

PE2145/C: Bring in Compulsory Microchipping for Cats in Scotland

Scottish Government written submission, 1 July 2025

Thank you for your email of 03 June 2025 asking if the Scottish Government intends to introduce legislation during the current parliamentary session to mandate the microchipping and registration of cats in Scotland.

Whilst we recognise the level of feeling associated with this subject, the Scottish Government does not at this time have plans to introduce legislation to make the microchipping and registration of cats compulsory in Scotland. We are considering the recommendations made by the Scottish Animal Welfare Commission (SAWC) in their report concerning the responsible ownership and care of cats, and should any changes to existing legislation or new legislation be considered necessary in the future, we would look to fully assess the impacts it may have and consult with stakeholders before it was laid before Parliament.