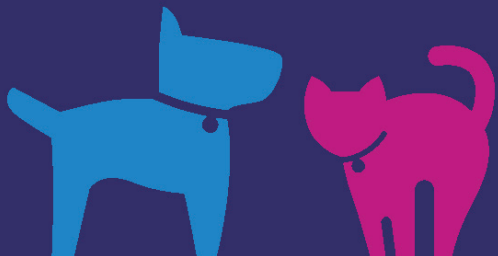




## New Rules for Dog and Cat owners from 1 July 2018

New dog and cat laws are coming on 1 July 2018. Changes include compulsory microchipping and desexing. Visit [dogandcatboard.com.au](http://dogandcatboard.com.au)



New laws for cat and dog owners and breeders are being introduced in South Australia from 1 July 2018. The changes will improve dog and cat management and welfare and are the result of years of planning and public consultation.

### Microchipping

From 1 July 2018, all dogs and cats must be microchipped by 12 weeks of age or at the point of sale. This includes dogs and cats that are more than 12 weeks of age on 1 July 2018.

Microchipping is the most effective form of permanent identification for your dog or cat. The simple fact is a microchipped pet has a better chance of getting home quicker than one that isn't. Contact your local vet to find out more about microchipping

Also from 1 July 2018, all dog and cat microchip details will be recorded on the statewide database, Dogs and Cats Online. Owners will have 24/7 access to Dogs and Cats Online and will be able to easily update their details. Go to [dogsandcatsonline.com.au](http://dogsandcatsonline.com.au) from 1 July 2018.

### New Rules for Breeders and Sellers

From 1 July 2018, anyone that breeds a dog or cat for sale or trade must register as a breeder with the Dog and Cat Management Board.

### Changes to dog registration categories

Since 2017 dog registration has been simplified. Your dog now falls under one of these two categories:

- Standard Dog: A dog that is both desexed and microchipped
- Non-standard Dog: all other dogs, even if they are exempt from rules around desexing or microchipping, such as dogs belonging to registered breeders, working livestock dogs etc.



### Registration and other fees

Council is responsible for registration, collection and return of stray dogs and investigating complaints of barking or dog attacks. For this reason, Council will have greater powers under the revised laws, including increases in some expiations and penalties.

Registration and other fees from 1 July 2018 are:

Standard Dog (desexed & microchipped)	\$25.00
Non-Standard Dog	\$50.00
Working Dog	\$20.00
Late Fee after 1 September	additional 25%
Part Year Fee (new dogs only) from 1 March	50% rebate
Business Registration (per dog)	\$50.00
Assistance Dog	\$0.00
Permit to Keep More than 2 Dogs (within townships)	
Initial application	\$40.00
Annual Charge Thereafter	\$20.00
Pound Charges	
Seizure and Impounding Fee	\$40.00
Pound fee per day	\$25.00
Hire of Citronella Collar (per week)	\$20.00
Citronella collar and refills are at cost	

The following Concession Card Holders; DVA "Gold" and "White", Pensioner, Senior Health and Health Cards, receive a rebate of 50% of the relevant fee for non-standard and standard registration fees only.



## Council Elections 2018

Councils are part of the democratic framework of Australia. The community elects their council members every four years and the next general elections happen in November 2018.

If you are already on the State electoral roll (in your council area) and vote in State elections, you are automatically included on the council voters roll and will receive ballot papers through the post.

If you need to enrol for the first time you can do this: by completing a paper form available from Australia Post or online through the Australian Electoral Commission's enrol to vote page [www.ecsa.sa.gov.au/enrolment](http://www.ecsa.sa.gov.au/enrolment)

If you are 16 or 17 years of age and enrolled as a provisional voter on the State electoral roll and turn 18 years on or by close of voting, you are entitled to vote and will also receive ballot papers.

You will need to check and update your enrolment if you have: moved house, changed postal address or changed your name. You can do this by calling 13 23 26 or online at [www.ecsa.sa.gov.au/enrolment/check-and-update-your-enrolment](http://www.ecsa.sa.gov.au/enrolment/check-and-update-your-enrolment)

## Council voters roll

You may be eligible to be on the council voters roll if you are one of the following:

- a resident or a non-Australian citizen who has lived at your residential address for one month or more, or
- an owner of an organisation or business, or
- an owner of a holiday home, or
- a sole owner, or group of owners, of a rateable property, or
- a sole occupier, or group of occupiers, of a rateable property, or
- a landlord of rateable property.

All landlords, organisations, business owners or occupiers, and resident non-Australian citizens, must re-enrol from January 1 of every election year to be able to vote.

Council enrolment forms are available by contacting Council or downloading from [www.naracoortelucindale.sa.gov.au/enroltovote2018](http://www.naracoortelucindale.sa.gov.au/enroltovote2018)



## Burning in the open

The Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016 aims to minimise the impact of smoke in populated areas by providing stronger controls on burning in built-up areas. These laws operate alongside existing laws that apply.

Burning in the open within townships is permitted for:

- preparation of food or beverages
- heating an outdoor area using a brazier, chiminea or fire pit - charcoal only
- fire prevention or control - requires council approval (this may be by individual permit or general notice published in a newspaper)
- disposal of agricultural or forestry waste - requires council approval (this may be by individual permit or by general notice published in a newspaper)
- other - requires council approval through written consent or general notice.

If you need to use fire in the open air during the Fire Danger Period or on a day of Total Fire Ban you may require a separate permit under the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005.

If you are unsure, please check with Council before you burn to determine if you are able to burn or require a permit to burn. If you do need a permit, applying for one is easy.

