

Fact Sheet 3 – Sale and hire of collars

Legal requirements for the use of electronic collars

Introduction

An electronic collar is an animal collar that is designed to be capable of imparting an electric shock to an animal.

People selling, hiring or using electronic collars must comply with legal requirements under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2008.

This fact sheet outlines the legal requirements relating to the sale and hire of electronic collars.

The use of electronic collars is covered in separate fact sheets.

Legal requirements relating to the sale and hire of electronic collars

You must not sell or hire out an electronic collar unless you maintain a record of the following details about the purchaser or hirer of the collar:

- The full name and address of the purchaser or hirer; and
- The street address of the purchaser or hirer; and
- A contact telephone number or email address (if any) for the purchaser or hirer; and
- The date of sale or hire of the collar.

You must not provide false or misleading information in relation to these details to be recorded.

You must not sell an electronic collar other than one manufactured for use on cats or dogs.

You must not sell an electronic collar manufactured for use on cats or dogs unless you have advised the purchaser, in writing, of the legal conditions for use.

The legal conditions for use are outlined in regulations 17 to 21 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2008. DPI has developed fact sheets that outline these requirements, visit www.dpi.vic.gov.au/animalwelfare to download copies, or call the DPI Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

You may be fined if you do not comply with the above requirements.

If you are hiring these collars you should also comply with the above requirements.

For more information

Contact the Department of Primary Industries Customer Service Centre on ph 136 186, or visit www.dpi.vic.gov.au/animalwelfare

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