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2022 Animal Inspection Program commences in the Gladstone Region

Gladstone Regional Council officers have commenced Council's annual Animal Inspection Program, which will run until 30 July.

The program will target the premises of owners that had an animal registered in 2020/21 but have not made a registration renewal for the 2021/22 period.

It will also target any person who has failed to correctly register any new animal not previously registered.

Council will also ensure animal owners are fully complying with the microchipping requirements of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*.

Council sends two reminder notices about registration, advising it is the animal owner's responsibility to notify Council of any change of address or animal details.

Gladstone Region Councillor Glenn Churchill said Council would always encourage residents to do the right thing around animal ownership.

"Our continued priority in this area is informing and educating people to be responsible for their pets," Councillor Churchill said.

"However, we will enforce action if animals are not registered with an initial penalty of \$275.

"If owners continue to fail to register after this, Council will impose a further charge of \$689."

Gladstone suburbs would be the first areas to be inspected as well as animal owners whose dogs are required to be microchipped.

"House to house visits will be conducted to determine if animals are being kept and if these animals are registered," Cr Churchill said.

"All Council officers and workers, who need to enter a property, are required to display identification and advise the property owner of the reason for the inspection.

"Council encourages all animal owners within the region to ensure all dogs and cats kept on their properties are always registered and microchipped in accordance with the Act.

"This is the easiest way to ensure any lost animal can be reunited with their owners.

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“If your animals were born after 10 April 2009, they must be implanted with a Prescribed Permanent Identification Device (PPID), otherwise known as a microchip, with those details provided to Council.”

Inspections of properties and yards of properties will occur in the following urban and rural areas: Agnes Water, Aldoga, Ambrose, Baffle Creek, Bangalee, Barney Point, Beecher, Benaraby, Berajondo, Bororen, Boyne Island, Boyne Valley, Boynedale, Burua, Callemondah, Calliope, Captain Creek, Clinton, Colosseum, Darts Creek, Deepwater, Gladstone, Glen Eden, Iveragh, Kin Kora, Kirkwood, Lowmead, Miriam Vale, Mount Larcom, New Auckland, Raglan, River Ranch, Rodds Bay, Rosedale, Round Hill, Rules Beach, Seventeen Seventy, South Gladstone, South Trees, Sun Valley, Tablelands, Tannum Sands, Taragoola, Targinnie, Telina, The Narrows, Toolooa, Turkey beach, West Gladstone, Wooderson, Wurdong Heights and Yarwun.

Visit www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/registration or contact Council on (07) 4970 0700 for more information.

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