



# Animal Management

Do you own a cat or dog?

Please turn over for information about keeping animals in the Shire and what our Rangers can help with.



**Shire of Derby /  
West Kimberley**

## **When does my dog or cat have to be registered and microchipped?**

Under law, Dogs over 3 months and Cats over 6 months of age need to be registered and microchipped. Cats over 6 months of age also need to be sterilised

## **Does the Shire have dog exercise areas?**

Dog exercise areas can be found in and around Derby and Fitzroy Crossing to enable dog owners to walk their dog's off the lead.

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## **How many dogs and cats can I keep on my property?**

You can keep two registered dogs and three registered cats on your property. If you have more than this, you need to apply to the Shire for permission, otherwise you risk being fined.

## **What do I do if my dog or cat is in the pound?**

Call the Shire on 9191 0999 to arrange to have your animal released. If your animal is not registered or microchipped, this will need to be organised before the animal is released. If your animal is in the pound for 24 hours or more, you'll also need to pay a sustenance fee.

## **When are animal registrations due?**

Registrations are due on 1 November each year.

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## **What can the Rangers help with?**

The Rangers assist with animal control, litter, graffiti and verge obstructions, fire breaks, fire hazards and fire permits, abandoned vehicles, illegal camping and off-road vehicle control.

Contact the Rangers on 9191 099 or [sdwk@sdwk.wa.gov.au](mailto:sdwk@sdwk.wa.gov.au)