

ANIMAL INSPECTION PROGRAM

North Burnett Regional Council will be conducting its **Animal Inspection Program** from 1 June 2024 until 30 September 2024 in accordance with Section 113 of the *Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act 2008*.



What is the purpose of the Program?

The purpose of the program is to encourage **responsible animal ownership** within the North Burnett region by reducing the number of unregistered dogs and ensuring the provisions for keeping a regulated dog are being maintained.

Registration provides Council with information regarding the type and number of dogs located at premises throughout the region and enables lost or stolen pets that have been recovered to be reunited with their owners.

Most impounded animals are unregistered, which supports the importance of the inspection program in achieving compliance within the region.

Who will be conducting the Program?

The Program will be conducted throughout the region by Council's Compliance Officers to inspect properties where unregistered or Regulated dogs have been identified. Officers will be identified by Council Identification Cards and utilise Council vehicles.

When will this occur?

The program will commence on **1 June 2024** and concludes on **30 September 2024**.

Inspections will be conducted between 7am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

Council encourages all dog owners within the North Burnett Regional Council to ensure that dogs being kept on their properties are registered and microchipped in accordance with the Act.

Identified non-compliances may result in Penalty Infringement Notices ("fines") being issued.

Information on animal registration and other regulations in relation to animals, can be obtained on Council's website www.nbrc.qld.gov.au or by contacting Council on 1300 696 272.

Registration Obligations

- All dogs over 12 weeks of age must be registered.*
- You must register your dog within 14 days of taking ownership.
- All dogs must bear identification (registration tag)
- All owners must notify Council of changes in registration details.

It is a legislative requirement for all dogs over 12 weeks of age to be microchipped.*

**Some exclusions do apply for working dogs, service dogs and some government agency dogs.*

Dangerous and Menacing Dogs

Council may declare your dog as dangerous or menacing if it:

- Has bitten or attacked a person or animal.
- Has acted in a way that caused fear to a person or another animal.
- Was declared dangerous by another local government.

Key Responsibilities of a Pet Owner

- If your dog is 12 weeks or older, it must be **registered annually** with the North Burnett Regional Council.*
- It is a legislative requirement that your dog is **microchipped** once it reaches 12 weeks of age.*
- Your animal is not to create a nuisance to others, such as barking and/or behaviour that may cause fear to a person or another animal.
- Your animal must not wander off your land without being under a person's effective control.
- You must walk your animal on a **lead** when in a public place.
- If your animal defecates in a public place you must **clean up** after it and ensure disposal in a sanitary manner.
- If you are selling or giving away your dog to another person you must have a **supplier number**.

For more information, please contact Council's Compliance Team on the details below.

