FACT SHEET



Cat Ownership

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Cats are not required to be registered in the Noosa Shire. However, cat ownership is still regulated under *Noosa Shire Council Local Law 2 (Animal Management)* and the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act* with two cats allowed per property.

Cat owners must ensure that their cats are:

- contained to their property and not permitted to stray from the property,
- not allowed to create a noise nuisance,
- implanted with a microchip.

Should you wish to keep more than two cats, you are required to complete an <u>Additional Animal</u> <u>Permit Application</u> and return completed application to council.

Straying Cats

Noosa Council receives numerous complaints from the community about cats wandering onto other properties, urinating and defecating in yards, gardens, children's play areas and sand pits and even inside some houses. Wandering cats cause significant injury and death to wildlife and even fight causing injury to other cats not to mention the disturbance they cause by stimulating dogs to bark.

Straying cat are at a high risk of being attacked by dogs, hit by cars, lost or trapped. Cat traps are set throughout the Noosa Shire to capture feral cats, however domestic animals can be captured instead. If your domestic cat is caught in a Council trap or taken to the pound, significant impound fees and infringements may apply.

Responsible Ownership

Noosa Council encourages responsible pet ownership. Your pet is your responsibility. Please ensure your cat remains on your property by restricting it to the house or constructing suitable containment to prevent it from straying and wandering. Cats may be walked on a lead when in public.



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