



SUBSIDISED DE-SEXING SCHEME FOR DOGS

The District Council of Loxton Waikerie, in partnership with the Riverland Veterinary Clinic, is offering a dog desexing subsidy for the 2026/2027 financial year.

Eligible dog owners may receive a subsidy of **\$100 for male dogs** and **\$150 for female dogs** to assist with the cost of desexing. An additional discount may also be available through the Riverland Veterinary Clinic. Please discuss this directly with the clinic when booking your appointment.

Under the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*, all dogs born after 1 July 2018 are required to be desexed by law, unless a veterinarian has granted an exemption due to health or welfare reasons.

Did you know? Dogs that are both microchipped and desexed receive a 50% reduction on their annual registration fee.

Am I Eligible for the Subsidy?

To be eligible for the subsidy, applicants must meet the following criteria and comply with the Dog Desexing Terms and Conditions:

1. The applicant and dog must reside within the District Council of Loxton Waikerie area and be recorded on the Dogs and Cats Online (DACO) database.
2. The applicant **must** hold a **valid concession card**.
3. The subsidy is limited to two (2) animals per household.
4. Dogs must be vaccinated and have a current vaccination certificate.
5. The cost of vaccinations is not covered by this subsidy scheme.

Dog Desexing Terms and Conditions

1. An application form must be submitted and approved prior to the desexing procedure being undertaken.
2. The Riverland Veterinary Clinic will invoice you directly, with the approved subsidy amount deducted from the final account.
3. Any additional services or costs incurred during the appointment are not covered by this subsidy program.

Riverland Veterinary Clinic Desexing Criteria

The following conditions apply:

1. Male dogs must have both testicles descended.
2. Female dogs must not be pregnant or on heat.

If you are unsure whether your dog meets these requirements, please contact the Riverland Veterinary Clinic.

How to Apply

Complete an application form and return it to:

- the Loxton Council Office;
- the Waikerie Library and Visitor Information Centre; or
- email it to council@lwdc.sa.gov.au.

If your application is approved, you will receive a conditional approval letter from the District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

You can then contact the Riverland Veterinary Clinic on (08) 8582 1222 to book your appointment.

Please note that Council has allocated a limited budget for this subsidy program. Once the allocated funds have been exhausted, no further subsidies will be available during the 2026/2027 financial year.

For further information, please contact the Riverland Veterinary Clinic or the District Council of Loxton Waikerie on (08) 8584 8000.



APPLICATION FOR SUBSIDISED DE-SEXING SCHEME FOR DOGS

Applicant Details

First Name:		Surname:	
Residential Address:			
Postal Address:			
Mobile Number:		E-mail:	
Have you previously received assistance under this scheme?		☐ Yes	☐ No
If yes, please provide the following details:			
Date:		Name of animal:	

Details of Animal:

Animal Name:			
Breed:		Colour:	
Markings:			
Gender:	☐ Male	☐ Female	Approx Age:
Microchipped:	☐ Yes	☐ No	Microchip Number:
DACO Reg No:		Date animal de-sexed:	
Location animal kept:			
Subsidy being applied for:	☐ Male dog (\$100) ☐ Female dog (\$150)		

Evidence of Eligibility

☐ A pensioner Concession Card issued by the Department of Social Services or the Department of Veteran Affairs
☐ A Gold Card issued by the Department of Veteran Affairs
☐ Health Care Card
Checked by staff member that above concession is current: ☐ Yes ☐ No
Staff member name:

I hereby declare that all details I have provided are true and correct.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____