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New laws for dogs

Do you own a dog? Your four-legged friend must be microchipped before new laws come into effect on 1 November this year.

All dogs over three months of age must be registered and microchipped. Under amendments to the *Dog Act 1976*, all new dogs had to be microchipped from 1 November 2013. From 1 November 2015, dogs old and new must be microchipped.

City of Nedlands CEO Greg Trevaskis said microchipping pets meant it was much easier to reunite lost animals with their owners.

“Dog owners can now also register their dog for a lifetime, which makes it very a convenient one-off fee,” Mr Trevaskis said.

Fees are as follows:

	1 year	3 years	Lifetime
Unsterilised	\$50	\$120	\$250
Sterilised	\$20	\$42.50	\$100

Pensioners receive a 50% discount off these fees as long as they provide council with a copy of their Pension Card.

Dogs can be registered at the City's Administration Centre, where owners will be issued a current registration tag that is to be worn by the dog at all times when in a public place.

Owners should be aware that stray or lost dogs will be impounded, and an impounding fee will be charged. But if the pet is microchipped it will spend less time in the pound as rangers will be able to find owners quickly and easily.

Lost or stray dogs are taken to the Swanbourne Veterinary Hospital on Devon Road, Swanbourne.

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About the City of Nedlands

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from Perth and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the edge of the Indian Ocean. A population of over 21,000 live in the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta, and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

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