

TOWNSVILLE CITY COUNCIL



Fees & Charges

Animal Management

2026/27



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ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

SCHEDULE 20 - ANIMAL MANAGEMENT FEES

SCHEDULE 20 POLICIES

DEFINITIONS

Approved Pensioner - is a person who:

- is and remains the holder of a Queensland "Pensioner Concession Card" issued by Centrelink or the Department of Veterans' Affairs Health Card (All conditions within Australia) or Department of Veterans Affairs Health Card (Totally and Permanently incapacitated).

Working dogs

Working dogs are required to be registered, but no dog registration fee is charged. A working dog is a dog usually kept or proposed to be kept on rural land and by an owner who is a primary producer or engaged or employed by a primary producer; and primarily is used or being trained for the purpose of droving, protecting, tending or working stock. (This excludes a regulated dog.)

The documentation required for proof of the animal being a working dog is:

- Primary producer
 - new dog registration form
 - ABN number of business registration from the Tax Office identifying that the business is registered as a Primary Producer and showing that it is in the dog owners name.
 - a Statutory Declaration from the person stating that the dog is a working dog (by definition in the Act).
- Employee of a primary producer
 - new dog registration form
 - a letter from the business owner (on their business letterhead and ABN) confirming that the person is an employee of the business, that the business is registered as a primary producer and that the employee is required to use a dog for the purposes of their duties.
 - a Statutory Declaration from the person stating that the dog is a working dog (by definition in the Act).

Assistance Dogs

Guide, hearing, mobility, support, and psychiatric assistance dogs are required to be registered; however, they are exempt from registration fees. A dog may only be classified as an assistance dog once it has successfully completed training with an approved training provider under the *Guide, Hearing and Assistance Dogs Act 2009*.

These dogs receive specialised training to perform specific, identifiable tasks that help reduce the support needs of a person with disability. They do not include therapy, emotional support, or companion animals.

To qualify for this exemption, the owner must submit evidence confirming the dog's recognised assistance dog status. Acceptable forms of evidence include at least one of the following:

- A current Handler's Identity Card issued by the Queensland Government that identifies both the handler and the assistance dog; or
- A letter from an approved training provider under the Guide, Hearing and Assistance Dogs Act 2009, written on official letterhead and supported by the trainer's identification card; or
- An official medallion issued to the dog, which must be worn at all times.

Please note that letters or certificates from a general practitioner (GP) are not accepted as proof of assistance dog status.

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PART 20.A - ANIMAL MANAGEMENT RENEWAL

Reciprocal registration is a transfer of the balance of the current year's registration of an animal (other than a regulated dog) from one local government area to another. You still need to complete a dog registration form, but there is no fee to register in the current registration period. You will need to use the PDF form available at <https://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/payments-rates-and-permits/payment-options/animal-registrations> if applying for reciprocal dog registration.

1. DOG REGISTRATION - FULL FEE PERIOD

The full fee period applies from 1 September until 31 August inclusive.

Entire dog	\$158.40	N
Desexed dog	\$59.40	N
Working dog	No charge	N
Assistance dog (disability)	No charge	N

2. DOG REGISTRATION - APPROVED PENSIONERS

Entire dog	\$39.60	N
Desexed and microchipped (first dog)	No charge	N
Fee applicable to first dog for property.		
Desexed and microchipped (each subsequent dog)	\$19.80	N
Fee applicable for each subsequent dog for property.		

3. DOG REGISTRATION - OTHER

First registration - dog (entire/desexed fees apply)	Half-yearly prorata	N
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4. DOG REGISTRATION - REGULATED DOGS

Dangerous dog	\$792.00	N
Menacing dog - entire	\$792.00	N
Menacing dog - desexed	50% of the menacing dog - entire registration fee Min. Fee: \$396.00	N
Regulated Animal Reviewed Registration Fee	50% of regulated dog fee applicable at time of assessment	N
Replacement tag - dogs	No charge	N
Replacement distinctive collar fee	\$103.50	N
For regulated dogs.		
New dangerous dog signs (replacement upon request)	\$103.50	N

PART 20.B - ANIMAL KEEPING PERMITS

1. CAT APPROVAL

Cat approval permits the keeping of up to two [2] cats per property under 4,000m², or up to six [6] cats per property 4,000m² or greater.

Cat approval - standard	\$26.40	N
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1. CAT APPROVAL [continued]

Cat approval - approved pensioner	No charge*	N
*No charge for approved pensioners is conditional on the cat or cats subject to the approval be de-sexed and microchipped. Otherwise the standard cat approval fee applies.		

2. ADDITIONAL DOGS OR CATS ON PREMISES

Excess animal application and renewal (3 year approval)	\$245.00	N
Covers 3-4 dogs or 3-6 cats on an allotment greater than 400m ² and less than 4,000m ² .		

3. KENNEL OR CATTERY APPROVAL

Kennels and catteries operating as commercial businesses may not require a licence; however, they will require appropriate Planning Approval in accordance with the *Townsville City Plan* and the *Planning Act 2016*.

Excess animal application and renewal (Annual Renewal)	\$245.00	N
Kennel - 5+ dogs / cattery 7+ cats. Covers additional animals for members of recognised associations, approvals for kennels and catteries. Does not include annual dog registration or cat approval.		

4. BIRD PERMIT

Cockatoo, galah or other bird of a similar size, peahen or peacock on an allotment less than 4,000m ²	\$245.00	N
Valid for 3 years.		

PART 20.C - RELEASE FROM ANIMAL SHELTER

1. FIRST RELEASE OF DOG OR CAT FROM APPROVED COUNCIL SHELTER

First release of an impounded dog or cat from the animal shelter within a 12 month calendar period. Includes microchipping if required and engraved phone number tag.

First release registered dog or approved cat	No charge	N
Free reclaim from the animal care and adoption centre.		
First release entire unregistered dog, or entire non approved cat	\$220.50	N
First release de-sexed unregistered dog, or de-sexed non approved cat	\$132.50	N

2. SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT RELEASE OF DOG OR CAT FROM APPROVED COUNCIL SHELTER

Second and subsequent release of impounded dog or cat from the animal shelter within a 12 month calendar period. Includes dog registration or cat permit inclusive for the financial year. Includes microchipping if required and engraved phone number tag. Cost recovery for compliance to undertake inspections of the property prior to the animal being released.

Second and subsequent release of dog or cat from approved council shelter	\$325.50	N
Second and subsequent release of impounded dog or cat from the Animal Care and Adoption Centre. Includes dog registration or cat permit for the remainder of the registration period. Includes microchipping if required. Cost recovery for impounding and housing inclusive of sustenance for the maximum of 5 days, medical treatments administered whilst in care and Compliance inspections for enclosure suitability.		

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3. DAILY SUSTENANCE

Daily sustenance and housing fee [per animal/per day]	\$19.10	N
Daily sustenance and housing fee (commercial contracts)	\$21.00	Y
Fee is only applicable in relation to commercial animal keeping activities of a non-statutory nature.		

PART 20.D - RESCUE FEES (STOCK)

1. RESCUE FEES (STOCK)

Feed [per animal/per day]	Recovery of service provider's cost to council + 5%	N
Vet or other charges	Recovery of service provider's cost to council + 5%	N
Impounding and transport	Recovery of service provider's cost to council + 5%	N
Administration fee	\$365.00	N

PART 20.E - ANIMAL ADOPTION

1. ANIMAL ADOPTION FEES

All cat and dog adoptions include free animal registration or cat permit for up to 2 cats for the current registration period and an engraved phone number tag. Cat and kitten adoptions include a collapsible cat carrier.

Puppy and kitten adoption fees apply to animals up to 4 months of age.

Cat adoption	\$116.50	Y
Kitten adoption	\$212.00	Y
Dog adoption	\$313.00	Y
Puppy adoption	\$437.50	Y
Bird adoption	\$42.00	Y
Poultry	\$21.00	Y
All other domestic animals	Price on application [Includes GST]	Y

2. ADMINISTRATION FEE

Administration fee (return of adopted animal and reclaiming of livestock)	\$56.50	Y
Applicable where adopted animal is returned within 7 day period (deemed not suitable) and is returned in same condition (adoption fee is refunded less administration fee).		

3. ANIMAL ADOPTION FEES (COMMERCIAL)

Cat adoption (Commercial)	\$157.50	Y
Cost recovery for transport and administrative requirements for sale of cats at petstores.		
Kitten adoption (Commercial)	\$247.00	Y
Cost recovery for transport and administrative requirements for sale of kittens at petstores.		

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PART 20.F - OTHER FEES

1. ENGRAVED PHONE NUMBER TAG

Engraved phone number tag	\$12.30	Y
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2. COMMERCIAL TRAPPERS

Fee for commercial trappers (pest control companies) whom bring in trapped cats	\$21.00	Y
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3. MICROCHIP (PPID)

Administering microchip (PPID) [per cat or dog]	\$63.00	Y
Legislative requirement (Animal Management) Cats and Dogs Act 2008. Cost recovery of microchip (PPID), administration, registration of PPID with company and authorised implanter application.		