



**Policy Subject/Title:** CAT SPAY AND EUTHANASIA REBATES

**Policy Number:** F/009

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**Responsible officer:** Director Finance

**Legislative or regulatory reference:** *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*

**Authorised by:** Somerset Regional Council

**Authorised on:** 25 March 2009

**Review / Amendment dates:**  
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## 1. OBJECTIVE

The objectives of this policy are:

- (a) to encourage residents to desex pet cats and to reduce the number of unwanted cats.

## 2. PURPOSE

To provide a rebate to residents to offset cat desexing and euthanasia veterinary costs

## 3. SCOPE

This policy applies to Somerset residents who present documentary evidence of eligible veterinary costs within the required timeframe.

## 4. POLICY

The *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008* requires private individuals to microchip cats before sale. Councils are required to administer laws in relation to sales of cats.

Council will allow a \$25 rebate of the cost of euthanising unwanted pet cats payable to Somerset residents who produce documentary evidence from a veterinarian of a having a cat euthanised within 30 days of the event.

Council will allow a \$40 de-sexing rebate in respect of micro-chipped cats to cat owners who are Somerset residents and who produce documentary evidence from a veterinarian of having a cat de-sexed within 30 days of having the procedure done.

The number of rebates paid will be limited to two per person per financial year.

## 5. EFFECTIVE FROM

This policy is effective from 23 July 2014.

## 6. CONTROLS

Payment of rebates will be subject to Council's general accounting controls and this policy.

## 7. DATE OF RESOLUTION

This policy was approved by the Chief Executive Officer and adopted by the Somerset Regional Council at the Ordinary Meeting of 23 July 2014.



Signed:

Date: 23 July 2014