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## New grey rego discs for dogs

Dog registration discs in South Australia will be issued once-off from July this year and replace the yearly discs previously issued to reduce waste and streamline pet registration.

From 1 July 2018 registered dogs will be issued with a permanent registration number and a once-off grey coloured disc. Pet owners will need to continue to renew their dog's registration yearly.

Dog and Cat Management Board Secretary Andrew Lamb said the once-off disc and permanent dog registration number will significantly reduce South Australia's plastic landfill.

"The new permanent registration number is linked with the dog, even if the owner moves to another South Australian council or if the dog changes owners," Mr Lamb said.

"We are also giving dog owners the choice to replace their plastic grey disc with an engraved metal disc – owners can then add their own flair to the metal disc."

The change coincides with the introduction of the new statewide dog and cat database on 1 July. Dogs and Cats Online is a one-stop online service for all annual registration payments as well as dog and cat microchipping, desexing and breeder details. Dogs and Cats Online will replace South Australia's 68 council dog and cat registers with a single central online database.

Mr Lamb said registration renewal notices will be mailed to dog owners in July this year.

"Once dog owners receive their renewal notice, they can log on to Dogs and Cats Online and follow the prompts to self-manage their pets' information and pay the annual registration fee," Mr Lamb said.

"Owners will even be able to upload a picture of their dog or cat, which will be helpful if their pet becomes lost."

Dog registration is mandatory in South Australia. If you own a dog older than three months, then you have 14 days to register the dog. In South Australia dogs are required to have a collar around the neck with their registration disc securely attached, when not at home. Each council decides the dog registration fees, which is spent on dog and cat management such as dog parks and community safety.

The introduction of Dogs and Cats Online is one of four major South Australian pet reforms starting 1 July 2018. The reforms also include mandatory microchipping, compulsory desexing and new rules for dog and cat breeders and sellers. For more information visit the [Dog and Cat Management Board website](http://www.dogandcat.com.au).

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