

Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Regulation 2009—information regarding recent amendments

The *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2010*, notified in the Queensland Government Gazette on 26 February 2010, prescribes earlier dates for the implementation of certain provisions of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* (the Act) in certain councils. It also amends the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Regulation 2009* (the Regulation) to prescribe that dogs, kept primarily for the production of canine plasma products, are a class of dog exempt from mandatory registration under the Act.

Early commencement of *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* in certain councils

Since 1 July 2009, the registration and microchipping provisions of the Act have been in force across local governments in South East Queensland, Gladstone and Central Highlands regions.

The rest of the state had until 12 December 2010 to give remaining local governments time to implement their administrative and operational processes before the registration and microchipping requirements came into force.

At the request of the following councils, section 32A of the Regulation is amended to commence the microchipping and registration provisions of the Act on 1 July 2010:

- Balonne Shire Council
- Barcardine Regional Council
- Goondiwindi Regional Council
- Longreach Regional Council
- Western Downs Regional Council.

Class of dog prescribed as exempt from mandatory registration requirements under the Act

Section 44 of the Act requires the mandatory registration of cats and dogs and provides exemptions for government entity dogs, working dogs, and another class of cat or dog prescribed under a regulation.

The Regulation is amended by inserting section 30A to prescribe that dogs, kept by a person primarily for the production of canine plasma products—where the person is registered under the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001*—are a class of dog exempt from mandatory registration.



The exemption is provided on the basis that dogs kept primarily for the production of canine plasma products are a class of dog consistent with working dogs and within the Act's policy intent for registration exemption.

Enquiries regarding these matters should be addressed to the Department of Infrastructure and Planning: PO Box 15009, City East, Queensland 4002, or via telephone on 07 3404 3302, or via e-mail on: catsanddogs@dip.qld.gov.au

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