

Glossary of terms



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| Animal sale permit | <p>A permit that allows for the sale of animals outside of a pet shop or residential property.</p> <p>Sale events might include adoption days, pet shows, or animal charity events.</p> <p>Individuals or organisations wanting to hold an animal sale event may apply to the Minister for Agriculture for an animal sale permit.</p> <p>Further information about the animal sale permit process may be found here: http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets/registration-legislation-and-permits/animal-sale-permits</p> |
| Applicable organisation | <p>An organisation declared by the Minister for Agriculture to be an 'applicable organisation'.</p> <p>Such organisations produce an annual report and have a code of ethics that requires responsible pet ownership in compliance with the <i>Domestic Animals Act 1994</i> and its related codes of practice.</p> <p>It is expected that the organisation will take disciplinary action against members who do not comply with the organisation's code. This recognition also means that they are an organisation with high standards of responsible pet ownership to whom the community can look to when buying a pet or when seeking advice on care of a pet.</p> <p>The active Victorian Applicable Organisations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australian National Cats Inc• Cats Victoria Inc. Affiliated with The Australian Cat Federation Inc• DOGS Victoria• Feline Control Council of Victoria Inc• The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy Australia and Victoria |

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| Authorised Officer | <p>An officer appointed under sections 71 or 71A or 72 of the <i>Domestic Animals Act 1994</i>.</p> <p>Authorised officers are staff from a Victorian Government department, local councils, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) (Victoria) or Greyhound Racing Victoria that undertakes compliance or enforcement activities.</p> |
| Commercial dog breeder | <p>A Minister approved, registered breeding domestic animal business, that has between 11-50 relevant fertile female dogs.</p> <p>Further information about the commercial dog breeder approval process may be found here: http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets/domestic-animal-businesses/raising-and-rearing-businesses/commercial-dog-breeding</p> |
| Community Foster Care Network | <p>An organisation that arranges temporary care for cats and dogs in private residential premises and seeks permanent housing for those cats and dogs.</p> |
| Domestic Animal Business | <p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a local council pound <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ operated by the local council or a contractor on behalf of the council e.g. RSPCA Victoria) • a dog and/or cat breeding business, which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ has three or more fertile females ○ sells animals (whether a profit is made or not) and, ○ the proprietor is <i>not</i> a member of an Applicable Organisation.* • a dog training establishment (where the business is run for profit) • a pet shop, which must be operated in a permanent location that must be open at least 5 days per week • an animal shelter e.g. welfare organisations such as the RSPCA (Victoria) and The Lost Dogs' Home • an establishment boarding dogs or cats (where the business is run for profit to provide overnight, day-care or homecare boarding) • an establishment that is rearing dogs or cats (where the business is run for profit). <p>All domestic animal businesses must be registered annually with their local council and comply with the appropriate mandatory Code of Practice. Local council will often require an inspection of the facilities prior to registration each year.</p> <p>* If the proprietor <i>is</i> a member of an Applicable Organisation, they are exempt from registering as a breeding Domestic Animal Business if they have less than 10 fertile female animals AND no more than 2 are not registered with an Applicable Organisation.</p> |

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| Domestic Animal Act 1994 (DA Act) | The key administrative Act for the keeping, responsible ownership and businesses regarding dogs and cats in Victoria. |
| Domestic Animals Amendment (Puppy Farms and Pet Shops) Act 2017 (PFPS Act) | <p>Act amending the <i>Domestic Animals Act 1994</i> to deliver on the Government's election commitment to reform the dog breeding and pet shop industries in Victoria, and better regulate the sale of dogs and cats.</p> <p>The PFPS Act amended the DA Act to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • limit the number of fertile female dogs breeders can keep • restrict pet shops to only selling dogs and cats sourced from shelters, pounds or enrolled foster carers • clarify the role of foster carers • define 'recreational breeders' and 'microbreeders' • confirm the definition of 'farm working dogs' • introduce the animal sale permit system • improve traceability of cats and dogs through the establishment of the Pet Exchange Register • strengthen pet advertisement offences. |
| Domestic Animals Regulations 2015 | Corresponding regulations to the <i>Domestic Animals Act 1994</i> . Sets out further detail for the keeping, responsible ownership and businesses regarding dogs and cats in Victoria. |
| Fee unit | <p>The fee unit for 2018-19 is \$14.45.</p> <p>The Treasurer of Victoria sets fee units annually. This value increases every financial year.</p> |
| GRV Greyhound | A greyhound registered with GRV, including offspring of a greyhound under seven days of age, except a greyhound that has gone through the Greyhound Adoption Program or been retired from the industry and kept as a pet in the community |

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| Microbreeder | <p data-bbox="531 1167 1174 1200">A breeder with 1-2 relevant fertile female dogs or cats.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Microchip | <p data-bbox="531 1256 1374 1357">A tiny computer chip about the size of a grain of rice, which has an identification number programmed into it. The microchip is inert, has no battery and uses no energy, and will last for the life of the animal.</p> <p data-bbox="531 1397 1449 1610">The microchip is injected under the animal's skin between the shoulder blades (or into the nuchal ligament for horses) and is a simple procedure, which causes no side effects. To identify the animal, a scanner that reads microchip numbers is passed over the animal's skin. The scanned number can then be checked against a register, which provides details of the animal's ownership.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Microchip Registry | <p data-bbox="531 1666 1398 1733">A licensed operator that accepts records for cats or dogs microchipped in Victoria.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Permanent Identification Device | <p data-bbox="531 1789 1171 1823">A microchip – refer above for a definition of microchip.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Pet Exchange Register (PER) | <p>It will be a state-wide database. Anyone who wishes to advertise a dog¹ or cat for sale, or to give away, will be required to obtain a source number from the PER and list this number as part of their advertisement.</p> <p>Domestic animal businesses, voluntarily enrolled foster carers, microbreeders, recreational breeders and any other person advertising a dog or cat in Victoria will be on the PER.</p> <p>Once a PER application is approved the Secretary will provide the person with a source number.</p> <p>The PER will be operational from 1 July 2019.</p> |
| Pet Shop | <p>A registered domestic animal business that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is situated in a permanent location, • open five days a week or more, and • sells dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, mice, reptiles or caged birds. |
| Recreational breeder | <p>A dog or cat breeder with 1-10 fertile female dogs or cats and is a member of an applicable organisation.</p> |
| Secretary | <p>The head of the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions.</p> |
| Source number | <p>Individual identification numbers generated by the PER.</p> <p>Source numbers will be required on all advertisements from 1 July 2019.</p> |
| Voluntarily enrolled foster carer | <p>An individual that is registered with local council to provide for the temporary care of a stray, abandoned or unwanted dog or cat. This may be while a new home for the dog or cat is being found.</p> <p>A voluntarily enrolled foster carer may provide care to no more than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 dogs or animal adult equivalent dogs • 5 cats or animal adult equivalent cats, or • a combination of 5 dogs and cats or animal adult equivalent dogs and cats. |

¹ Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV) greyhounds are to be exempt from this requirement.