



## All about cats



Council encourages everyone to be responsible pet owners. This includes registering your cat with Council, keeping your cats indoors between dusk and dawn, providing a balanced diet, getting them vaccinated, wormed, desexed and microchipped.

### Keeping your cat safe at night

To keep your cat safe and out of danger do not let them roam outdoors between dusk and dawn. Majority of accidents involving cats happen at night, including your cat getting into fights, being hit by a car, getting lost or even catching a fatal disease.

Keeping cats in at night also helps reduce the growth of the stray cat population.

Getting your cat desexed also helps alleviate this problem. For more information on desexing refer to the Registering, desexing and microchipping fact sheet, contact your local vet or Council on 9205 5063.

The hours between dusk and dawn are also when cats are more likely to kill local native wildlife. Cats kept in a night are much happier, healthier and safer.

Options for keeping your cat confined at night:

- Simply keep them inside your house or flat at night.

- Buy a cat enclosure from your local pet shop.
- Build your own A-frame with chicken wire
- Attach floppy chicken wire to your fences to make them harder for the cat to climb.

### Teaching your cat to come in at night

When first training your cat to come in at night, skip their morning feed and then call them in for their evening feed. Don't feed your cat until they are inside. Your cat will learn quickly that it won't be fed unless it is inside.

### Legal requirements for cat owners

If your cat continually wanders onto another person's property without their permission it can be seized. It is important to register and microchip your cat so Council can quickly identify and return them to you as soon as possible. Unidentified cats will be taken to the pound. If your cat continues

to be a problem Council can issue an order to stop your cat from roaming, and issue fines.

### Number of cats allowed

If you live in a house you are allowed to keep:

- Two cats over three months old
- Four cats under three months old

If you live in a unit or flat you are allowed to keep:

- One cat over six months old
- Three cats under six months old

### Vaccinations

When you purchase your cat request their vaccination certificate. If there is no certificate you need to get your cat vaccinated. Kittens need to be vaccinated between 6-9 weeks with a second at 12-16 weeks old. All cats then require a booster vaccination every 12 months.

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## Lost cats

Unfortunately cats sometimes get lost. You can help prevent your cat getting lost by making sure they are microchipped and always wear their council identification tag. Remember to confine your cat during a thunderstorm and fireworks.

If you have lost your cat or have found a lost cat, you should call Council on 9205 5063 or 9205 5555 (after business hours). In Yarra lost dogs and cats are taken to the Lost Dogs Home at 2 Gracie St North Melbourne.

If you have a feral/nuisance cat on your property, call Council on 9205 5063 to arrange a trapping service.

## Fines for pet owners

Council's first approach is to help residents be responsible pet owners by providing information and advice. However, Council does have the authority to issue fines under the local law and State legislation for those pet owners who do not comply. Fines can be issued for the following:

- Cat trespassing onto private property
- Keeping excess animals on your property

## Vets in Yarra

**Carlton Veterinary Surgery**  
603 Rathdown St North Carlton  
Ph: 9347 1955

**Clifton Hill Veterinary Clinic**  
470 Wellington St Clifton Hill  
Ph: 9489 4055

**Fitzroy Veterinary Clinic**  
102 Scotchmer St North Fitzroy  
Ph: 9489 2195

**Richmond Veterinary Clinic**  
259 Church St Richmond  
Ph: 9428 2200

## Other useful contacts

**Pet care Information and Advisory Service**  
Ph: 9827 5344  
[www.petnet.com.au](http://www.petnet.com.au)

**Victorian Canine Association**  
[www.vca.org.au](http://www.vca.org.au)

**Victorian Government**  
[www.pets.info.vic.gov.au](http://www.pets.info.vic.gov.au)

For more information on pets and animals in Yarra please refer to the other Pets and Animals fact sheets, visit [www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Services/Animals/](http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Services/Animals/) or phone Council on 9205 5063.

## More pet and animals fact sheets

- All about dogs
- Registering, desexing and microchipping
- Animals and pests in Yarra

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