

Overview of the statistics

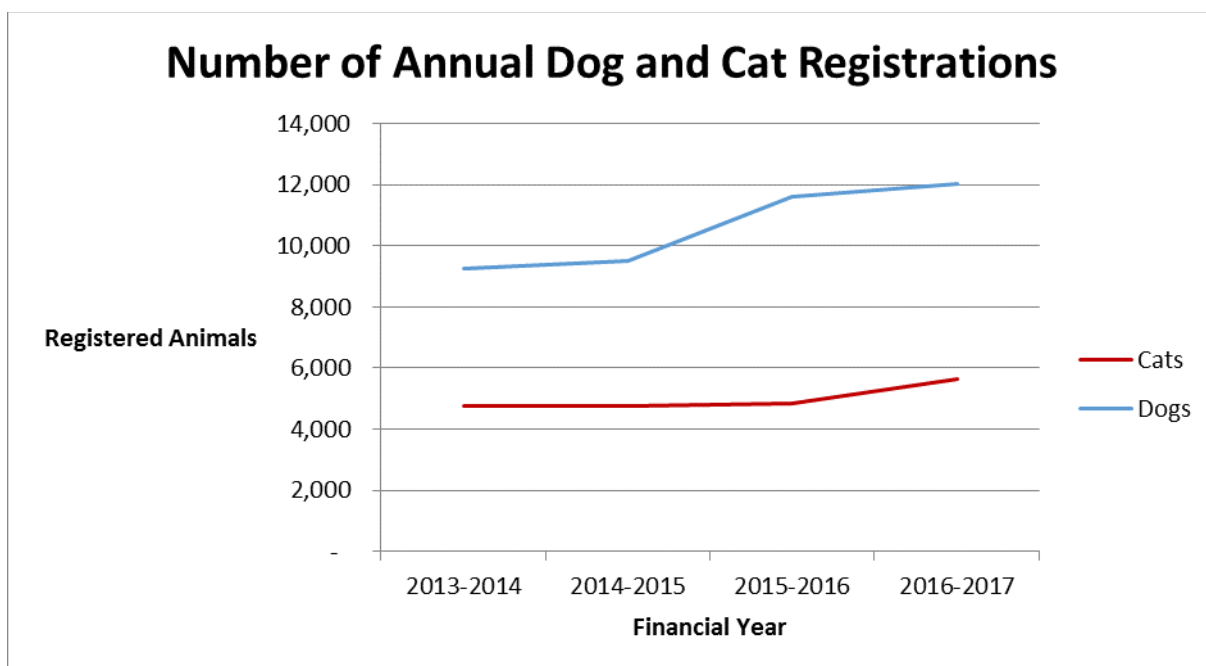
Registration and identification

Registration and the requirement to be micro-chipped is a legislative requirement but more importantly, it supports the quick return of pets to their owners. Registration also provides Council with an understanding of the level of pet ownership and allows for the development of relevant services and programs.

Data and key summaries of the performance of the animal management service during the period of the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2013 - 2017 are provided below.

The education and compliance activities during the last four years have resulted in a slight to moderate increase in the number of registered pets.

For the 2016-17 financial year, there are 12,035 dogs and 5,637 cats registered with Council. During the period of the current Domestic Animal Plan 2013 - 2017 there was an overall 30.29% increase in dog registrations and an increase in cat registrations of 18.20%.



Graph 1 Number of registered cats and dogs during the period of the current Domestic Animal Management Plan.

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Below is also a comparison of registration numbers of neighbouring and similar municipalities.

	Darebin	Banyule	Moreland	Wyndham	Whitehorse	Yarra	State average
Households	58,482	44,937	58,574	60,664	57,207	33,500	26,640
Dogs	12,035	15,021	11,076	19,367	16,039	5,091	7,384
Cats	5,637	5,809	5,033	6,461	6,210	2,598	3,324
Dogs per household	1 in 5	1 in 3	1 in 5	1 in 3	1 in 3	1 in 7	1 in 4
Cats per household	1 in 11	1 in 8	1 in 12	1 in 9	1 in 9	1 in 13	1 in 8

Table 1 Benchmarking against other Councils 2017 Registration Numbers.

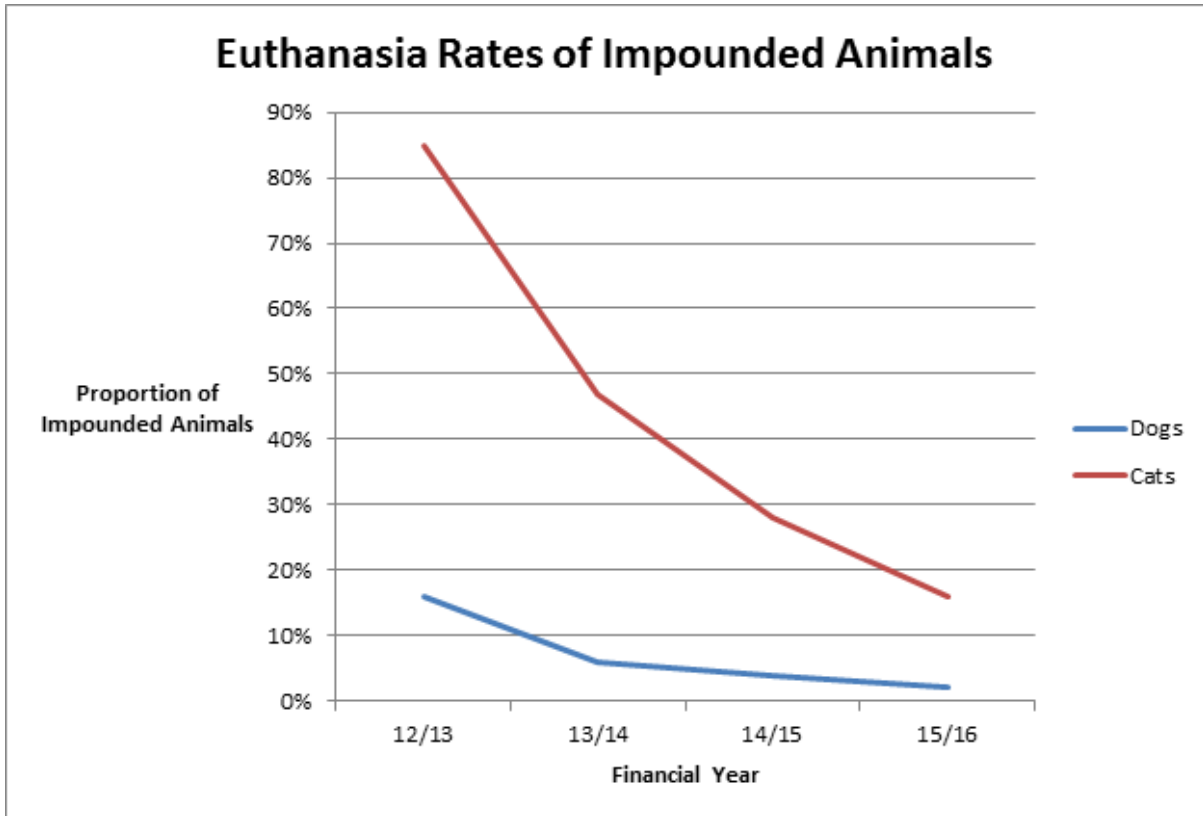
Euthanasia rates of unclaimed animals

In Darebin, statistics indicate the percentage of impounded dogs that are euthanised has reduced from 16% down to 2% through the existing plan which is significantly lower than the Victorian average at 34%. Dog euthanasia rates are low due to high rates of dogs being reclaimed and rehoused. This has been achieved through more dogs being identified through micro-chipping and/or wearing Council identification tags in recent years.

In comparison, the percentage of impounded cats that are euthanised in Darebin has reduced from 85% down to 13% which is significantly lower than the Victorian average at 73%. Through the current plan Council introduced partnerships with rescue group organisations to give all dogs and cats a further chance of being rehoused after the statutory holding time.

The following graphs highlight the significant reduction that the City of Darebin has achieved with euthanasia rates over the period of the last Plan.

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Graph 2 Euthanasia rates of impounded dogs and cats.

There are a range of complaints council responds to through the nuisance provisions under the Act. In relation to complaints there were no significant changes to these numbers through the current plan. The most common nuisance complaints received by Council are dog pick up, cat nuisance, dog roaming during the day aggressive dog and dog attacks