

CHECKLIST FOR RESPONSIBLE OWNERS

- My cat is sterilised and microchipped;
- My cat is registered with the City;
- My cat wears the City registration tag and has a microchip that will provide my name and address when scanned;
- My cat has regular flea and worm treatments, health checks, and vaccinations;
- My cat does not wander from my property, and is contained either inside my house or in the cat run;
- My cat is discouraged from hunting native fauna in my yard with the use of a small bell or mirror attached to a collar;
- My cat has an owner who is prepared to learn how to care for its health and understand its behaviour.



IMPOUND FEE

First three days \$175.00

SUSTENANCE FEE

Each day after three days \$29.00

(These fees are valid from 1 July 2017 until 30 June 2018)

All fees are payable at the City Office and your cat must be registered prior to collection.

Fees and registration can be paid at the Animal Care Facility on weekends and on public holidays.

CASH ONLY. Correct amount must be provided, no change available.

Proof of registration, sterilisation and microchip confirmation must also be provided.

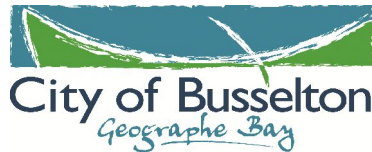
Cats will not be released to owners if the owner does not have an adequate carrier to contain the cat when collecting.

ANIMAL CARE FACILITY HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday to Friday 12pm—1pm

Weekends and Public Holidays by appointment

(08) 9781 0444



2 Southern Drive, Busselton, Western Australia

Telephone: **(08) 9781 0444**

Facsimile: **(08) 9752 4958**

Email: city@busselton.wa.gov.au

Web: www.busselton.wa.gov.au

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

INFORMATION ON CATS

**The Cat Act 2011 is in full effect as of
1 November 2013.**

Read inside to find out your requirements



It is a sad reflection on our community that many cats are destroyed each year because they are unwanted or cannot be controlled. This brochure is designed to provide information on cat ownership in the City of Busselton.

REGISTRATION

All cats over the age of six (6) months must be registered within the Council that they normally reside in. All registrations are due on 1 November each year and are current for either one year, three years or for the life of the cat. Registration helps you to recover your cat if lost and assists the City to encourage responsible cat ownership. A person under 18 years of age may not lawfully register a cat in his or her name.

REGISTRATION FEES

<u>Per Annum</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>Lifetime</u>
\$20.00	\$42.50	\$100.00
Valid pension card holders		1/2 the normal fee

Breeder's Fee \$100.00 per cat (male or female)

Registration still applies if your cat is a breeding cat and is payable in conjunction with the Breeder's Fee.

The Breeder's Fee is valid for one (1) year from the date of approval.

STERILISATION

All cats must be sterilised. An exemption will be given for the following reasons only:

1. A veterinarian has examined your cat and signed a certificate stating that sterilisation will adversely affect the health and welfare of the cat;
2. The cat is owned for the purpose of breeding, by an approved cat breeder.

MICROCHIPPING

All cats must be microchipped. An exemption will be given for the following reason only:

1. A veterinarian has examined your cat and signed a certificate stating that the implantation of a microchip will adversely affect the health and welfare of the cat.

A certificate cannot apply to a cat that is under the age of six months.

CAT IDENTIFICATION

All cats must be identified with a collar and tag. The tag must include your name, current residential address and telephone number. The City registration tag must also be attached to the collar.



Identification of your cat will ensure that your cat can easily be returned to you should it become lost, trapped or impounded.

WANDERING CATS

Cats that are allowed to roam the streets are a hazard to motorists and can be a nuisance to other residents. Unsterilised cats that wander are often responsible for unwanted litters of kittens that are frequently destroyed or dumped. Many abandoned kittens mature into feral adult cats, which has a significant impact on our native fauna.



It is an offence to abandon a cat or kitten in the City of Busselton. Cats that wander have a short life span and are expensive to their owners. Owners should take care to ensure that their cat is confined to their own property, by either keeping it inside or building a cat run.

CAT PERMITS

The Local Law restricts the number of cats that may be kept at a particular property to two. Cat owners need to apply for a permit to keep more than two cats. All cats must be currently registered, sterilised and microchipped.