



## New Rules for Cat Owners

The City of Victor Harbor has introduced new rules that limit the number of cats kept on premises and help with the management and control of cats in the council area.

These rules came into effect on 1 January 2017.

### Introduction of the Cat By-law

Why has council introduced new rules for cats and cat owners?

The aim of the Cats By-law 2016 is to control and manage cats in the council area by:

- promoting responsible cat ownership;
- reducing the incidence of public and environmental nuisance caused by cats;
- protecting the comfort and safety of members of the public.

What does the new by-law mean for cat owners in the City of Victor Harbor?

Under the new by-law there will be a restriction on the number of cats allowed to be kept at a property, owners will need to ensure their cats are not causing a nuisance, and all cats over the age of three (3) months are required to be registered.



### Cat Registration

Why do I need to register my cat?

Registering your cat will help keep it safe, and make it easier for it to be returned to you if it goes missing.

Council encourages owners to microchip their pets (if they aren't already) as it will soon be required under the new Dog and Cat Management Act. As well as helping Council Officers identify your cat, microchipping will also reduce the registration cost.

How do I register my cat?

To register your cat, download the registration form from [www.victor.sa.gov.au/cats](http://www.victor.sa.gov.au/cats) and return it to Council with the relevant supporting documents. Alternatively, pick up a hard copy at the Civic Centre (1 Bay Road). Once your cat is registered you will receive a tag and a certificate of registration.

How much does it cost to register my cat?

<b>FULL YEAR (2017/18)</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Concession</b>
Standard registration	\$37.50	\$18.75
Micro-chipped only	\$18.75	\$9.40
Desexed only	\$18.75	\$9.40
Micro-chipped & desexed	\$9.40	\$4.70
Late registration fee	\$15	\$15

<b>HALF YEAR* (2017/18)</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Concession</b>
Standard registration	\$18.75	\$9.40
Micro-chipped only	\$9.40	\$4.70
Desexed only	\$9.40	\$4.70
Micro-chipped & desexed	\$4.70	\$2.35

\*Half year rate applies for new registrations made after 31 December each year.



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### How do I get the registration concessions?

To be eligible for concessions you must produce the appropriate documentation at the time of registering your cat. No concessions will be given without evidence of eligibility.

### When will registration renewal notices be sent?

Cat registration renewal notices will be sent from 1 July each year.

### What if I don't register my cat?

If a cat over three months in age is unregistered, any person who owns or is responsible for the control of the cat is guilty of an offence.

The maximum for having an unregistered cat is \$750, exiation \$187.50, continuing offence penalty for each 14 days that the offence continues is \$187.50.

## Limit on Cat Numbers

### What is the limit on the number of cats that can be kept at an address?

Under the new by-law no more than two (2) cats can be kept at an address without Council's permission. This does not apply to businesses involving the keeping of cats provided that the business is operating in accordance with all required approvals and consents.

### I have more than two cats. How do I apply for Council's permission to keep them at my property?

You need to complete an application form that seeks Council permission to keep more than two (2) cats at your property. The application form is available online at [www.victor.sa.gov.au/cats](http://www.victor.sa.gov.au/cats) or can be collected from the Civic Centre.

You will received written notification back from Council once your application has been considered.

### What if I have more than two cats at my premises and I don't get the appropriate permission from Council?

Penalties can be issued if you are found not to comply with the by-law provision. The maximum penalty for keeping more than two cats at your property without permission from Council is \$750, exiation \$187.50, and continuing offence penalty for each 14 days that the offence continues is \$187.50.

## More Information

Visit [www.victor.sa.gov.au/cats](http://www.victor.sa.gov.au/cats) or contact Council's General Inspectors on 8551 0500.

