

Application number

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Voluntary foster carer registration information

Under current Victorian law, foster carers must register all foster animals (over three months of age) housed at their premises with their local council, even if the animal is in their care for a short period of time.

What is foster care?

Under Section 3 of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*, foster care means the care of a stray, abandoned or unwanted dog or cat (whether or not as part of a community foster care network) that is temporarily or for the purpose of finding a new home for the dog or cat and that takes place on premises on which the care is being provided to no more than:

A. Five dogs or animal adult equivalent dogs;

B. Five cats or animal equivalent cats; or

C. A combination of five dogs and cats or animal adult equivalent dogs and cats.

What is the Voluntary Foster Care Scheme?

Individual foster carers may apply to their local council to be a registered foster carer as part of a voluntary scheme, with registration valid for one year. In accordance with section 68H of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*, Council has set an annual fee of \$72.40 to register as a foster carer. Voluntarily registered foster carers will receive:

- a reduced registration rate of no more than \$8 for each dog they foster during the first 12 months the dog is in their care;
- a reduced registration rate of no more than \$8 for each cat they foster during the first 12 months the cat is in their care; and
- the ability to use pet shops as a means of providing additional community exposure to dogs six months of age or older, and cats eight weeks of age or older.

If approval is granted to join the *Scheme*, your local council will issue you with a certificate that you will need to show pet shops to demonstrate that you are an approved source and are eligible to supply cats and dogs.

Are there other requirements for foster carers?

Maybe, some local councils set limitations on the number of animals you can house at your premises. You may need to apply with Council for an excess/multiple animal permit and/or planning permit. In addition, if you have more than five foster animals you will need to apply to be an animal shelter, regardless of how many animals your council permits.

For further information, please see the State Government's <u>Guide for Victorian dog and cat community foster</u> <u>care networks and rescue groups or visit http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets/puppy-farm-legislation</u> for fact sheets about the voluntary scheme.



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PART	A —	Cont	text

I. Do you foster dogs and/or cats over three months of age?



2. Are you aware Council does not allow more than two dogs or two cats to be housed together without an approved multiple pet permit?

Yes		No
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Please enquire with your local council if you are uncertain about the number of animals you can house.

3. Do you hold a multiple pet permit (if required)?

	Yes		No
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Please enquire with your local council if you are unfamiliar with this requirement. If you have a multiple or excess animal permit, please attach a copy to this form.

4. Do you understand that, if approved as a registered foster carer, you cannot house more than five foster animals at any given time (even if your local council permits you to house more)?



Please note: this requirement also applies to foster carers that are not registered in the Foster Carer Scheme. If you have more than five foster animals, you are required to register as an animal shelter.



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PART B — Eligibility

I. Have you been found guilty of:

An offence against the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986 or regulations made under that Act?

Yes If yes, offence:	Date:
No	
An offence against the Domestic Animals Act 1994 or the Domestic Animals Regulation	os 2015?
Yes If yes, offence:	Date:
No	
An offence against a law of another state or a territory of the Commonwealth that referred to in any legislation mentioned above?	corresponds with a law
Yes If yes, offence:	Date:

2. Is the premises where you house your foster animals registered as a domestic animal business?

	Yes		No	(go	to	question	4)
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3. What type of domestic animal business is the premises registered as?

Boarding	Breeding	Pet shop	Shelter	Training

4. Are you the proprietor of a domestic animal business at the location other than the premises where you house your foster animals?



No

No (go to question 4)

Please note: if you answered yes to any of the above, you may be ineligible to register as a foster carer.



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PART D — Foster carer details

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss	Phone number:	
Surname:	Given name/s:	
Email:		
Address:		
State:	Postcode:	
Postal address (if different to above):		
Number of registered dogs and/or cats you own (not including your foster animals):		



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PART E — Affiliations

I. Are you affiliated with a shelter or pound?



No (go to question 4)

If you answered yes to the above, please complete the following information about the shelter or pound.

Name	Phone number
Email:	
Address:	
State:	Postcode:

2. Do you have a section 84Y agreement with any Victorian council to rehouse cats and dogs?

Yes No (go to question 4)

If you answered yes to the above, please complete the following information about the shelter or pound.

3. Which council/s do you have a section 84Y agreement with?

Council

Please note: under the Domestic Animals Act 1994, section 84Y enables council to enter into written agreements with individuals or bodies to sell or dispose of dogs and cats seized or surrendered to council. Enquire with your local council if you wish to learn more about this agreement.



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PART E — Affiliations

4. Are you affiliated with a Community Foster Care Network (CFCN)?



No (go to question 4)

If you answered yes to the above, please complete the following information about the shelter or pound.

Name	Phone number
Email:	
Address:	
State:	Postcode:

Payment options	
Payment must be returned with this form	
Mail payment to: Glen Eira City Council PO Box 42 Caulfield South 3162	In person: Present this notice to the cashier at Councils Service Centre, corner Glen Eira and Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield.
For your protection and compliance with the Payme accepted if forms are submitted with credit card det	ent Card Data Security Standard, your email will not be tails included.
If paying by credit card via mail:	
Credit card type: 🗆 Visa 🛛 MasterCard	
Name of credit card holder:	Expiration date:
Cardholder signature:	Total amount:
Credit card number:	

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