



Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Ngāmotu

New Plymouth District Council



FORM Application for dog registration

Dog Control Act 1996

Owner details

Owner details form including fields for Full name, Title, Date of birth, Postal address, Contact details, Email, and ownership questions.

Dog details

Dog details form including fields for Physical address, Dog(s) name, Dog(s) date of birth, Breed, Colour, Sex, Tag number(s), and Microchip number(s).

Dog owner's declaration

PRIVACY STATEMENT:

Information provided in this application is required to process your application. That information may be subject to an information request.

DECLARATION:

I have read and understood the above privacy statement. I confirm that the information provided on the application form is true and correct.

Signature and Date fields for dog owner declaration

OFFICE USE ONLY

Office use only form with fields for Dog #, Date received, Time received, Dog #, Received by, Property #, Owner #, and Total fees due.

## Registration requirements

Under section 42 of the Dog Control Act 1996:

- **All dogs over the age of three months must be registered.**
- It is an offence to keep a dog older than three months which is unregistered.
- You could be liable to an infringement fine of \$300 or on conviction a court may impose a fine of up to \$3,000 for failure to register your dog(s).
- If any dog over the age of three months is found not wearing a current registration tag on land or premises other than its owner's land or premises, or in any public place, the dog may be seized and impounded.
- Replacement tags may be obtained from NPDC if lost or stolen. Any dog that is not wearing a current registration tag will be treated as unregistered until proved registered.

Registration required after 1 August in any registration year, will be charged at a pro-rata rate of 1/12th of the annual fee for each complete month remaining in the registration year. When a dog dies NPDC shall refund, upon request and calculated from this date, fees in the same manner. Owners wishing to claim a reduced fee for neutered dogs for the first time must produce a certificate from a registered veterinarian certifying that the dog has been neutered.

It is an offence, when applying for the registration of a dog, to make any written statement knowing the statement to be false. On conviction, a court may impose a fine of up to \$3,000.

For the purposes of the Dog Control Act 1996, you are the owner of a dog if:

- You own the dog, or
- You have the dog in your possession whether the dog is at large or in confinement, otherwise than for a period not exceeding 72 hours for the purpose of preventing the dog causing injury, damage, or distress, or for the sole purpose of restoring a lost dog to its owner, or
- You are the parent or guardian of a person under the age of 16 who is the owner of the dog and who is a member of your household living with and dependent on you.

## Control of dogs

Under sections 52, 53, and 54A Dog Control Act 1996, the owner of a dog must keep the dog under control at all times and, when in a public place, must use or carry a leash at all times.

A dog will be treated as not being under control:

- If it is found at large on any land and premises other than a public place or a private way without the consent (express or implied) of the occupier or person in charge of the land or the premises, or
- If it is found at large in any public place or in any private way in contravention of any regulation or bylaw.

You will commit an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 or an infringement fee of \$300 if you fail to comply with this provision.

## Obligations of dog owners

Under section 54, Dog Control Act 1996 the owner of a dog must:

- Ensure that the dog receives proper care and attention and is supplied with proper and sufficient food, water and shelter, and
- Ensure that the dog receives adequate exercise.

You will commit an offence and be liable on conviction to imprisonment for up to three months or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 if you fail to comply with this provision.

## Obligations of a dog owner on owner's property

Under section 52A and 65, Dog Control Act 1996, the owner of a dog must ensure, when the dog is on land or premises occupied by the owner, that the dog is:

- Under the direct control of a person, or
- Confined within the land or premises in such a way that it cannot freely leave the land or premises.

You will commit an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine of \$3,000 or an infringement fee of \$300 if you fail to comply with this provision. In addition, a dog control officer or dog ranger may seize and impound the dog.

## Date of birth

Your date of birth is required to distinguish you from other persons with the same name. Certainty of identification is required in the enforcement of the provisions of the Dog Control Act 1996.

## Microchipping

All dogs are required to be microchipped, working dogs are exempt from this requirement if they are kept principally for the purposes of herding or driving stock. Dogs that are impounded will be required to be microchipped prior to release.

## Select owner:

The following and/or the above must be met to be considered a select owner:

- Registration and microchipping completed and current.
- Yard is sufficiently fenced to contain the dog and of a size to allow for adequate exercise.
- Adequate sleeping quarters (warm, dry and clean) and access to clean water at all times.
- Address and personal details are and have been kept current.
- Dog is responsibly and regularly exercised away from the property.
- No offences have been committed in the past two years.

## Update your details

Name and address details can be updated by calling 06-759 6060 or online at [www.npdc.govt.nz/dogregistrations](http://www.npdc.govt.nz/dogregistrations). Change of ownership and/or address is required within 14 days of the change. If transferring a dog to another district, for one month or more, both councils must be notified within six weeks of the transfer. It is an offence not to comply with this requirement. On conviction, a court may impose a fine up to \$500.

## Payment of fees

The registration fees include GST.

Online/Internet and phone banking:

[www.npdc.govt.nz/payingus](http://www.npdc.govt.nz/payingus). NPDC bank account: 03-0713-0357528-08. Code: use your Owner ID.

In person: pay at the Civic Centre in Liardet Street or the Inglewood, Waitara or Bell Block library and service centres.

## Note

The information provided overleaf will be kept by NPDC but may be used only for lawful official purposes. Section 35 of the Dog Control Act 1996 allows the name and address of the owner of any specified dog to be made available to any person by written application. NPDC must be satisfied with the identity of the applicant and that the information is required for one of a limited number of specified purposes, such as returning a lost dog to its owner or seeking compensation for damage.