



Registration Discounts

Important information on animal registration

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I don't understand the discounted fee categories.

Under the Domestic Animals Act 1994, pet owners are eligible for discounted annual registration fees under certain conditions. This page explains the options pet owners have to be entitled to this reduction.

Desexing your pet

The easiest way to gain the biggest discount for your pet's registration fee is to desex your pet. Once your pet is desexed simply provide Council with a certificate of desexing to qualify for the discount.

If your dog is desexed and obedience trained by an approved organisation you are entitled to a further discount.

Applicable organisations

If you are a current member of an applicable organisation, you are entitled to a reduction of registration fees for any of your pets that are also listed with that organisation. On 3 February 2011 the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security has declared the following applicable organisations:

- > Feline Control Council (Victoria) Inc
- > The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy Australia and Victoria Inc
- > Dogs Victoria formerly 'Victorian Canine Association Inc'
- > Greyhound Racing Victoria

Quick Facts

- > Discount microchip days have been held in Mitchell since 2011
- > There have been 769 dogs and cats microchipped through this program
- > 94% of registered cats in Mitchell are desexed
- > 52% of registered dogs in Mitchell are desexed



- > Australian National Cats Inc. formerly 'Waratah National Cat Alliance'
- > Cats Victoria Inc. (new organisation)

Kept for breeding at a licensed premises

If you are currently registered with Council as a Domestic Animal Business for the purposes of breeding dogs and/or cats, you will be entitled to a reduced fee on your registrations.

A "domestic animal business" means –

- > A Council pound (operated by the Council or a contractor on behalf of Council)
- > A dog and/or cat "breeding business (where there are three or more fertile females and animals are sold (whether a profit is made or not), and the proprietor is not a member of an Applicable Organisation. If the proprietor is a member or an Applicable Organisation, the definition is where there are ten or more fertile females and animals are sold)
- > A dog training establishment (where the business is run for profit)
- > An animal shelter (e.g. welfare organisations such as the RSPCA and The Lost Dogs' Home)
- > An establishment boarding dogs or cats (where the business is run for profit to provide overnight, daycare or homecare boarding)
- > An establishment that is rearing dogs or cats (where the business is run for profit)

Please ensure that if you have more than 2 dogs or 2 cats in a residential area you hold a current permit under Council's Local Law No 1 Community and Environment 2013.

Farm dogs working stock

To be eligible for this discounted category, proof of a rates notices of the address the dog is being registered is required. The rates notice must show that the property is rated 'farm use', and the dog must be used for working livestock (ie. sheep, cattle etc.) on this property.

Approved Dog Training Organisations

A reduction in the dog registration fee can be given if a certificate issued by a qualified trainer from an approved dog obedience training organisation is provided.

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At the moment there are six organisations who are approved and whose qualified trainers are issuing their certificates:

1. Australian Association of Professional Dog Trainers Inc
2. The Gentle Dog Trainers Association Inc
3. Dogs Victoria
4. Four Paws K9 Training

Prerequisites before a dog is eligible for assessment

- > The minimum age of a dog before it can be presented for assessment is twelve months old
- > All dogs must have a current full vaccination certificate
- > The handler presenting the dog for assessment must also be the owner
- > Proof of ownership must be provided using prescribed methods approved under the Act

Assessment criteria

There are four areas where the handler and dog must achieve a pass to score an overall pass under this section:

1. Heeling or walking the dog.

Dogs are to walk either at heel or at least on a loose lead. This exercise must incorporate a minimum of three sit exercises. Handler must display reasonable control of the dog when walked. The dog must not be pulling on a tight leash or jumping up on the handler, but be happy to follow the handler's commands or change of direction.

2. Sociability test.

This is a two part assessment where the dog is required to display no aggression towards dogs or people. It is to be conducted on a relaxed lead and under reasonable control.

3. Stay test.

In this test the dog must remain in a Sit Stay position for one minute. The minimum distance the dog must be away from the handler is two metres. The leash may be attached.

4. Recall test.

In this test the dog is to return to the handler on command from the required distance. The handler may use hand signals, multiple commands, whistle and any encouragement necessary to secure the return of the dog. The leash may be removed for this test.

Do I have to get my pet microchipped?

Legislation introduced in May 2007 stated that all dogs and cats must be microchipped before being registered for the first time. All dogs and cats must be registered from three months old.

If your dog or cat has previously been registered with another Council and is transferring to Mitchell, it will need to be microchipped.

Where can I get my pet microchipped?

Council occasionally runs discount microchipping days across Mitchell Shire. Check Council's website for dates and locations.

Alternatively, you can contact one of the Veterinary Clinics across the Shire and have your pet microchipped there.

> Central Highlands Veterinary Clinic

107 High Street, Broadford. Phone (03) 5784 1088

113 High Street, Wallan. Phone (03) 5783 4356

> Dr Cat's Veterinary Services

Clonbinane. Phone 0488 372 287

> Northern Veterinary Clinic

115 Northern Highway, Kilmore. Phone (03) 5782 1574

139 High Street, Wallan. Phone (03) 5783 2235

> Seymour Central Vets

Emily Street, Seymour. Phone (03) 5799 1922

> Seymour Veterinary Surgery

84 Anzac Avenue, Seymour. Phone (03) 5792 4383

> Mitchell Vets

Tallarook. Phone 0498 210 486

What other options are there to receive a discounted registration fee?

If your dog or cat is over 10 years of age it is automatically entitled to a reduced fee. Proof of eligibility is required to attract this discounts.

Contact Council

If you require any further information or to apply for a permit, contact Mitchell Shire Council's Community Compliance Department on 5734 6200.

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