

## REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION

Local Law No 2 and Subordinate Local Law No 2 (Animal Management) 2018.

### Registration helps return animals to their owners

Registration and identification of pets and other animals is important for the wellbeing of the animals, gives the owner peace of mind and allows Council to plan for future community needs

In the Mareeba Shire, all dogs must be registered each year and carry an identification tag. Registration is an important investment in your pet, providing safety and security as well as assisting Council to identify you in case your pet is lost, injured or involved in an incident.

### When must I register my pet

All dogs in Queensland must be registered from 12 weeks of age and you must register your dog within fourteen days of getting it or moving to Mareeba Shire.

If you have a Regulated Dog, a number of additional registration requirements apply and it is vital for the safety of your pet and the community that you comply. Contact Council for further details.

Puppies under 6 months of age are free for their first financial year. You will have to show proof of age when you register them. Registration is renewed 30 June each year.

You must advise Council within 14 days of a change of circumstances -

- Change of ownership of dog
- If your dog dies
- Change of address

**Failure to renew your dog's registration or advise Council of a change in your details could result in the issuing of a Penalty Infringement Notice**

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### Why register my pet

Dogs roaming our streets are often alone and afraid, with the potential to be hurt or involved in neighbourhood disturbances. Council is anxious to reunite owners with their pets if they are lost. The Council registration tag is your best safeguard to ensure getting your pet back quickly and safely.

To register your dog, simply go to a Council office in the Mareeba Shire with the appropriate fee (with discounts available, to owners of desexed dogs and members of a recognised Kennel Club). If you register your entire dog and have it desexed during the same registration period Council will refund the difference in the fees on application.

Your dog will need to be microchipped to enable it to be registered. Microchipping is a mandatory requirement under the Animal Management Act for all cats and dogs.

It's important to regularly check that your dog's tag is visible and undamaged. Replacement tags are available from Council for a small fee.



### Penalties for not registering

Irresponsible owners who fail to register their dogs with Council face significant penalties including the issue of a Penalty Infringement Notice for each unregistered dog.

**For more information about animal registration, contact Council on 1300 308 461 or visit [www.msc.qld.gov.au](http://www.msc.qld.gov.au).**