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Keeping a Dog

Dog registration

Responsible pet owners microchip and register their dog or cat and ensure that their contact details are up to date.

You can now update your contact details on the new [NSW Pet Registry](#). If your dog or cat is lost, up to date contact details are the best way to bring your pet home.

For details on microchipping and registration, visit the [NSW Office of Local Government website](#).

Permits

If you live in NSW or have moved to NSW and are going to be here for three months or more, you must have your cat or dog microchipped (if this has not already been done), entered on the NSW Companion Animals Register and lifetime registered with Council. This must occur within three months of moving to NSW.

Your responsibilities as a dog owner

You should ensure your dog is healthy, safe and properly cared for. Find out what cat and dog regulations you need to follow.

Your responsibilities as a dog owner are to:

- register your dog within 12 weeks of age or before being sold or given away, whichever happens first
- walk your dog on a lead when in a public place, except in off-leash areas
- keep your dog quiet
- keep your dog in your yard
- prevent your dog attacking or frightening people or animals

