

Legal responsibilities

Under the Companion Animal Act 1998:

- Cats must be micro-chipped by 12 weeks of age and registered with Council by 6 months of age
- Cats must have a collar and tag with the cat's name and phone number of owner
- Cats are prohibited to go into wildlife protection areas or food preparation /consumption areas
- Cats cannot inconvenience any other person on another property or premises
- A cat cannot repeatedly damage anything outside the property where it lives

Desexing

Cats need to be desexed to:

- Prevent unwanted litters
- Reduce cat fights
- Reduce wandering and the risk of getting hurt

A desexed cat costs less to register.

If you are on a pension, Hunter Animal Watch, 4961 6133, may be able to assist with desexing costs.

For more information

Lake Macquarie City Council
4921 0333
[www.lakemac.com.au/
services/ranger/pet-laws](http://www.lakemac.com.au/services/ranger/pet-laws)

Cat enclosures

- **Catnip Enclosures**
www.catnip.com.au
1800 639 998
- **Cat Max Enclosures**
www.catmax.com.au
1300 306 605

Hunter Animal Watch
4961 6133

Native Animal Trust Fund
0418 628 483

Your local veterinarian

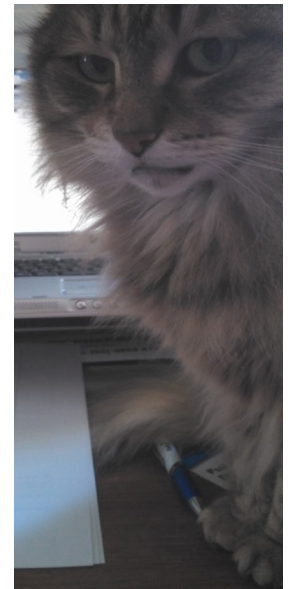
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DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CAT IS?

Important information on
responsible cat care



OUR VISION
to strengthen and
educate our community
and build links between

Wildlife

- Cats hunt and kill instinctively
- Cats kill hundreds of native animals each year
- Even the best fed cat will hunt and kill if allowed. Cats don't discriminate between pests and native wildlife.

Protect native wildlife from your cat by:

- Confining your cat, particularly at night
- Putting a bell or two on its collar
- Keep birdbaths clear of cat hiding areas
- Create refuge areas for natives to escape and hide in



Native habitat can provide refuge for wildlife



Cat care is easy

Cats need:

- A balanced diet
- Fresh water
- Clean litter trays
- Toys and scratching post
- Microchip, registered with your local Council
- Collar with tag and bell
- Regular health checks with the vet including vaccinations and routine worming
- To be desexed (spayed or neutered)
- To be confined to your property, especially at night

Confining your cat

Helps prevent your cat:

- Being hit by a car
- Being stolen
- Getting lost
- Getting into fights with other cats, dogs and snakes
- Contracting Feline AIDS and Feline Leukemia
- Getting infections from puncture wounds
- Getting their collar caught on something
- Being mistreated, abused or poisoned
- Used for bait in dog fights
- Dying alone



Outdoor cat enclosure