



## BERRI BARMERA DOG DESEXING SCHEME 2021/2022

### **What is the Subsidised Dog Desexing Scheme?**

Berri Barmera Council, together with the Riverland Veterinary Clinic (Berri), have created a dog desexing subsidy program for the 2021/2022 financial year. Dog owners who meet the eligibility criteria and animal conditions will receive a reduction towards the cost of dog desexing.

Desexing is beneficial for both dogs and their owners. Desexed animals are healthier pets and are generally less likely to suffer from diseases and illnesses. Desexed animals are also less likely to roam and prevents unwanted litters. If your dog is both microchipped and desexed, your annual registration may be reduced by up to 50%.

Dogs born after 01 July 2018 are now required to be desexed by law under the Dog and Cat Management Act.

The program has a limited number of available spots. Subsidy must be claimed by 30 June 2022.

### **Am I eligible for the subsidy?**

You must meet the following eligibility criteria points and dog desexing conditions to be successful to receive the subsidy prices.

1. You are a Berri Barmera Council resident
2. Your dog is registered in the Berri Barmera Council area

### **Dog desexing conditions**

- Dogs must be vaccinated and have a current vaccination certificate
- Male dogs must have both testicles descended
- Female dogs must not be pregnant or on heat

The dog desexing conditions are conditions of the Riverland Veterinary Clinic for this subsidy program. If you are unsure if you meet the desexing conditions, please contact the Berri Riverland Veterinary Clinic on (08) 8582 1222.

### **How does the scheme work?**

Upon successful application, you will receive a conditional approval letter from the Berri Barmera Council. Please contact the Berri Riverland Veterinary Clinic on (08) 8582 1222 to arrange a quote and to book your appointment.

### **If successful, what will be the subsidy cost?**

The cost is calculated on the dogs sex and weight. These prices include a \$130.00 subsidy from Council and a further discount from the Riverland Veterinary Clinic.

Castration (Male)		Spey (Female)	
< 15kg	\$132.50 - \$155.00	< 15kg	\$170.00 - \$200.00
15 – 30kg	\$147.50 - \$190.00	15 – 30kg	\$210.00 - \$230.00
> 30kg	\$160.00 - \$205.00	> 30kg	\$250.00 - \$275.00
*prices do not include intradermal sutures and would incur additional cost if requested			

If you have any further questions, please contact the Riverland Veterinary Clinic on (08) 8582 1222 or Berri Barmera Council on (08) 8582 1922.