

Keeping your pet's details up to date



Keeping your pet's details up to date is important so we can reunite you with your pet if they become lost and so we can get in touch with information about pet registration. We recommend you also update your details with your relevant microchip registry.

When do you need to update your pet's details?

You need to update your pet's details if any of the following have changed:

- moved to a new address (in or out of Yarra)
- pet has recently been desexed (reduces standard fee)
- pet has passed away or is lost
- your contact details have changed.

How do I update my pet's details?

You can update your pet's details online at yarracity.vic.gov.au/updatepetdetails

Alternatively give us a call on **9205 5555**, email us at info@yarracity.vic.gov.au or visit us in person at one of our customer service centres.

Keeping your cat safe at home

Cats are much safer if they are kept inside your home rather than roaming around.

Keeping your cat indoors doesn't mean they can't be happy. You can still provide a rich environment in your home without restricting their freedom.

Some reasons to consider keeping your cat indoors:

- reduces the risk of them getting sick by contracting a disease
- being hurt or dying in an accident
- enjoying more quality time together
- reduces the risk of them getting lost or impounded
- preventing them from interacting with other domestic or feral cats
- avoiding problems with your neighbours
- giving them a better chance to enjoy a longer, healthier life.

Despite being inner city, Yarra is also home to a large range of wildlife. Keeping your cat inside your home reduces the risk they will harm or kill other animals.

The RSPCA's guide *Keeping your cat safe and happy at home* is a great resource that explains why and how you can keep your cat safe at home. You can see the guide at yarracity.vic.gov.au/catsafe

Dog poo doesn't disappear

Remember a time when you got home and could smell something only to check your shoes and find you stepped in dog poo!

Leaving your dog's poo behind is against the law and isn't pleasant for your neighbours. Dog poo pollutes our parks, sport grounds, waterways, pathways and can create a potentially dangerous slip hazard.

Dog poo can carry harmful bacteria and parasites (including fleas and worms) which can be passed on to other animals.

When taking your dog out, make sure you're prepared to pick up any poo they leave behind and keep an eye on your dog at all times in off-leash areas.

More information

If you would like to know more about pets in Yarra, contact us on **9205 5555** or **info@yarracity.vic.gov.au**

Pettiquette

We've all seen a dog with poor manners, barking at every passer-by, starting trouble at the dog park or relieving themselves in inappropriate places.

Off-leash dog parks have many benefits for dogs and their owners, providing the opportunity for dogs to exercise and socialise with other pooches. Off-leash parks play an important part of the community, especially in an urban environment – this makes it all the more important to make sure you and your dog have good dog park etiquette.

- Make sure your dog has experience socialising before taking them to an off-leash area.
- Always consider how comfortable and safe your dog will feel when taking them out.
- Always carry dog poo bags and pick up after your pet.
- Dogs must always be on-leash in public streets.
- Dogs must not dig in or otherwise damage parks.

Pettiquette starts with you.

Now in effect – night-time cat curfew

Keep your cats safe within your home between 7pm and 7am.

Yarra Council has introduced a cat curfew to:

- protect cats from diseases and dangers like traffic
- reduce chances of cats going missing
- help protect local wildlife.



Your cooperation helps make Yarra a safer and more harmonious place for all. Learn more by scanning the QR code for details on the cat curfew and its benefits.

