

What to do if you see a cat roaming

Residents reporting roaming cats in cat containment areas will be encouraged to hire a cat trap from Council's Animal Management Facility.

To hire a trap, a Statutory Declaration must be completed stating the reason for trapping the cat and a brief description of the cat. A \$100 deposit is paid on collection of the trap, which is refunded back into your nominated bank account once the trap has been returned to the facility in the same condition it was leant out in.

If a roaming cat is captured, the resident must take the cat to the Queanbeyan Animal Management Facility so its microchip can be scanned and returned to its owner or placed up for adoption. **Cat traps are hired out for a 7 day period.**

Microchipping, Lifetime Registration and Annual Permits

In NSW, it is compulsory for all dogs & cats to be **Permanently Identified (Microchipped)** by the age of 12 weeks & **Life-time Registered** by the age of 6 months.

Microchipping can be done at your local Veterinary Clinic for a cost determined by the Veterinarian or at the Queanbeyan-Palerang Animal Management Facility for \$40.00 per animal.

Life-time Registration must be paid when your pet reaches 6 months of age, which will allow you time to have your pet desexed prior to registration.

An **Annual Permit** is required for all cats over the age of four months unless the cat is desexed. The owner of a cat that is not desexed and for which a permit is required is guilty of an offence if a permit is not in force in relation to the cat.

Microchipping, Life-time Registration and an Annual Permit can all be organised through the Queanbeyan-Palerang Animal Management Facility.



Cat Containment

**Queanbeyan-Palerang
Animal Management Facility**

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3:00pm to 5:00pm

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What is cat containment?

Cat containment areas are put in place to protect fauna in nearby environmentally sensitive areas. Cat containment means all cats within these areas are to be kept within the boundary of the property at which they are registered to.



Cats will need to be kept within the boundary of the property at which they live, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Any structure used to keep the cat contained on the property should be humane and not cause the animal any distress or harm.

Owners are able to exercise their cats outside of the property, however they must be kept under effective control at all times by means of a lead/harness, carry box etc.

Why is cat containment so important?

Cat containment is important because it helps to stop them from killing native birds, wildlife and mammals.



Roaming undesexed cats also have the chance to breed with feral/subwild, which increases the amount of cats within the area.

Feral/subwild cats may always be around, but with the help of cat containment the number of feral/subwild cats should decrease overtime.

Council's Goals:

- To protect the welfare of all cats.
- Reduce predation by cats on native wildlife and mammals.
- Reduce the incidence of public nuisance by uncontrolled roaming cats.
- Reduce the transfer of disease.
- To ensure compliance of responsible cat ownership.

Cat Containment Areas:

- Googong Township
- Googong Sunset
- Jumping Creek
- Elm Grove (North Elmslea)
- Braidwood Ridge
- South Jerrabomberra (Tralee)
- All future new greenfield developments.



Infringement notices:



1. Cat not wearing identification **\$180**



2. Owner/person in charge of cat found in a prohibited place **\$180**



3. Owner not comply with nuisance cat order - **1st offence \$165**



4. Owner not comply with nuisance cat order - **2nd offence \$165**



5. Fail to comply with order 18 (keep birds/animals) **\$220.**

Benefits of cat containment:

- Reduces the risk of your cat getting sick or injured e.g. feline aids, hit by car.
- It reduces the risk of your cat getting lost or trapped unnecessarily.
- It limits the amount of roaming cats.
- It reduces the risk of cats harming other domesticated animals or our native wildlife.
- Indoor cats are expected to live longer, healthier lives with less medical problems than those that are allowed to roam.
- Reduces the amount of cat colonies within the area.

Ways to keep your cat entertained indoors:

Pets can be great friends, companions and protectors. But cats depend on you to be a responsible owner.

As a responsible cat owner these are some simple things you can do to provide your indoor cat environmental enrichment:

- Provide food driven puzzles.
- Provide lots of toys and games within the home.
- Add another cat to the family.
- Turn on kitty TV for short periods of time.
- Give your cat access to windowsills so they can watch birds and people passing by.

Cat containment suggestions:

With cat containment becoming more and more popular within NSW over the last few years, there are now lots of great options for providing your cat outdoor enrichment whilst also keeping them safe and contained to your property.

These options include:

- Building an outdoor cat run/enclosure. These enclosure systems allow your cat to enjoy the outdoors as well as being contained to your property and perfectly safe.
- Cat netting can be used for enclosing full backyards, balconies or a side of your house allowing your cat to enjoy some outside time.
- Fence rollers.
- Walking them on a lead/harness.
- Cat proof fencing packs.

