



### Additional resources

For more information, including tips for being a responsible cat owner and/or breeder, visit

Department of Local Government and Communities Responsible Cat Ownership web page at: <http://dlg.wa.gov.au/Content/Legislation/ResponsibleCatOwnership.aspx> or contact 1800 620 511

Legal Aid WA - 1300 650 579  
[www.legalaid.wa.gov.au](http://www.legalaid.wa.gov.au)



### City of Karratha Ranger Services

Contact: (08) 9186 8555  
[enquiries@karratha.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@karratha.wa.gov.au)  
[www.karratha.wa.gov.au](http://www.karratha.wa.gov.au)



## Responsible cat ownership

Owning a cat in the City of Karratha comes with basic responsibilities that should be followed at all times.

### Registration fees

All cats over the age of six months must be registered. Registration assists in returning lost cats home.

Yearly registration: \$20.00 per cat  
Three year registration: \$42.50 per cat  
Lifetime registration: \$100.00 per cat

Pension card holders can receive a 50% discount on registration fees. Pensioner concessions can only be applied on production of a current Pensioner Concession Card, State Concession Card, Veteran's Card or Senior's Card together with a Commonwealth Senior's Health Card.



## Owner's basic responsibilities

- Contain your cat on your own property;
- Ensure your cat is easily identifiable with a collar, name tag with owner phone number and a registration tag;
- Microchip and sterilise your cat;
- Keep your cat(s) in at night.

## How do I organise sterilisation, microchipping and registration of my cat?

Your local vets will be able to provide you with sterilisation and microchipping services.

Registration forms can be obtained by contacting Ranger Services on 9186 8555, the City of Karratha Administration Office on Welcome Road, Karratha, from the Roebourne Library and from [karratha.wa.gov.au](http://karratha.wa.gov.au).

## If you have lost your cat

Contact your local veterinary hospital or SAFE to see if your cat has been handed in, and speak to your neighbours to see if they have seen your cat. If you don't have any luck, contact Ranger Services on 9186 8555.

## Cat breeders

If you are a current cat breeder or wish to become a breeder you must apply for a cat breeding permit from your local government. Conditions apply to cat breeding permits and a non-refundable fee is payable upon lodgement of an application. If your application is approved, a Cat Breeder certificate will be issued and is valid for 12 months from the date of approval, with annual renewal and inspections conducted. Penalties of up to \$5000 may apply for unapproved breeding.

## Number of cats on a property

The City of Karratha Animals, Environment and Nuisance Local Law 2011 currently allows each household to keep a maximum of three cats.



## What is the *Cat Act 2011*

The *Cat Act 2011* requires that all cats over the age of six months must be sterilised, microchipped and registered with their relevant local government.

Note: Requests for exemption from sterilisation and/or microchipping of your cat will only be considered if supported by an exemption certificate from your local veterinarian and only if detrimental to cats health.

The main purpose of the *Cat Act 2011* is to:

- encourage responsible cat ownership;
- provide better control and management of stray and unwanted cats;
- reduce large numbers euthanised each year;
- ensure your cat, by registration and microchipping, can be returned to you should it stray.

## Nuisance cat behaviour

If you have problems with neighbouring cats on your property or if you have been approached regarding your own cat causing problems within the neighbourhood, first try to discuss ways to alleviate the problems with your neighbours.

- If you are unable to or cannot approach an owner, consider placing a letter in their mailbox advising details of the problems caused
- Sometimes owners are unaware that their cat is causing a nuisance and will take steps to alleviate the problem once made aware of the situation
- If you are unable to locate an owner or are unsure where it has come from, discuss with Ranger Services what alternative methods you can implement to alleviate or deter the problems

## Stray or feral cats

If you believe there is a stray or feral cat(s) on your property you must first check with your neighbours to ensure the cat(s) are in fact stray or feral and not a pet.

If you have asked Rangers to capture a cat you will be requested to assist by gathering relevant information about the cat and its behaviour prior to any attempt at capture. Ranger Services require written permission from property owners to enter and capture the cat(s).

## Captured/seized cats

Cats may be seized by Ranger Services where they are found wandering in public areas or on private property without the owner's consent; however the capture of cats is a last resort option for Rangers.

If your cat is impounded there will be an impound fee payable prior to release. It is a requirement of the *Cat Act 2011* that your cat is registered, microchipped and sterilised prior to release.