

# Cats and the law

Cats are an important part of our everyday life. As companions, they fulfil a vital role in our society by providing companionship and unconditional love for their owners. As a cat owner in the City of Marion, it is important that you know the laws that relate to cats.



## The laws

- ✓ All cats are required to be microchipped.
- ✓ Microchipping is the most effective form of permanent identification for your cat.
  - The City of Marion runs an annual Chip Blitz event, where microchipping is offered at a discounted rate. Please check our website for any upcoming dates: [marion.sa.gov.au/events](https://marion.sa.gov.au/events).
  - The City of Marion does not charge a fee for registering your cat; however, it is a requirement by law to have their microchip number recorded through Dogs and Cats Online [dogsandcatsonline.com.au](https://dogsandcatsonline.com.au).
- ✓ All cats born after 1 July 2018 must be desexed.
- ✓ There is a limit to two cats per residence in the City of Marion, unless an application has been approved to keep more. Submit an application for additional cats through our website.
- ✓ Cats are not to cause a nuisance to neighbouring residents. A nuisance is defined as:
  - Unreasonably interfering with the peace, comfort or convenience of a person, including but not limited to a cat displaying aggressive nature or creating unpleasant noise or odour.
  - Damages or otherwise has an adverse impact upon native flora or fauna.
  - Acts in a manner that is injurious to a person's real or personal property.
  - Wanders onto land without the consent of the owner or occupier of the land.
  - Defecates or urinates on land without the consent of the owner or occupier of the land.
- ✓ Cats must be confined at your property between the hours of 8pm and 7am.

Following these laws will keep your cat safe and assist with socially responsible cat ownership. More information about cats can be found on our website: [marion.sa.gov.au/cats](https://marion.sa.gov.au/cats)

