

# Media Release

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## Microchipping your furry friend is easier with Council discount day

Gladstone Regional Council will host a Discount Microchipping Day to encourage responsible pet ownership ahead of Animal Registration Renewals being issued at the end of September.

The microchipping day will be held on **Thursday 29 August** at the Gladstone Pound Facility on 17 Albert Street, Callemondah at a cost of only \$20 per animal (cat or dog).

Appointments are in 15-minute blocks and available between 7am to 6pm. Bookings and pre-payment are essential.

Call Council on 4970 0700 or visit your nearest Council Office or Transaction Centre to secure your place and make your payment prior to your appointment.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett encouraged pet owners to take advantage of the discounted price to receive further discounts on their upcoming Animal Registration Renewal Notice.

“Microchipped animals receive a discount on registration between \$17-\$19 per year, whereas desexed and microchipped animals receive a discount on registration of up to \$80 per year,” Councillor Burnett 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 or stolen.”

It is a Queensland Government requirement that dogs and cats, born after April 2009, aged 12 weeks and over, must be registered and microchipped, with the microchip details provided and updated with your local council.

Exemptions are only available by Veterinarian Certificate that is supplied to Council, stating microchipping risks the animal’s health or approved Council Assessed Working Dogs.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- For the safety of people and other pets, animals must be restrained on a leash or in a cage
- The microchipping payment of \$20 is non-refundable
- All animals must be aged eight weeks old and over
- Only one person per animal must attend the appointment
- No walk ins will be accepted - your pet will not be microchipped without a booking

For further information please visit [www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/microchipping](http://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/microchipping) or call 4970 0700.

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