

Website copy and links

Updated web copy and links for the NSW Pet Registry

The updated NSW Pet Registry website will be live from 2 July 2024. Redirects on the current OLG will automatically take user to the new site if they click on an old link or use a bookmarked link.

Web Copy

General/ introduction

The NSW Pet Registry is the official digital platform for managing important pet ownership tasks as a pet owner or breeder.

Log in to the NSW Pet Registry or create an account to:

- transfer pets instantly to new owners
- pay your pet's registration fee
- get handy reminders about important tasks
- update contact details to help lost pets return home
- create and manage litters.

If you cannot use the digital system, you can still complete these tasks through council using paper forms.

Registering pets

All pet cats and dogs in NSW must be registered on the NSW Pet Registry either by 12 weeks of age or immediately upon transfer (whichever happens first). Some exemptions apply.*

Registration payment is due on the day ownership is transferred (unless the previous owner has already registered the pet). This payment covers the pet for their lifetime, even if ownership changes.

Learn how to register your pets online.

When you register pets, you're helping build a community that prioritises animal welfare. Registration fees fund essential public pet services like dog parks, shelters and pounds, ranger services and responsible pet ownership education programs.

Desexing pets

If you choose to not desex your pet, and they will not become a breeding animal, you must complete a Non-desexed cat and dog fees form and submit to council with the relevant fee.

Owners of non-desexed cats over 4 months of age must pay an annual permit. Owners of non-desexed dogs over 6 months of age must pay a once-only additional fee.

You should always speak to your vet for specific advice on desexing.

Are you thinking about using your non-desexed cat or dog for breeding in NSW? Learn more about caring for your pets and their litters, as well as legal requirements for NSW breeders on the NSW Pet Registry website.

Microchipping pets

A microchip is an electronic identification device implanted under your pet's skin that should last for their lifetime. The microchip number and details about you and your pet are recorded on the NSW Pet Registry. If your pet goes missing, approved users can contact you using these details.

Under NSW law, whoever is selling or giving away the animal must ensure it is microchipped. This includes professional breeders, rehoming organisations, or anyone whose pet has had an accidental litter of puppies or kittens.

All cats and dogs must be microchipped before being sold or given away, or by 12 weeks of age (whichever happens first). Some exemptions apply.*

Selling or giving away a pet

You can transfer ownership of pets to new owners online, whether you're a professional recognised breeder or your family pet has had a surprise litter of puppies or kittens.

In NSW, when you advertise that you are selling or giving away kittens, cats, puppies or dogs, you must include an identification number.

This identification number can be the pets' microchip number, or your breeder identification number (BIN), which is issued free of charge when you create a litter for the first time on the NSW Pet Registry. Rehoming organisations must use their rehoming organisation number.

Learn how to transfer pets instantly using the NSW Pet Registry.

* Pets exempt from registration and microchipping

Pets exempt from registration and microchipping include:

- working dogs usually kept on farmland
- greyhounds currently registered under the *Greyhound Racing Act 2009*.

Links

NSW Pet Registry	https://petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au
Paper forms (all)	https://petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au/registration-and-permit-fees/forms
Register a pet	https://petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au/owners/register-a-pet
Registration and permit fees	https://petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au/registration-and-permit-fees
Desex a pet	https://petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au/owners/desex-a-pet
Microchipping a pet	https://petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au/owners/microchipping
Selling or giving away a pet	https://petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au/breeders/transfer-ownership

