

# Information for the Pet Industry



**The NSW Pet Registry allows pet shops and breeders to register and transfer pets to their new owners online.**

## What does the new registry do?

- Pet shop owners, breeders and pet owners can create a profile and transfer pets to their new owners online.
- Currently online profiles will be person specific, not a business profile.
- For a business to transfer a pet online, a representative from the business will need to add and transfer pets using their own profile.
- Pet shops can elect to use a breeder profile if this makes business easier.
- If the online registry cannot be accessed, new paper forms that match the new system and feature updated legal information can be downloaded from the Office of Local Government website, [www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/dogs-and-cats/forms](http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/dogs-and-cats/forms)
- All breeders will have a breeder ID number, which they can use to quickly add multiple animals to the register when they are microchipped.
- Breeders can choose to use their Recognised Breeder Body membership number as their breeder ID number.
- Cats and dogs must still be microchipped by 12 weeks, or prior to sale if that is earlier.
- Breeders who are members of a Recognised Breeder Body can still claim discounted registration for animals they keep for breeding purposes by paying at their local council; this discount is not yet available online.

## Who will be a breeder on the register?

- Everyone who owns a cat or dog that has a litter will be given a breeder profile.
- A breeder's profile and access is the same as for other pet owners, with the addition of a breeder ID number for easy use of the registry.

## What should pet industry professionals do?

- Create an online profile on the Pet Registry ([www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au](http://www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au)) from July 2016.

## What about desexing?

- The NSW Government continues to provide funding to support discounted registration fees for desexed animals and encourages pet owners to desex cats and dogs at an early age. This helps to ensure pets stay healthy, are well behaved and do not have unwanted litters.
- From July 2016 a reduced registration fee will be available to owners who desex their cat by four months of age. A reduced fee still applies for dogs desexed by six months.
- Vets will need to update the registry when a pet is desexed. Vets can also update the registry if they believe a pet should not be desexed for medical reasons.

**For more information, go to [www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au](http://www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au)**



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