

Registration fees

All cats over the age of six months must be registered. Registration assists in returning lost cats to their home.

Yearly registration: \$20.00 per cat

Three year registration: \$42.50 per cat

Lifetime registration: \$100.00 per cat

Pension card holders can receive a 50% discount on registration fees.

Pensioner concessions can only be applied on production of a current Pensioner Concession Card, State Concession Card, Veteran's Card or Senior's Card together with a Commonwealth Senior's Health Card.

How do I organise sterilisation, microchipping and registration of my cat?

- Your local vet will be able to provide you with sterilisation and microchipping services.
- Registration forms can be downloaded from joondalup.wa.gov.au or obtained from one of the City's Customer Service Centres at Joondalup or Whitfords, or by contacting City Rangers on **1300 655 860**.

Number of cats on a property

The City of Joondalup *Animal Local Law 1999* currently allows each household to keep three cats with the introduction of the *Cat Act 2011* this will be subject to review at a later date.



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RSPCA 9209 9300

The Cat Haven 9442 3600



Responsible Cat Ownership



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The Cat Act 2011

The *Cat Act 2011* requires that all cats over the age of six months must be sterilised, microchipped and registered with their relevant local government.

Note: Requests for exemption from sterilisation and/or microchipping of your cat will only be considered if it is deemed detrimental to your cat's health as supported by an exemption certificate from your local veterinarian.

The main purpose of the *Cat Act 2011* is to:

- encourage responsible cat ownership
- provide better control and management of stray and unwanted cats
- reduce the large numbers euthanised each year
- ensure your cat, by registration and microchipping, can be returned to you should it stray.

Owner's basic responsibilities

- Contain your cat on your own property
- Ensure your cat is easily identifiable with a collar, name tag with owner phone number on it and a registration tag
- Microchip and sterilise your cat
- Keep your cats inside at night.

Infringement Costs

Unregistered cat	\$200.00
Failure to ensure cat microchipped	\$200.00
Failure to ensure cat sterilised	\$200.00

Lost cats

If you have lost your cat you can:

- Contact your local veterinary hospital, RSPCA or the Cat Haven to see if your cat has been handed in
- Speak to your neighbours as they may be able to advise if they have seen your cat
- Check the City's website for animals found within the City.

Seized Cats

Cats may be seized if they are found wandering in public areas or are on private property without the owner's consent.

- If your cat is impounded there will be an impound fee payable prior to release
- In addition if your cat is not registered, microchipped or sterilised it is a requirement of the *Cat Act 2011* that it is registered, microchipped and sterilised prior to release.

Stray or feral cats

If you believe there is a stray or feral cat(s) on your property you need to:

- Check initially with your neighbours to ensure the cat(s) are in fact stray or feral
- If stray or feral cats are located on your property Ranger Services will require written permission from the property owners to enter and capture the cat(s)
- If you have asked Rangers to capture a cat you will be requested to assist by gathering relevant information about the cat and its behaviour prior to any attempt at capture.

Cat Breeders

If you are a current cat breeder or wish to become a breeder you must apply for a cat breeding permit from your local government.

- Conditions apply to cat breeding permits and a non-refundable fee is payable upon lodgement of an application
- If an application is approved, a Cat Breeder certificate will be issued and is valid for 12 months from the date of approval
- Annual renewal and inspections will be conducted
- Fees to keep breeding cats are \$100.00 per cat per year.

For further information refer to the fact sheet – *Application to Breed Cats*. The penalty for an unapproved breeder is \$200.00 to \$5000.

Nuisance Cat Behaviour

On occasion you may have problems with neighbouring cats behaviour on your property or you may have been approached regarding your own cat causing problems within the neighbourhood

Sometimes owners are unaware that their cat is causing a nuisance and will take steps to alleviate the problem once notified, in which case you may want to discuss ways to alleviate the problem.

If you are unable to or cannot approach an owner you may wish to place a letter in the mailbox advising of the problems caused.

If you are unable to locate an owner, or are unsure where a cat has come from, please refer to the Nuisance Cats fact sheet on the City's website for further information regarding how to address problems caused by cats.

Enforcement

Local Governments will have the authority to enforce the *Cat Act 2011* which can include creation of cat local laws, capture and impounding of cats and administering of infringements.

Ranger Services encourages residents to attempt to take all the suggested steps prior to reporting cats. Capture of cats will be a last resort.

Residents may need to provide information on the cat's behaviour and movements over a period of time to allow Ranger Services to assess the level of nuisance and adopt the best approach to manage the problem cat or cats.

