

## MICROCHIPPING YOUR DOG OR CAT

In 2008 the State Government introduced the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*. Section 13 and 14 of this act requires animal owners and suppliers to ensure that all cats and dogs are microchipped.

**Note:** under 'the Act' the term used is Prescribed Personal Identification Device (PPID).

### How this affects pet owners.

Anyone who supplies another person with a cat or dog must ensure that the animal is implanted with a microchip (PPID). All puppies and kittens born on or after 1 July 2008 must also be implanted with a microchip by 12 weeks of age.

**Note:** the term 'supplies' includes gives away, sells, rehouses, adopts, inherits or relocates to another person.



### The Benefits of Microchipping

When your pet is found, the WTA, Vet or any other authorised agency can use a scanner to read the PPID. The authorised person or agency will contact the Pet Address Registry

and using the unique identifying code retrieve your contact details. The authorised agency (WTA, Vet etc.) will then contact you directly.

Collars and tags are sometimes lost or damaged, a microchip is permanent. To ensure the WTA, Vet or authorised agency can reunite you with your animal, you must keep your contact information up-to-date with your PPID agent.

### Maintaining Contact Details

Each time you move or change your phone number, email address or property address, you must contact the microchipping company as well as WTA to update these details.

### Where to get a cat or dog microchipped

There are two options for microchipping your cat or dog in Weipa:

- WTA - for an appointment call 40309400 or
- Tableland Veterinary Services- for an appointment call 4069 7460 (During clinic weeks) or 4096 7500 (Outside of clinic weeks).

### Failing to Microchip an Animal

Failure to comply with the requirement of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* may result in the WTA taking action by issuing a Penalty Infringement Notice (one penalty Unit is \$126.00).

For any further information relating to this fact sheet, contact the WTA- Community Safety Officer on 4030 9400.