The NSW Digital Pet Registry  
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# Website links

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| NSW Pet Registry | <https://petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au> |
| Get started on the NSW Pet Registry | <https://www.petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au/owners/get-started-nsw-pet-registry> |
| 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> |

**\* The NSW Pet Registry has redesigned all paper forms for offline pet-related tasks. Please ensure all links on your site are current.**

# Responsible pet ownership in NSW

Becoming a cat or dog owner is incredibly exciting, but it's a big responsibility.

The NSW Digital Pet Registry makes it super easy to register your new best friend and stay up to date with your responsibilities as a new pet owner.

## Microchip your pet

Every cat and dog in NSW must be identified by a microchip number by the time they are 12 weeks of age.

Whoever is selling or giving away the animal must ensure they are microchipped. This includes professional breeders, rehoming organisations, or anyone whose pet has had an accidental litter of puppies or kittens. When you are buying or adopting a pet, you can request proof of the pet’s microchip number.

[Find out more about microchip numbers](https://www.petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au/owners/microchipping) [https://www.petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au/owners/microchipping]

The person selling or giving away a cat or dog must complete all the necessary steps to transfer ownership to you on the NSW Pet Registry.

## Register your pet

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). This payment covers the pet for their lifetime, even if ownership changes.

[Learn how to register your pets online.](https://www.petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au/owners/register-a-pet) [https://www.petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au/owners/register-a-pet]

When you register pets, you’re helping build a community that prioritises animal welfare. [Registration fees](https://petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au/registration-and-permit-fees) fund essential public pet services like dog parks, shelters and pounds, ranger services and responsible pet ownership education programs.

## Desex your pet

In NSW, there are additional charges for owning a non-desexed pet.

You'll be charged an

* additional fee if you do not desex your dog by 6 months of age
* annual permit fee if you do not desex your cat by 4 months of age.

[See fees for owning a non-desexed pet](https://www.petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au/non-desexed-cat-and-dog-fees) [https://www.petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au/non-desexed-cat-and-dog-fees]

If a vet decides to delay desexing your pet, or recommends against desexing your pet, a temporary or permanent exemption from the additional fee may be granted.

[Find out more about when to desex your pet and exemptions](https://www.petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au/non-desexed-cat-and-dog-fees) [https://www.petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au/owners/desex-a-pet]

# Information for breeders

Anyone breeding cats and dogs must ensure the health, safety and happiness of the pets in their care. The NSW Digital Pet Registry makes it easier to create and manage litter profiles, share microchipping requests with vets, and instantly transfer ownership to new owners.

The NSW Digital Pet Registry helps you manage your breeder responsibilities – [find out more](https://www.petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au/breeders) [<https://www.petregistry.olg.nsw.gov.au/breeders>]