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

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

What is changing for Authorised Identifiers?
- From July 2016 Authorised Identifiers (AI) and other users can access the NSW Pet Registry (formerly the Companion Animals Register) through a dedicated link at www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au
- Using existing usernames and passwords to logon, AIs can add new pets to the registry at the time of microchipping.
- The new system is user friendly and designed to minimise data entry.
- If the new registry cannot be accessed, new paper forms that match the new system and feature updated legal information can be downloaded from the OLG website, www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/dogs-and-cats/forms. These can be submitted at a local council.

Microchipping and desexing
- 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.
- The discounted registration fee is available to owners who desex their cat before four months of age. A discounted fee applies to dogs desexed before six months of age.
- Vets can update the registry when a pet is desexed. Vets can also update the registry to indicate that a pet should not yet be desexed for medical reasons.

What is changing for pet owners?
- 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.
- Current owners will be asked to make a profile, update their details and add pets to their profile on the registry.
- Owners can update their details and transfer pet ownership online making it easier for vets and approved persons to return lost pets home.

What is changing for breeders?
- 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