

# Pet Owner's Information Sheet



Keeping your pet's details up to date is essential 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:

- you have moved to a new address (in or out of Yarra);
- your pet has recently been desexed (reduces standard fee);
- your pet has passed away or is lost; and/or
- 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](https://yarracity.vic.gov.au/updatepetdetails) or using the QR code below.

Alternatively give us a call on **9205 5555**, email us at [info@yarracity.vic.gov.au](mailto: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.

### Reasons to keep your cats indoors:

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

Despite being in the inner city, Yarra is also home to a large range of wildlife. Keeping your cat inside your home reduces the risk of them harming or killing other animals. Visit [yarracity.vic.gov.au/catsafe](https://yarracity.vic.gov.au/catsafe) for more information.

## 'Pettiquette'

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, which 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 for an outing;
- always carry dog waste bags and pick up after your pet; and
- dogs must always be on-leash in public streets.

Pettiquette starts with you.

## Failure to renew your registration

Owners of unregistered pets may face fines over \$395, per animal. Council provides a number of courtesy reminders via notices, emails and SMS to ensure compliance. We will be conducting auditing and following up outstanding animal registrations after 10 April 2025.

## Your dog's business, is everyone's business

Dog waste is a significant issue affecting our community.

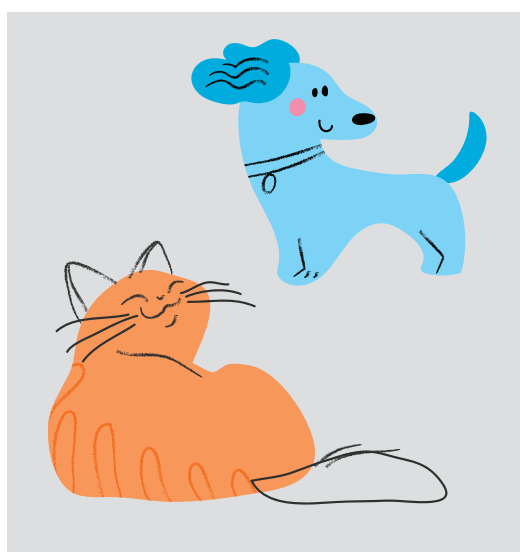
Our parks and public spaces are shared by everyone, including sporting clubs, so it's vital we show respect for all users. Leaving dog excrement in these areas is disrespectful, unsightly, and poses health risks to other animals.

As responsible pet owners, you are legally obligated to clean up after your dog. This means carrying appropriate waste bags, promptly collecting any waste, and disposing of it properly in designated bins. Failure to comply may result in enforcement action.

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our community clean.

### More information

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



## Domestic Animal Management Plan 2025-2028

Yarra is reviewing and creating its Domestic Animal Management Plan for the next 4 years.

The plan outlines the strategies, services and programs used to promote responsible pet ownership and addresses animal management issues across Yarra.

It is an important plan for Yarra's pet owners, residents and the Animal Management team.

Details on when you can have your say will be promoted in Yarra News, via Facebook and Instagram and online at **[yoursayyarra.com.au](https://yoursayyarra.com.au)**, so stay tuned.

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