

## DESEXING



When the family pet becomes pregnant, it always means more that just one extra mouth to feed. Injections have to be paid for, micro chipping costs prior to rehoming, good homes found and there's every chance that it could happen again within a few months.

It's a sad fact of life that many dogs find themselves homeless and unwanted after just a few months, or weeks of life.

Council offers a discount on registration for de sexed animals.



## MICROCHIPPING

Under the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* micro-chipping is a requirement by law. All dogs must be micro-chipped prior to 12 weeks of age, if they are sold or given away (the seller or person giving away the dog is responsible for having the dog micro-chipped).

Micro-chipping is the best way to identify the owner of the found dog and therefore you can be reunited with your pet should that happen.



Keep your microchip details up to date by contacting the microchip registry should you move address or change your contact details.

## DOG CONTROL



Under Council's Local Law, it is an owners responsibility to keep dogs under effective control at all times and on a leash when in public places. Failure to comply with this regulation may be subject to an on-the-spot fine.

## HEALTH AND HYGIENE



Before acquiring a dog, it pays to think about the on-gong health care that is involved. This can include vaccinations, regular treatment for intestinal worms, heart worm ticks, fleas, de sexing, daily feeding and exercise and what to do with your dog when you go on holidays.

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Once you bring a pet into your home, it's health and hygiene—and the associated costs—become your responsibility. You should also think carefully about the breed and sex of a dog before making your choice.



## A RESPONSIBLE OWNER

Dogs make loving pets and can provide the whole family with a friend for life. It is an owners responsibility to repay that friendship by providing a safe, caring home environment, shelter, food and discipline. Dog owners also have a neighborly responsibility to ensure their pet is kept inside the property at all times and that it does not become a nuisance to surrounding residents

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This brochure has been designed to provide you with information about the programmers Council has put in place to encourage responsible dog ownership in our region.



**Refer to Council's website [www.scenicrim.q1d.gov.au](http://www.scenicrim.q1d.gov.au) for the fees and charges schedule**



**For further details contact Council's Pest and Animal Management Section on 5540 5111**