

Registration of your Dog



2009/2010

Payment Information

Annual Registration Fees are due for payment on 1 July each year and are increased by 50% if not paid on or before 31 July. This penalty fee is set in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996.

The enclosed registration form shows the information we currently hold about you and your dog(s). Please note if you own farm working dogs, you will need to verify this by checking that "W" is displayed in the "Class" column.

Please check these details and alter or update them if necessary. You MUST sign the form – no signature means we will not be able to register your dog(s) and delay may mean you incur the penalty fee.

Please return the fee and signed form to:

Tasman District Council
Private Bag 4
Richmond
Nelson 7050

or to any Tasman District Council Office no later than 31 July 2009.

Council has adopted a zero tolerance policy towards those owners who fail to register their dogs on time.

Infringement notices and instant fines of \$300.00 will be issued to those who don't comply. (Dog Control Act 1996 Section 42)

Registration Fees

(Fees are inclusive of GST)

Urban Dog (for a dog kept on property 1 hectare or less)

Paid on or before 31 July: **\$44.00**

Paid after 31 July: **\$66.00**

Rural Dog (for a dog kept on property over 1 hectare)

Paid on or before 31 July: **\$27.00**

Paid after 31 July: **\$40.50**

A portion of this fee helps to fund the levy that all Councils are required to pay for the administration of the National Dog Database.

Dog Registration Procedures

Dog Registration applications are processed at the Council Offices in Richmond, Motueka, Golden Bay and Murchison. Registration forms are available throughout the year at these offices or can be printed from Council's website: www.tasman.govt.nz by searching under Services, Dog Control and Registration Information, or email dogcontrol@tdc.govt.nz.

Refund of Fees

If your dog dies during the registration year, you are able to receive a refund of part of the registration fee, following a request made in writing. This is based on the number of complete months remaining in the registration year at the time of the written application. A refund application form is available at www.tasman.govt.nz, from any Council office, or by emailing dogcontrol@tdc.govt.nz. Registration tags are not transferable between dogs, and it is an offence to do so.

Impounding Fees -

The following impounding and sustenance fees (inc GST) will be effective during the 2009/2010 year.

Impounding Fee	Intact	Desexed
<i>First impounding</i>	\$65.00	\$33.00
<i>Second Impounding</i>	\$80.00	\$45.00
<i>Third Impounding</i>	\$100.00	\$55.00
<i>Daily Sustenance Fee</i>	\$13.00	
<i>Microchipping</i>	\$25.00	

(Desexing at a later date DURING the registration year will result, when applied for, in a refund of \$30.00.)

Dogs must be registered and microchipped before they can be released from impoundment by Council.

Dog Pound

Council operates Pound facilities where dogs that have been found are housed until claimed by their owners or rehomed. If you lose your dog, or if you find a dog, please call Council immediately, on 03 543 8400 (24 hours). Please provide a good description, including registration and microchip numbers if available. Dog Control Officers make every effort to reunite dogs with their owners as soon as practicable, and finding a dog that is wearing its registration tag and is microchipped makes this process much simpler.

Restriction on Number of Dogs on a Property: Residential Zone

Resource Consent: Council has provided protection for people living in residential areas within close proximity to dog owners with 3 or more dogs. Dog owners who wish to keep 3 or more dogs on a Residential Zoned property are required to apply to Council for a Resource Consent. Appropriate Resource Consent fees apply.

Outside Residential Zone

Kennel Licence: Council's Dog Control Bylaw determines the maximum number of non-working dogs allowed to be kept on a property outside a residential zone.

For properties up to and including one hectare, the maximum number is 2 (two). For properties over one hectare, the maximum number is 5 (five). Owners wishing to keep more than the allowed maximum number of non-working dogs for their property size must apply for a Kennel Licence. Currently new licences cost \$90.00 with an annual renewal fee of \$32.00. This fee is reviewed annually.

Application forms for both Resource Consents and Kennel Licences are available from all Council Service Centres and the website www.tasman.govt.nz, or email dogcontrol@tdc.govt.nz.

Dog Control Policy and Bylaw

The Dog Control Act 1996 requires all Territorial Authorities to adopt a policy on dogs, which is being reviewed this year. A brief summary is enclosed and the full copy of Council's Draft Policy 2009 is available from all Council Service Centres and on the website www.tasman.govt.nz, or email dogcontrol@tdc.govt.nz.

All dogs 3 months of age or over must be registered
Previously unregistered dogs must be microchipped

Microchipping

All new puppies and dogs being registered for the first time in New Zealand must be microchipped within two months of when they are registered. Microchipping has proved very successful in tracing owners of lost dogs all around the country, providing Council has been given the microchip number to add to the National Dog Database.

Microchipping services are provided by Nelson SPCA and local vets and a signed verification certificate is given to the dog owner. This form must be brought to Council.

Farm dogs used solely or principally for herding and driving stock are the only dogs exempt from microchipping.

All dogs classified as dangerous or menacing must be microchipped.

Failure to microchip your dog if it falls into one of the microchipping categories could result in prosecution and a \$3,000 fine.

Owner's Responsibilities

One of the key points contained in the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw relates to owners' responsibility for controlling their dogs in public places.

The Bylaw specifies areas where:

- dogs may be exercised under effective control, but off a leash, and
- dogs are prohibited, and
- dogs may be exercised whilst on a leash

However, dogs must always be on a leash in the presence of stock, unless the dog is working the stock, and in the presence of protected birds or protected wildlife, especially at Farewell Spit Nature Reserve and Motueka Sandspit. Critical breeding seasons are September to December so dog owners need to be extra vigilant at this time.

Full details of areas where dogs are able to be exercised are available from all Council Service Centres and on the website www.tasman.govt.nz, or email dogcontrol@tdc.govt.nz.

Owners must ensure that their dogs are confined on the property so that the dog cannot leave of its own free will, for example through an open gate or over a low wall. Failure to do so is an offence. Every person in breach of this rule commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,000.

If necessary, Dog Control Officers are able to seize unregistered dogs and dogs that have attacked or cause a continual nuisance by barking or howling. They are also able to seize dogs not receiving adequate food, water or shelter, and dogs that are not contained on a property (they are free to leave if gates are left open etc).

Dogs Fouling in Public Places

Owners whose dogs foul in a public place or on property other than their own are required to clean up after their dog(s). It is an offence not to clean up after your dog and failure to do so makes owners liable for an instant fine of \$300.

Menacing Dogs

Dogs that Council considers pose a threat to any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal or protected wildlife may be classified as menacing.

In addition, any dog that Council believes are wholly or predominantly American Pit Bull Terrier, Dogo Argentino, Brazilian Filo and the Japanese Tosa will be classified as menacing. It is unlawful to import any of these breeds.

All dogs classified as menacing must be muzzled in public, must be microchipped and may be required by Council to be neutered.

Infringement Offences and Fines

<i>Wilful obstruction of officer</i>	\$750.00
<i>Failure/refusal to supply info</i>	\$750.00
<i>Fail/Refuse to supply correct information about dogs</i>	\$750.00
<i>Failure to comply with bylaw</i>	\$300.00
<i>Failure to comply with bylaw - no leash</i>	\$300.00
<i>Failure to comply with bylaw - control in public</i>	\$300.00
<i>Failure to comply with bylaw - no. of dogs</i>	\$300.00
<i>Failure to undertake dog owner educatn/dog obedience course</i>	\$300.00
<i>Failure to comply with obligations of probationary owner</i>	\$750.00
<i>Failure to comply with disqualification</i>	\$750.00
<i>Fraudulent sale/trans of dangerous dog</i>	\$500.00
<i>Failure to comply with Dangerous Dog classification</i>	\$300.00
<i>Failure to comply with effects of classn of dog as menacing</i>	\$300.00
<i>Failure to advise person of muzzle/leashing requirements</i>	\$100.00
<i>Failure to implant microchip transponder in dog</i>	\$300.00
<i>False statement relating to dog registration</i>	\$750.00
<i>Falsely notifying death of dog</i>	\$750.00
<i>Failing to register dog</i>	\$300.00
<i>Fraudulent procurement of replacement tag</i>	\$500.00
<i>Failure to advise change of ownership</i>	\$100.00
<i>Failure to advise change of address</i>	\$100.00
<i>Removal/swapping/counterfeiting of labels/disks</i>	\$500.00
<i>Failure to keep dog controlled or confined</i>	\$200.00
<i>Failure to keep dog under control</i>	\$200.00
<i>Failure to carry a leash in public</i>	\$100.00
<i>Failure to provide care/food/water/shelter/exercise</i>	\$300.00
<i>Failure to comply with barking dog abatement notice</i>	\$200.00
<i>Allowing dangerous dog to be at large unmuzzled/unleashed</i>	\$300.00
<i>Failure to advise of muzzle and leashing requirements</i>	\$100.00
<i>Releasing dog from custody</i>	\$750.00

If you have any queries relating to the information in this brochure, or need advice on caring for and controlling your dog, please call Tasman District Council's Dog Control or email dogcontrol@tdc.govt.nz

Dog Control Officers are happy to arrange educational presentations for any interested community groups and schools in Tasman District Council's area.

Essential Supplies

Doggie Doo Bags are freely available at all Council offices and should be suitably sealed (tied) after use and then discarded in a public bin or *Doggie Doo* receptacle.

Worming tablets are available for sale at all Council offices:

<i>Paratak</i>	\$0.70 per tablet
<i>Paratak Plus</i>	\$1.80 per tablet

Leather collars are available for sale at all Council offices. Please contact Customer Services for current prices.

RICHMOND

189 Queen Street
Private Bag 4
Richmond 7050
Ph (03) 543 8400
Fax (03) 543 9524

MOTUEKA

7 Hickmott Place
PO Box 123
Motueka 7143
Ph (03) 528 2022
Fax (03) 528 9751

GOLDEN BAY

78 Commercial Street
PO Box 74
Takaka 7142
Ph (03) 525 0020
Fax (03) 525 9972

MURCHISON

92 Fairfax Street
Murchison 7007
Ph (03) 523 1013
Fax (03) 523 1012

24 Hour
**EMERGENCY
PHONE**

Call your local office

email: dogcontrol@tdc.govt.nz • website: <http://www.tasman.govt.nz>

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