

# Information for Councils and Registration Agents



## From July 2016, the Companion Animals Register is called the NSW Pet Registry.

Pet owners will have access to the NSW Pet Registry to update their contact details, report their pet missing, transfer ownership and pay most lifetime registration fees online.

### What are the changes for councils?

- From July 2016 councils and other registration agents will be able to logon to the Companion Animals Register, now called the NSW Pet Registry, through a dedicated link at [www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au](http://www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au)
- The NSW Pet Registry will be used by pet owners, breeders, vets, authorised identifiers and approved persons.
- Vets and other authorised identifiers will enter a pet's details directly on the registry when they are microchipped.
- Pet owners who cannot use the website can still complete paper forms at their local council. People with assistance, working and breeding dogs will also need to register their dog in person at their local council.
- Councils may need to assist pet owners who wish to make an online profile.
- Councils may receive an initial increase in requests to update pet details from owners who wish to claim their existing pets through the new website.
- Councils should download new paper forms from the Office of Local Government (OLG) website [www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/dogs-and-cats/forms](http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/dogs-and-cats/forms)

*A further upgrade of the NSW Pet Registry will occur in early 2017. This will improve the usefulness of the current registry functions for councils and other users.*

### Microchipping and desexing

- Cats and dogs must be microchipped prior to sale or by 12 weeks, whichever happens first.
- The Government encourages pet owners to desex cats and dogs at an early age. This helps to ensure pets stay healthy, are well behaved and do not have unwanted litters.
- The NSW Government continues to provide funding to

support discounted registration fees for desexed animals.

- From 4 July 2016, the discounted registration fee will be available to owners who desex their cat before four months of age. A discounted fee applies to dogs desexed before six months.
- Vets can update the registry when a pet is desexed. Vets can also update the registry if they believe that a pet should not be desexed for medical reasons.
- Current owners will be asked to make a profile, update their details and claim their existing pets on the registry (they will require the pet's microchip number).
- New owners will be asked to create an online profile to claim their pets once microchipped. They will use the microchip number, their contact telephone number or an email to locate their pet on the registry.
- Owners can update their details and transfer pet ownership online making it easier for vets and approved persons to contact the owners of lost or injured pets.

### Changes for breeders

- For the purposes of the registry, the owner of an animal that has a litter will be the first owner of each animal in that litter.
- Everyone who owns a cat or dog that has a litter will be given a breeder profile.
- A breeder's profile and access is the same as for other pet owners, with the addition of a Breeder ID number for easy use of the registry, such as for adding multiple animals.

**For more information, go to [www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au](http://www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au)**



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