

The *Cat Act 2011* was introduced to reduce the number of stray and unwanted cats in the community and to promote responsible ownership. It applies to all cats over six months of age across Western Australia.

### YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Only 2 cats are permitted to be registered to a property.
- Cat owners are encouraged to ensure that their cat(s) are not wandering or causing a nuisance.
- All cats over six months of age must be:
  - Microchipped;
  - Sterilised;
  - Registered with the Shire of Gingin; and
  - Wear a collar and a registration tag when in public.

### CAT REGISTRATION

Complete the 'Cat Registration Form' available on the website at the following link: [Cats » Shire of Gingin](#)

Registration forms will need to be accompanied by a proof of sterilisation certificate (unless proof of an exemption is provided) and proof of being microchipped.

### Registration Fees

All registrations are due on 1 November each year and can be renewed for either one or three years. Lifetime registration is also available.

The Fees are provided below:

Fee Types	Sterilised		
	1 Year	3 Year	Lifetime
Standard	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$42.50	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100.00
Pensioner (Concession) - Note 1	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$21.25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00

Note 1 - Approved concession cards must be produced at time of registration.

Note 2 - **Part-year registration** - a 50% discount is applicable for the first registration of a cat, if registered after 31 May in any given year. This discounted rate covers the period up to 31 October of the same year.

Payment can be made via post, over the phone or in-person at the Shire offices. See the registration form for more details.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CAT OWNERS**

### **Why do I have to register my cat?**

Apart from being a legal requirement, it helps return lost cats to their owners as quickly and efficiently as possible and enables the Shire to distinguish between domestic and feral cats.

### **Exemptions from sterilisation**

All cats must be microchipped and sterilised regardless of whether the animal resides indoors or outdoors.

A veterinarian can issue an exemption certificate if sterilisation is likely to adversely affect the health and welfare of the cat. This exemption certificate must be provided to the Shire during the registration process.

A cat may also be exempt from sterilisation if the cat is owned by a registered breeder. You should contact the Shire's Ranger Team if this applies to you, as you may need development (planning) approval prior to applying as a breeder.

### **I have sold my cat - what do I need to do?**

Prior to handover, you must ensure the cat is sterilised and microchipped. You also have an obligation to notify the Shire and microchip database in writing of the contact details and location of the new owner.

### **I've purchased a new cat - what are my responsibilities?**

If your new cat is too young to be sterilised, then the seller must provide you with a sterilisation voucher.

By the time your cat is six months, you must microchip, sterilise and register the animal with the Shire of Gingin. You will be provided with a registration tag upon successful registration.

### **Quick Release Collar**

As cats must wear a collar and a registration tag when in public. Quick-release collars automatically release your cat if it becomes caught on an obstacle. You should contact the Shire's Ranger Team for further details.

### **What happens if my cat passes away?**

If your cat sadly passes away, please advise the Shire's Ranger Team so that record keeping can be updated.

### **What happens if I move home with my cat?**

Please update your contact details with the Shire by completing a 'Change of Name or Address' form, found under the 'how do I update my contact details with the Shire' tab at the following link: [Rates » Shire of Gingin](#)

### **Shire of Gingin - Cat Local Law 2025**

Under the powers conferred by the *Cat Act 2011*, the Council of the Shire of Gingin resolved on 21 December 2024 to adopt the *Cat Local Law 2025* which can be viewed at the following link: [Local Laws » Shire of Gingin](#)

### **Penalties for Offences**

There are various modified penalties for failing to comply with the *Cat Local Law 2025*, ranging between \$200 - \$500.

The most common offences relate to failing to register a cat, failure to abate a nuisance, cat in public without collar and registration tag and keeping more than 2 cats (not zoned rural). These offences attract a penalty of \$200.

A copy of all offences and modified penalties can be viewed in the *Cat Local Law 2025*.