

# **Microchipping**

Keep your cat safe and ensure a happy reunion if they get lost.

## Why it matters:

By law, all cats in Victoria must be microchipped before being sold, given away or registered with council. This tiny, safe device under their skin holds a unique ID linking them to you.

#### **Benefits:**

- Faster reunions: If your cat gets lost, a microchip scan can reunite you quickly.
- Increased safety: Unidentified cats may end up in shelters, potentially facing rehoming or euthanasia.
- **Peace of mind:** Knowing your cat can be identified and quickly returned brings comfort.

## «ቶ» Getting your cat microchipped:

#### Simple and safe:

Done by vets or at council microchipping events.

#### **Update details:**

Keep your contact information current with the microchip registry (<u>petaddress.com.au</u>) and local council.

A microchip is about the size of a large grain of rice.

# **Cat registration**

## Mandatory for all cats over 3 months old. Renew by 10 April annually.

#### **Benefits:**

- Immediate identification: A council tag shows your cat has an owner.
- Reduced fees for desexed cats.
- Supports vital services: Reuniting owners with lost pets, local animal control, maintaining pounds and public education.

**How to register:** Contact your local council.

## **Next Steps**

Get your cat microchipped: Contact your local vet or council for microchipping services.

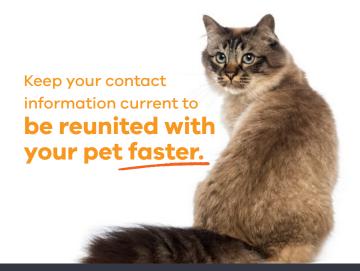
Register your cat: Visit your council website or office.

**Don't wait! Spread the word:** Encourage friends and family to do the same for their feline companions.

## Remember

- Microchipping is a one-time procedure, while council registration requires annual renewal.
- Keep your contact information current for both microchip registries and council registration.
- Desexing your cat offers reduced registration fees and other benefits.
- Taking these simple steps can make a world of difference for your cat's wellbeing and your peace of mind.

For more information visit: animalwelfare.vic.gov. au/reunite



Make sure your cat comes home to you: Microchip and register today!



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