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| Circular Details | 17-18 / 28 June 2017 / A550284 |
| Previous Circular | 13-54 |
| Who should read this | Councillors / General Managers / All council staff / Companion Animal Enforcement and Administration Officers |
| Contact | Program Delivery Team - (02) 4428 4100 or 1300 134 460 pets@olg.nsw.gov.au |
| Action required | Council to Implement |

Increase to companion animal registration fees in line with CPI

What's new or changing

- From 1 July 2017 cat and dog lifetime registration fees will increase in line with the Consumer Price Index as required by the *Companion Animals Regulation 2008* and outlined in Circular to Councils 13-54.

What this will mean for your council

- The new fees are:
 - Desexed animal: **\$55** (from \$53)
 - Animal under 6 months not desexed: **\$55** (from \$53)
 - Non-desexed animal: **\$201** (from \$195)
 - Breeder (Recognised) concession: **\$55** (from \$53)
 - Pensioner concession (desexed animal only): **\$23** (from \$22)
 - Pound/Shelter animal 50% discount (desexed): **\$27.50** (from \$26.50)

Key points

- A notice under the *Companion Animals Regulation 2008* specifying the new fees has been issued – see the [Notification-Gazette](#) for the week beginning 26 June 2017.
- The Companion Animals Register has been modified to allow councils to apply the new lifetime registration fees from 1 July 2017.
- The NSW Pet Registry has also been updated to include the new fees for online registration fee payments made by pet owners from 1 July 2017.
- Both the old and new fee structures will be maintained on the Companion Animals Register to allow councils to correct registration details for existing records and catch up on data entry backlogs (ie: where fees have been receipted before 1 July 2017 but not entered on the Register).
- The current R2 – Lifetime Registration form can still be used as the references to the fee amounts were previously removed.

Where to go for further information

- Information relating to the processing of registration fees is available in the *Guideline on the Exercise of Functions under the Companion Animals Act*, which also can be downloaded from the Office's website at www.olg.nsw.gov.au

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Tim Hurst
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