

# DOG REGISTRATION

## 2008/2009

Under Section 36 of the Dog Control Act 1996, owners are required to register all dogs 3 months of age and over in their possession for the registration year 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009.

All dog owners are entitled to pay the Approved Owner Fee unless they have been informed in writing by the Council that they have lost this privilege.

The personal information will be kept by the Kawerau District Council, but may be used only for lawful official purposes and will not be generally available to the public. However, 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 who has made a written application for that information. Before supplying the information, the Kawerau District Council must be satisfied of 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.

**IF YOUR DOGS ARE NOT REGISTERED BY 4.00pm 31 JULY 2008  
THE REGISTRATION FEE WITH PENALTY WILL APPLY (50% of the fee)**

Obligations of Dog Owner on Owner's Property  
Sections 52A and 65, Dog Control Act 1996 (from 1 June 2004)

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
- That the dog is 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.

**PLEASE READ THE BACK OF THIS FORM**

<b>The Chief Executive Officer Kawerau District Council</b>		<b>DETAILS OF DOG TO REGISTER</b>								Receipt No: _____	
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	PLEASE PRINT FIRMLY WITH BALL POINT PEN <b>IS THIS A NEW DOG Y / N (PLEASE CIRCLE)</b>										
<b>TAG</b>	DOG'S NAME	OWNER NUMBER	BREED	COLOUR	TATTOO	AGE	SEX	NEUTER	CLASSIFIED MENACING/ DANGEROUS	FEE	
Microchip Number											
Tick appropriate:  General <input type="checkbox"/>  Approved <input type="checkbox"/>  Guide <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Owner's Full Name:</b> First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Surname: _____ Owner's Date of Birth: _____ Address where dog is kept: _____ Postal address of owner: _____ Phone (Home): _____ Work/Mob: _____ <p style="text-align: center;"><b>I CERTIFY THE ABOVE DETAILS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT AND ACCEPT LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ABOVE DOG(S)</b></p> Date: _____ Signature of Owner: _____										

## NOTES ON REGISTRATION

All dog owners with dogs ordinarily kept in the Kawerau District must register their dogs with the Kawerau District Council.

All dogs over the age of 3 months must be registered.

It is an offence to keep a dog older than 3 months which is unregistered. On conviction a Court may impose a fine of up to \$3,000.

On completing the form properly, a dog owner may post the form, together with the appropriate fees payable, to the Dog Registrar at Private Bag, Kawerau 3169, or deliver these items to the office of the Kawerau District Council.

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

Replacement discs may be obtained from the Kawerau District Council if the current disc has been lost or stolen.

Any dog not wearing a collar having a current registration label or disc attached will, until the contrary is proved, be treated as unregistered.

On change of ownership of any registered dog, both the previous owner and the new owner must, within 14 days, give written notice to the Kawerau District Council and other Council (if applicable), of the change of ownership and the residential address of the new owner and the address at which the dog will be kept. It is an offence not to comply with this requirement. On conviction, a court may impose a fine of up to \$500.

If the owner's address is changed within the District, the owner must, within 14 days, give written notice of the change to the Kawerau District Council.

If any dog is transferred to and kept in the District of another territorial authority, other than the one in which it has been kept, for one month or more, the owner must, within 6 weeks of the transfer, give written notice of the transfer to both territorial authorities, setting out the address at which the dog will be kept. It is an offence not to comply with this requirement. On conviction, a Court may impose a fine up to \$500.

If the fee for the registration of a dog is paid and that dog dies, a refund will be made on request as follows:

- Where a dog dies before the commencement of the year, the full fee will be refunded.
- Where a dog dies during the year, 1/12th of the annual fee for each complete month remaining in the registration year after the date of application for a refund will be refunded.

If any dog is first required to be registered after 1 August in any registration year, the fee shall be 1/12th of the annual fee for each complete month remaining in the registration year after the date of such registration.

The registration fees include goods and services tax.

Owners wishing to claim a reduced fee for neutered dogs must produce a certificate from a registered veterinarian certifying that the dog has been neutered.

If any dog over the age of 3 months is found not wearing a collar with a current registration label or disc attached, on land or premises other than its owner's land or premises, or in any public place, the dog may be seized and impounded.

Control of Dogs Sections 52, 53 and 65, Dog Control Act 1996.

The owner of any dog must keep that 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 or 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
- It is found at large in any public place or in any private way in contravention of 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.

Under the Dog Control Act 1996, your date of birth is required to enable you to be distinguished from other persons with the same name.