## Dogs and Cats Online

**Suppressed Owners** 



## Information for dog owners requiring name and address suppression in Dogs and Cats Online

Name and address suppression enables at-risk dog owners to have their name and address suppressed within Dogs and Cats Online (DACO).

The application for name and address suppression is solely for Dogs and Cats Online and will not be applied to assessment records, infringements or development applications.

To be eligible for name and address suppression, you must be able to satisfy the Registrar of Dogs that your safety (or that of another person) may be put at risk should your name and address be obtained by someone conducting a search of the animal records in DACO. Applications for name and address suppression will only be accepted from individuals. Dog businesses will not be eligible.

Searching in DACO by the general public can only be done using an animal's registration tag or microchip number. If your application for name and address suppression is approved, the word SUPPRESSED will be displayed in place of your first name, surname, address and telephone numbers. Dog registration renewal notices will show the owners name and address information.

Council Officers with 'Admin User' access in DACO will be able to see the owner's profile information.

## How do I apply for name and address suppression?

Applications are made up of two parts – an application form and a statutory declaration that must be submitted with the application form.

Application forms are available at <u>Dog Management Forms | Murray Bridge Council</u> and you will be asked to provide the following information:

- Your full name and address
- Business hours contact details

Your statutory declaration must contain sufficient details of your circumstances to satisfy the Registrar of Dogs that your safety (or that of another person) may be jeopardised by the accessibility of your name and address within DACO. It must also establish that you are one and that you are one and the same person referred to on the application form by containing the following statement "I am one and the same person named in the attached name and address suppression application."

Failure to provide sufficient details may result in your information remaining accessible through a search of DACO.

No fee is payable for submitting an application for name and address suppression.

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Joint applications cannot be made. Each individual animal owner requesting their details to be suppressed must submit a separate application.

Suppression of your details from DACO will remain in place while you have an animal registered and you reside in the Rural City of Murray Bridge. If you move to another Council area, you will need to re-apply to the Registrar of Dogs for that Council. The Registrar of Dogs retains the right to vary or revoke suppression of any persons details should such action be warranted (e.g. if the original application was supported by a false declaration).