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**Claim your cat or dog  
online and give them the  
best chance of being  
returned home**



**Take a few simple steps to make sure your  
pet's identification information is up-to-date**

## Microchip and register your cat or dog

### What is microchipping?

A veterinarian or qualified implanter is trained to insert a subcutaneous full duplex electronic radio transponder (microchip) beneath an animal's skin, between the shoulders. No personal information is stored on the microchip itself, only the **unique identification number**.

### Why microchip your pet?

It's a requirement in NSW for all cats and dogs to be microchipped and placed on the **NSW Pet Registry** by the time they reach 12 weeks of age, or prior to sale, whichever comes first. Therefore, your new pet should already be listed on the NSW Pet Registry with a microchip number under the previous owner's or breeder's name. When you collect your pet, the breeder or previous owner should transfer the pet to you on the registry by adding your contact details to the pet's microchip number.

### Not microchipped?

Your local vet can microchip your pet and add the number to the NSW Pet Registry. You can then log on to the registry, **create a profile and 'claim' your pet** by searching for its microchip number. Make sure to add a contact telephone number in case your pet goes missing.

### Not lifetime registered?

Once you have created a profile you can pay your pet's **lifetime registration fee**, which is due by the time your pet is six months old. Log back on to your profile at any time to keep your contact details up-to-date, identify your cat or dog as missing, and transfer ownership. Up-to-date contact details **give your pet the best chance of being returned home** if they are lost, stolen or injured.

### Discount for desexed pets

The NSW Government continues to provide funding to support a **discounted lifetime registration fee** to owners who desex their cat before the age of 4 months, and dogs before the age of 6 months. Vets should update the registry when a pet is desexed.