

FAQs for breeders NSW Digital Pet Registry

Registration

Can I register all animals in my litters on the new NSW Digital Pet Registry?

Yes. You must enter all litter animals into the new NSW Digital Pet Registry so their microchip numbers can be recorded. However, you may not need to register them yourself.

All cats and dogs in NSW must be registered by 12 weeks of age or when they are first sold or given away (whichever happens first).

If you sell a puppy or kitten before it is 12 weeks old, the new owner must register and pay the one-time registration fee the day ownership is transferred to them. If animals are still in your ownership after they reach 12 weeks of age, you must register them and pay the base registration fee.

How do I register my recognised breeding animals?

You can register recognised breeding animals online through the new NSW Digital Pet Registry, just like any other cat or dog. However, to avoid paying an additional fee for non-desexed dogs over 6 months old, or an annual permit fee for non-desexed cats over 4 months old, you must bring additional documentation to your local council.

This includes:

- proof of current membership as a breeder member of a recognised breeder body
- verification that the cat or dog is of a breed accepted by the recognised breeder body
- a signed statement that the cat or dog is kept for breeding purposes.

Microchipping

How do I send litter details to a vet or authorised identifier for microchipping?

- 1. Schedule your microchipping appointment with your vet or authorised identifier.
- 2. Log in to your NSW Digital Pet Registry profile and click 'Send for microchipping' on the 'Litters' page.
- 3. Enter your vet or authorised identifier's email address. They will receive an email with your litter details and can easily enter microchip numbers for each animal using their own NSW Pet Registry account.

You can always resend the email when you are at the appointment with your vet or authorised identifier if they cannot find the original.

Why is my vet is asking me to sign paper forms to microchip a litter? I've already added these litter details online.

Many vets and authorised identifiers still use paper forms to identify animals on the NSW Pet Registry. They will microchip the litter, fill out the form and send it to council for processing. This means you must wait a bit longer for microchipping to be confirmed via your NSW Digital Pet Registry profile.

If your vet prefers the paper process, please make sure you can provide them with the litter's mother's microchip number - this will make processing at council much easier. You can encourage your vet or authorised identifier to use the more efficient digital system, but ultimately, the choice to use digital or paper is up to them.

Transferring ownership using the new NSW Digital Pet Registry

How do I invite an owner in NSW to set up their own profile on the new NSW Digital Pet Registry?

Click the 'Invite an owner' button on your dashboard and enter the new owner's email address to send them an invitation to join the new NSW Digital Pet Registry. It's that simple!

Do I need to invite an owner who lives interstate or overseas to the new NSW Digital Pet Registry?

Owners who live interstate or overseas do not need to register their pets on the new NSW Digital Pet Registry. You can still complete the transfer online using their contact and address details. The new owner will receive an email with guidance on what they should do next.

How do I transfer ownership of a pet to someone within NSW?

Click the 'Transfer a pet' button on your dashboard or the 'Transfers' page. Then select the pet from the dropdown, enter the new owner's email address, and confirm the transfer.

The new owner will need to have their own profile on the new NSW Digital Pet Registry for ownership to be transferred instantly. If they cannot use the digital system, you must fill out and submit a Change of owner (C3A) form to your local council.

How do I transfer ownership of a pet to someone interstate or overseas?

You can use the NSW Pet Registry to transfer ownership of microchipped pets to people who live interstate or overseas. These new owners do not need to create NSW Pet Registry profiles.

- 1. Click the 'Transfer a pet' button on your dashboard or the 'Transfers' page and select the 'Interstate' or 'Overseas' option.
- 2. Select the pet from the dropdown and add the new owner's name, email address, contact number, and residential address.
- 3. Confirm the transfer and the new owner will receive an email with the pet's details and guidance on what they should do next

For more information visit www.petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au

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