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## Dog and cat registration due in July

Dog and cat renewal notices will arrive in July to over 300,000 dog or cat owners by post, SMS or email, with instructions for re-registering and paying via Dogs and Cats Online.

Pet owners can still pay registration fees at their local council office, however Dogs and Cats Online 24 hour access makes the registration and renewal process convenient to manage with a few clicks without the trip.

Dogs and Cats Online is a one-stop service for all annual registration payments, as well as dog and cat microchipping, desexing and breeder details.

Your dog's registration number is a life time number, so don't expect to receive a new disc with your renewal notice. Gone are the days of a new plastic disc each year – this is good news for the environment.

Many dog owners prefer to have their dogs unique number engraved on a metal disc or collar ID plate – just make sure the registration number is clear.

All cats are required to be registered in Dogs and Cats Online. Some councils charge for registration.

Dogs and Cats Online is a state-wide register for microchip and desex information which are mandatory practices for dogs and cats, and breeders—anyone who sells a dog or cat they've bred must be registered in the system.

Dog and Cat Management Board Chairperson David Parkin says, "Keeping your information in Dogs and Cats Online current is important for many reasons—say you move home and your pet goes missing, you're more likely to have them returned if their registration and microchip details are up to date.

"Councils and shelters can quickly identify found dogs and cats and reunite them with their owners as soon as possible. Owners can also post 'missing' messages and a contact number on Dogs and Cats online," Mr Parkin said.

When owners move to another South Australian council area, or if the dog or cat goes to a new home, the registration must be transferred to the new owner who should also be given the animal's registration disc.

"Transfers are easy—first the original owner initiates a transfer in Dogs and Cats Online and provides the transfer number to the new owner to then log in and complete the transfer," Mr Parkin said.

For more information visit <http://www.dogandcatboard.com.au>

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### TOP 10 (SA)

#### DOG BREEDS

1. Maltese
2. Australian Kelpie
3. Labrador Retriever
4. Staffordshire Bull Terrier
5. Border Collie
6. Jack Russell Terrier
7. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
8. American Staffordshire Terrier
9. German Shepherd
10. Australian Cattle Dog

#### DOG NAMES

1. Bella
2. Charlie
3. Molly
4. Max
5. Ruby
6. Buddy
7. Lucy
8. Jack
9. Cooper
10. Daisy

#### CAT NAMES

1. Luna
2. Bella
3. Charlie
4. Missy
5. Kitten
6. Smokey
7. Molly
8. Tiger
9. Coco
10. Oscar