

Old Cat & Dog Management Act

Registration & Microchipping Laws

As of July 1st all dogs and cats in Weipa that are 12 weeks or older are due for registration for the 2011-2012 financial year. The cost of registration is \$32.00 for an entire animal and \$16.00 for a de-sexed animal. Pet owners who are pensioners receive free registration for their first dog/cat if it is de-sexed and full price for any other animals.

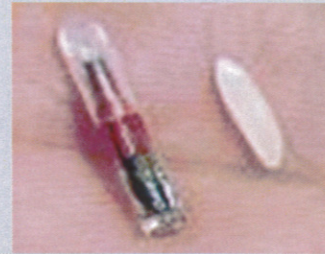
All animals that are 6 months or younger receive free registration up to 30th June 2012. Pet owners have until 31st August to have registrations finalized. Penalties will apply if animals not registered after this time.

The Queensland state government has implemented new laws for microchipping that came into force as of December 12 2010. Weipa Town Authority is obligated to educate and enforce these new laws. All dogs and cats are required to be microchipped before the age of 12 weeks. Any dogs or cats sold or given away are also required to be microchipped. A person who sells or gives away a dog or cat that has not been microchipped may be guilty of an offence and may be penalized up to \$2000.00. A person who obtains an animal that is not microchipped can also be penalized up to \$2000.00.

Microchipping is available at the vets or at the WTA. WTA charges \$26.00 per microchip implanted.

Animal Nuisance Behavior

WTA would like to remind dog owners that it is an offence to allow dogs to roam off their property. The WTA will extend patrolling hours and any dog impounded will result in penalties to the owner. It is the responsibility of all dog owners to ensure that their dogs are kept adequately contained. Dog owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that their dogs do not cause noise disturbances. Abatement notices may be issued if failure to comply.



Microchip used for cats and dogs.



Dangerous Dog!



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