



# Your Cats and Your Responsibility

## Registration, Microchipping, Sterilisation

All cats over six-months **MUST BE** microchipped, sterilised, and registered with the City of Kalamunda. Cat registrations must remain current. You can transfer registration between Local Governments.

## Collar and Registration Tag

All cats are required to wear a collar and registration tag, which along with microchipping, ensure that owned cats can be easily identified and returned to their owner, a personalised name tag and a bell is also recommended.

## Cat Prohibited Areas

Under the City of Kalamunda Keeping and Control of Cat Local Law 2023, cats are prohibited in a number of Parks and Reserves (a full list is available on the City's website). Our local environment is characterised by extensive reserves with naturally occurring plants and animals. The native animals that utilise these bush reserves are at threat from wandering cats. Research has shown that a single domestic cat will eat 186 native animals (mammals, reptiles, birds) per year if allowed to roam and hunt freely. Cats can also spread the parasitic disease toxoplasmosis to native animals which leads to a slow painful death.

### For more information

Please phone (08) 9257 9999

[www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au](http://www.kalamunda.wa.gov.au)

# Responsible Cat Ownership

## Wandering Cats and Keeping Cats Indoors

Wandering cats are not only a hazard to motorists and themselves, they are severely impacting the native wildlife due to their predatory nature, you should keep all cats contained within your property or within a cat enclosure or Catio to prevent harm to themselves and others.

## Fleas, Worms, Health Checks and Vaccinating your Cat

Ensure your cat has regular flea and worm treatments, health checks, and that your cat's vaccinations are up to date to help protect them from many highly contagious and infectious diseases.

## Cat Trapping

Residents who do not want/give permission for cats to wander onto their property have the right to buy, hire or borrow a humane cat trap and trap any cats on their own property. Rangers collect any trapped cats and fees apply for collecting your cat from the Animal Management Facility and fines may be issued.

## Did you know these cat facts?

- Domestic, uncontained cats kill 250,000 native animals per year - including possums, bandicoots, parrots and honey eaters, frogs, lizards and quendas.
- A kitten of six-months-old can be a mother.
- A female cat can have three litters each year, averaging five kittens per litter.
- Cats do not need to have a litter and are healthier if sterilised at six-months.
- With a responsible, loving owner a cat can make a wonderful pet and companion.

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