

	<b>COUNCIL POLICY</b>	
	Animal Desexing Reimbursement Incentive	
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	Directorate	Development and Community
	Owner	Regulatory Services Executive Manager
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## 1. PURPOSE

To identify eligible persons and establish guidelines to assess requests for partial desexing reimbursements to assist in alleviating the impact of desexing costs on Fraser Coast Regional Council residents who are in receipt of a form of federal government financial assistance.

## 2. SCOPE

This policy applies to eligible persons within the Fraser Coast Region who has desexed their pet cat or dog within the past Sixty (60) days.

## 3. HEAD OF POWER

*Local Government Act 2009*

*Local Government Regulations 2012*

## 4. DEFINITIONS

To assist in the interpretation of this Policy the following definitions apply:

**“Council”** means the Fraser Coast Regional Council.

**“Desexing Partial Reimbursement”** means a reimbursement toward the overall cost of desexing a dog or cat, awarded by Council to eligible persons.

**“Veterinary Surgery”** means a veterinary surgery located within the Region.

**“Region”** means the area defined by the electoral boundaries of Fraser Coast Regional Council.

## 5. POLICY STATEMENT

Council is committed to reducing the number of unwanted cats and dogs within the Region by providing eligible persons access to a reimbursement toward the cost of desexing a cat or dog.

### 5.1. Eligibility

Desexing reimbursements are available to approved Queensland Concession, Health Care and Veteran card holders.

An approved Queensland Concession Card holder is a person who is:

- a) A resident of the Fraser Coast Region; and

- b) An eligible holder of an approved Queensland Concession Card not limited to seniors, people with a disability, carers, sole parents, widows and students, Health Care or a Veteran Card; and
- c) The owner of a microchipped, desexed cat that has been desexed within the last Sixty (60) days; or
- d) The owner of a microchipped, desexed dog that is registered (under 12 weeks of age exempt), that has been desexed within the last Sixty (60) days.

## 5.2. Value of a Desexing Reimbursement

The value of a desexing reimbursement is;

- a) For a cat the value of \$50.00.
- b) For a dog the value of \$100.00.

## 5.3. Application for a Desexing Reimbursement

Applications for a reimbursement must be submitted to Council by the eligible person on the approved application form and accompanied by the mandatory supporting documentation.

Supporting documentation includes but is not limited to, the production of a current approved Queensland Concession Card, a payment receipt and a certificate from a Veterinary Surgery confirming that the animal has been desexed dated within the last 60 days.

## 5.4. Payment of Desexing Reimbursement

Payments will be made to the approved applicant via electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account or by cheque posted to the principal place of residence.

## 5.5. Conditions

Council reserves the right to decline an application on grounds Council consider appropriate.

## 6. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

### 6.1. Primary

Fraser Coast Regional Council – Animal Management Strategy

### 6.2. Secondary

*Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*  
 Animal Desexing Reimbursement Application Form  
 Regulatory Services – Desexing Reimbursement Procedure  
 Animal Desexing Reimbursement Fact Sheet

## 7. REVIEW

This Policy will be reviewed when related legislation/documents are amended or replaced, other circumstances as determined from time to time by Council or at intervals of no more than one year.

### Version Control

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