



**MEDIA RELEASE: WEDNESDAY, 1 MAY, 2019**

**Animal registration blitz happening in the Strathbogie Shire**

Strathbogie Shire Council urges residents who have not yet registered or re-registered their pets to make sure they do so before 5pm, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Animal registrations were due on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April and to date, 30 percent of animals who were previously registered with Council have not been re-registered.

Council has provided a two week amnesty for residents to give them another chance to register without incurring a fine and will be sending out reminder letters to those who have failed to re-register their animals.

After Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, Council will commence a registration blitz by door-knocking across the shire to ensure domestic animals are registered, as required by law.

Failure to register your pet within the amnesty period may result a \$317 fine per animal.

Strathbogie Shire Council Chief Executive Officer, Steve Crawcour said it is Council's responsibility to ensure all dogs and cats living in the shire are registered.

"We understand that sometimes in our busy lives things get forgotten, so we are offering an amnesty for you to register your pets," Mr Crawcour explained.

"Please also remember that if you have a new pet that is more than three months old they need to be registered with us.

To register or re-register your pet, you can visit one of our Customer Service Centres at 109A Binney Street, Euroa or 293 High Street, Nagambie."

Some pets are eligible for a reduced registration fee. If you are a pensioner, you can also receive a discount.

Please contact Council Offices if you think you may be entitled to a reduced fee and we will make sure you receive any discount you or your pets are entitled to.

Council offers its condolences to those whose pets have passed away since they registered them last year, and asks residents to please advise Council so we can update our records.

If you have any questions or concerns relating to animal registrations, please don't hesitate to contact Council Offices by calling 1800 065 993 or emailing [info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au).

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