



# Dog Control and Registration In the Hurunui District

July 1, 2009

## Registration Fees

The dog registration fee for the 2009/10 financial year has been set at \$34.00 per dog (GST inclusive) with a penalty of 50% if payment is received after 7th August 2009. The fee for dogs classified Dangerous will be \$51.00 per dog (GST inclusive) with a penalty fee of 50% if payment is received after 7th August 2009.

Council has again this year applied the Remission Policy for owners of more than 5 dogs. The objective of this Policy is to limit the registration cost for owners of large numbers of dogs.

## Remission Policy for Owners of More than 5 dogs

The policy sought to ensure Council collected its dog registration fees in a way that is fair and equitable, taking into account the service that is provided to all dog owners.

### Requirements of the Policy

All multiple dog owners — defined in the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw 2008 as a dog owner who owns more than 5 dogs — will received a remission equal to the cost of registering one dog for the sixth and subsequent dog owned by that person as long as they :

1. Pay their registration fee before 1 August of the financial year to which the registration relates
2. Have not been issued with an infringement notice issued under the Dog Control Act 1996 or Council's Dog Control Policy or Bylaw within the last financial year
3. Are not classed as a probationary or disqualified dog owner



*Note: Council may choose to revoke the remission to any person whether or nor they comply or partly comply with the requirements of this Policy.*

## Registration Form

The registration form has been designed to accommodate this fee structure.

- All dogs in the system will have their appropriate registration fee printed in the 'FEE' column, the 'TOTAL' line will be the addition of those fees.
- 'FEES PAYABLE BY 7TH AUGUST' line - total registration fees inclusive of any remission fee, example for eligible owners \$102.00 (3 dogs), \$170.00(5 dogs), \$170.00 (8 dogs).
- 'FEES PAYABLE AFTER 7TH AUGUST' line – total registration fees including the 50% penalty (**the more than 5 dog remission policy does not apply**) example \$153.00 (3 dogs), \$255.00 (5 dogs), \$408.00 (8 dogs).

**POST CODES** : Please check the post code at the end of the postal address on the registration form and change if incorrect.



## ***Dog Control Notes***

On the back of the dog registration form there is important information that you, as a dog owner, are required and will find useful to know. Please read the back of the form for full details.

NOTE numbers:

- (2) Dogs ordinarily kept in a Local Authority District must be registered in that district.
- (6) Failure to provide information requested on registration form may prevent registration of your dog.
- (7) Replacement tags available upon application.
- (8) If dog dies refund available from date of receipt of written application, based on remaining months.
- (10) Change of ownership / change of address – written notice to Local Authorities within 14 days.
- (12) Dog not wearing a collar with a current registration tag deemed unregistered.
- (13) and if found on land or premises other than its owners, or public place may be seized and impounded.

## ***Unregistered Dogs***

Council is taking a strong stand with unregistered dogs. Section 42 (2)(a) of the Dog Control Act states that if the territorial authority has reasonable grounds to believe that a person has kept a dog of a greater age than 3 months without registering it for the current year, a dog control officer or ranger may seize and impound the dog. To have the dog released requires the registration fee, microchip implant (if required) and impounding costs paid.

## ***Registration Discs/Tags***

This year Council has a limited number of discs available as an alternative to the registration tags. To make the registration tags easier to manage heat in warm water.

## ***Dog Microchipping***

All dogs registered in New Zealand for the first time from July 1, 2006, except working dogs kept solely or principally for the purposes of herding or driving stock, need to be microchipped. These dogs must be microchipped within two months of first registration.

## ***Dog Control Policy and Bylaw***

In 2008 Council reviewed and adopted the Hurunui District Council Dog Control Policy and Dog Control Bylaw 2008. The Bylaw schedules locations where dogs are prohibited, areas where dogs are required to be on a leash and areas where dogs can be exercised off a leash. The Policy/Bylaw can be found on the Council's website at [www.hurunui.govt.nz](http://www.hurunui.govt.nz) or obtain a copy from a Council office.

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