



Important Information

FOR CAT & DOG OWNERS

THE LAWS REGARDING CATS OR DOGS IN QUEENSLAND ARE CHANGING.

Due to recent changes in legislation, all councils across Queensland must implement the new *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* by the **12th of December 2010**.

There are some significant changes to your responsibilities as an animal owner as a result of the new legislation, and the Mount Isa City Council provides the following information to assist in your understanding of the new act (with respect to microchipping and registration).

More information about any of the changes referred to below can be found by visiting the council administration office (23 West Street, Mount Isa), or by visiting the council website at www.mountisa.qld.gov.au.

MICROCHIPPING YOUR PET

There are three cases where microchipping your cat or dog is **mandatory**:

- If your cat or dog is **under 3 years of age** as of the 12th December 2010
- your cat or dog is being **sold or given away**
- If your dog is a **declared regulated dog**.

It is recommended that all pets be microchipped, regardless of their age, to assist in reuniting them with their owners should they become lost. However, if your pet is older than 12 weeks (and is not to be sold / given away, or declared regulated) you are not required to have them microchipped.

REGISTRATION & MICROCHIPPING OBLIGATIONS

The following table should help outline some of the changes (and your responsibilities).

	I have a cat or dog aged under 12 weeks	I already have a cat or dog aged over 12 weeks	I am buying a cat or dog (any age)	I am giving away or selling a cat or dog aged under 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
Register with Mount Isa City Council	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory
Microchip with an authorised implanter	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory	Compulsory
Desex at an appropriate age with your vet	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	Compulsory	Compulsory

Mount Isa City Council is able to provide more information on the rules regarding microchipping, sale, and registration of cats and dogs.

Call (07) 4747 3200 or head to www.mountisa.qld.gov.au.

All cats and dogs in Queensland must be registered with the relevant local council.

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