organised, however additional dates will be entertained depending on the number of bookings received
- Microchipping your pet on this day includes complimentary registration for the remainder of the 2021/22 period (for new registrations only)
- Please visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/microchipping-day for further information.

If animal owners have recently had their pet microchipped at a local veterinary clinic – to ensure they are receiving the discounted registration for their animal – they can forward the microchipping certificate or microchip number to Council by visiting www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/registration, emailing a copy of the certificate to info@gladstone.qld.gov.au, phoning Council on 4970 0700 or by visiting one of Council’s Administration Centres.

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