

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT (CATS & DOGS) ACT 2008



Dog Registration



Alpha: 07 4651 5680
 Aramac: 07 4651 5650
 Barcaldine: 07 4651 5600
 Jericho: 07 4651 4129
 Murrumbidgee: 07 4658 7191

BARCALDINE
REGIONAL COUNCIL

IMPOUNDING FEES

- Registered Dog (collected same day as notification) \$ 31 ea
- Registered \$176 ea
- Unregistered (+ registration) \$352 ea
- Subsequent Release \$234 ea
- Regulated Dog \$587 ea
- Sustenance charge per day (after 24 hours) \$ 19 ea

Animals may be claimed from your local Council Impounding Facility after payment of the necessary fees have been made.
 Hours of operation are:

- Aramac - Monday to Friday - 8.00am to 3.00pm
- Alpha - Monday to Friday - 9.00am to 3.00pm
- Barcaldine - Monday to Friday - 8.00am to 4.00pm
- Jericho - Monday to Friday - 9.00am to 3.00pm
- Murrumbidgee - Monday to Friday - 9.00am to 12noon OR 1.00pm to 4.00pm

DOG / CAT TRAPS

- No longer supplied by Council

PAYMENT OPTIONS

By Mail - cheques or money orders can be posted to PO Box 191, Barcaldine QLD 4725

In Person - at any Barcaldine Regional Council Administration Office 8.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday with Cash, Cheque or Eftpos Card (*Credit Card transactions incur a 1% surcharge fee*)

Note: "Working Dog" —

- (a) means a dog usually kept or proposed to be kept -
 - (i) on rural land; **AND**
 - (ii) by an owner who is a primary producer, or a person engaged or employed by a primary producer; **AND**
 - (iii) primarily for the purpose of -
 - (A) droving, protecting, tending, or working, stock; or
 - (B) being trained in droving, protecting, tending, or working, stock; **AND**
- (b) does not include a class of dog prescribed under a regulation.

How this will affect you? ☆ - Recommended ☆ - Compulsory	I have a cat or dog aged under 12 weeks	I already have a cat or dog born before 1st July 2009	I am buying a cat or dog aged over 12 weeks	I am giving away or selling a cat or dog aged over 12 weeks	I have a declared Menacing Dog	I have a declared Dangerous Dog	I have a restricted dog
Registration#	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆
Microchipping*	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆
Desexing^	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆

Dogs must be registered once they turn 12 weeks old. * Cats and dogs should be 8 weeks old before they are microchipped, and this should be done before they turn 12 weeks old. ^ Contact your local vet to find out the recommended desexing age for your pet.

Animal Laws have changed

The *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* came into effect in the Barcaldine Regional Council area on 1st July 2010. This legislation has been introduced by the Queensland Government to address community concerns about the number of unwanted cats and dogs.



The Act has been developed with a strong focus on protecting the health and safety of the community and the natural environment. It provides a consistent approach for the management of cats and dogs across Queensland through the introduction of compulsory registration and microchipping for certain categories of cats and dogs along with statewide standards for the keeping of dangerous and menacing dogs.

MICROCHIPPING

Cats and Dogs born before 1st July 2010 do not need to be microchipped, only those born or transferred after this date will need to be microchipped. You can have your animals microchipped by a Registered Vet or an approved Microchipper after 8 weeks of age. **From 1st July 2010, microchipping is mandatory for all:**

- cats and dogs after they reach 8 weeks of age
- Cats and dogs that have changed ownership i.e. have been either sold or given away
- Declared regulated dogs i.e. restricted, dangerous dogs and menacing dogs

Note: By having your animal microchipped does not mean they are registered with Council.



REGULATED DOGS

The Act allows for certain conditions to be imposed if your dog is declared a regulated dog. Dogs that act aggressively, attack or cause fear to a person or another animal may be declared a regulated dog under the Act.

There are three categories of regulated dogs:

- *Menacing dogs*
- *Dangerous dogs*
- *Restricted dogs*

If a dog is declared under any of these categories owners must meet certain conditions for keeping them.

DOG REGISTRATION

Under the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* **ALL DOGS** (town and rural) in Queensland over the age of 12 weeks must be registered with your Local Government. The only exception are those dogs that fall under the description of "working dogs" (refer to Note for explanation).

Customers are required to register their dog with Council within 14 days after starting to keep the dog or by 12 weeks of age. Failure to do so will incur a 2 penalty unit Infringement Notice for each offense.

DOG REGISTRATION FEES

- 1st Dog Entire - \$65
- 1st Dog Desexed - \$36
- 1st Dog Desexed & Microchipped - \$146 (Life)
- 2nd Dog Entire - \$75
- 2nd Dog Desexed - \$42
- 2nd Dog Desexed & Microchipped - \$167 (Life)
- Additional Dog Entire - \$123
- Additional Dog Desexed - \$101
- Additional Dog Desexed & Microchipped - \$303 (Life)
- Rural Dog - ***MUST be kenneled*** on land outside the designated animal control area - \$25
- Replacement registration tag - \$5.50
- Regulated Dog, Dangerous - \$587

- Regulated Dog, Menacing - \$187
- Kennel Fee (+registration of each dog) - \$587

Fees are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

CAT REGISTRATION

From October 2013, cats are no longer required to be registered in the Barcaldine Regional Council area.

DESEXED & MICROCHIPPED DOGS

From 1 July 2023, residents that have their Dog Desexed and Microchipped, are able to register their dog for Life (once only). Conditions of registration are:

- Animal must wear special identification tag
- Proof of Desexing will be required
- Proof of Microchipping will be required.
- If animal is given away, sold or dies - the registration is revoked (not transferrable)

NUMBER OF ANIMALS PERMITTED

Effective 19 April 2017, a Council Resolution only permits the number of dogs per household (except units) within the designated animal control area of the Council region to only two (2).

In accordance with BRC Local Law, residents can keep 2 cats. Any resident wishing to keep more than 2 cats will need to make an application to Council (an Application Fee does apply).

For residents who had approval to keep an additional dog or cat in 2013 or prior, the approval remains in place until the animal is sold, given away, dies OR lapses and it is non-transferable.

REGISTRATION RENEWAL

By renewing your animal registration you agree to provide minimum standards of keeping of animals; to provide proper enclosures for the animals; to keep under effective control when in public and to abide by other conditions imposed under the Barcaldine Regional Council, Council's Local Laws and the Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act 2008.

