



Local vet services

Bundoora Vet Clinic	9467 2255
Green Cross Vets, South Morang	9407 2030
High Street Epping Vet Clinic	9408 9000
Mill Park Vet Clinic	9404 4911
Our Vet South Morang	9404 5300
Our Vet Thomastown	9474 3655
Whittlesea Vets	1300 838 254

Council does not warrant services provided by these businesses.

More animal information

For more news and information on animal management:

- Join the [facebook.com/watdjerring](https://www.facebook.com/watdjerring) page to be kept up to date with lost dogs.
- Visit [petrescue.com.au/groups/12068](https://www.petrescue.com.au/groups/12068) for all pet adoptions
- City of Whittlesea website [whittlesea.vic.gov.au](https://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au)



The updated Community Local Law 2024-2034, effective from 1 July 2024, introduces stronger Responsible Pet Ownership laws focusing on animal care, balanced dog control in public areas, and regulations on the quantity and types of pets one can own.



To learn more scan the QR or visit engage.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/LocalLawReview



City of Whittlesea

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Free telephone
interpreter service

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City of Whittlesea

Animal Management

Responsible Pet Ownership



Responsible Pet Ownership

Responsible pet ownership means taking good care of your pet's needs. It's about making sure they have a safe place to live, the right food to eat, and visiting the vet for check-ups. It also means giving them quality playtime and teaching them how to behave around other animals and people.

Responsible pet owners need to register your pet and keeping them safely confined and safe, such as on a leash or contained to your property.

It's important to remember that having a pet is a big job and you need to be ready to take care of them for their whole life. When you do all these things, you and your pet will be happy together.

Registration

Dogs and cats over three months of age must be registered with your local council. This is a Victorian Government requirement under the *Domestic Animal Act 1994*. Registering at a young age ensures that lost puppies and kittens can be returned to their owners quickly.

Please refer to whittlesea.vic.gov.au/petregistration for a list of our registration fees. Please note that we are unable to register cats unless they are desexed (some exemptions apply).

Update your details

Please let us know during the year if any of your contact details have changed, if you have moved out of the area, or if your pet has sadly passed away –

whittlesea.vic.gov.au/petregistration

Microchipping

The Victorian Government requires all newly registered cats and dogs to be permanently identified through a microchip implant. Council is unable to accept any **new** registrations without proof of microchipping, this also includes animals transferring in from other Councils.

Dog Obedience Training

We would strongly encourage all owners to have some level of obedience training to effectively have control over their dog (especially at off-lead parks). For a list of registered Domestic Animal Business' within the City of Whittlesea please visit <https://directory.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/animals/domestic-animal-business.aspx>

Multiple numbers of dogs or cats

If you want to have three or more cats or dogs on your property you must apply for an Excess Animal Permit before you take ownership of the third pet.

Please contact Council's Animal Management team or visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au for more information.

Dog poo

Cleaning up after your dog is the law. When out walking your dog, please take the necessary items, such as poo bags, and pick up your pooch's poo.

Off-leash parks

The City of Whittlesea has ten off-leash parks throughout the City of Whittlesea and there are plans to introduce more. Some parks include agility equipment and are designed to give dogs great physical exercise.

- Take dog poo bags to clean up after your dog/s.
- Ensure you supervise your dog at all times and can recall your dog on command
- Please be aware that you are responsible for the actions of your dog.



To find your nearest off-leash park visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/arts-events-recreation/parks-and-playgrounds/dog-off-leash-parks or scan the QR code.

The City of Whittlesea is an on-lead municipality. You must keep your dog **on its lead** in public areas, unless it's a designated off-leash park.

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The Facility is open to the public and takes in lost animals for Whittlesea, Darebin and Merri-bek Councils.

Appointments for reclaims and adoptions are preferred, however we will accept walk-ins during our business hours. Surrenders are available via appointment only.

20 Companion Place, Epping

8401 6200

animalfacility@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

Visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/animalfacility for opening hours.

Animal Management

The City of Whittlesea Animal Management team provides a range of services.

Weekdays

8.30am – 5pm

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- Respond to wandering dogs
- Collection of contained dogs or cats (must be restrained or unable to escape)
- Respond to dog attacks
- Help with injured dogs and cats
- Attend to livestock on roads.

After hours emergencies only (including weekends)

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- attend to injured animals
- respond to dog attacks
- attend to livestock on roads
- contained dogs between 8.30am – 6pm.

The City of Whittlesea has 24-hour cat confinement laws and mandatory desexing for newly registered cats.

Please visit whittlesea.vic.gov.au/cats for more information.