

**KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL
CONTROL OF DOGS BY-LAW 1996**

Clause 14: Limitation On Number Of Dogs To Be Kept

- 14.1 No person shall keep or cause to be kept or have in his care more than one dog of a greater age than three months unless a kennel licence has been obtained from the Council permitting more than one dog to be kept.
- 14.2(a) Every application for a licence shall be submitted in writing on the prescribed form addressed to the Council and signed by the applicant.
- 14.2(b) Before issuing a licence, the Council may request the applicant to give it such further information as it may reasonably require.
- 14.3 Every licence holder who breaches any of the terms, conditions or restrictions contained in the licence issued to him by the Council commits an offence.
- 14.4 The Council may, on being satisfied that the terms, conditions or restrictions contained in any licence have been breached, revoke any licence.
- 14.5 The Council may by resolution publicly notified fix a fee for a licence issued in terms of this clause which shall be payable at the time of application of this licence. Such fee shall be additional to any registration fees payable under the Dog Control Act 1996.

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**Kawerau
District Council
Dog Control**

**KENNEL LICENCE
TO KEEP MORE THAN
ONE DOG**



KEEPING MORE THAN ONE DOG ON A PROPERTY

Any dog owner residing on a property within the Kawerau District must hold a licence to keep more than one dog.

This shall apply at all times where the dogs are over the age of 3 months and are kept on the property for more than 14 days (accumulative) in any 12 month period.

CONDITIONS OF A LICENCE TO KEEP MORE THAN ONE DOG

Depending on the type(s) of dogs to be kept, suitable fences and gates must be provided to ensure that the dogs are contained on the property at all times.

Where dogs are contained on a fully fenced property, dog free access to a door of the dwelling house must be provided for authorised callers.

In the absence of a fully fenced property, a sufficient part of the section or land must be suitably fenced to contain the dogs. The fenced part must be appropriate to the size of the dogs to allow adequate exercise.

Where necessary and having regard to the type and number of dogs kept, the area provided for confinement (i.e. kennels/runs etc) must be suitably surfaced with an impervious material, graded and drained to comply with the drainage regulations and, where appropriate, with the provisions of the Building Act and Council Plan.

Common boundary fences must not be used to form any side(s) of a confinement area.

Where necessary, screening of the area confinement may be required to protect the visual amenities of the neighbourhood.

Adequate kennelling of sufficient size to meet the needs of the dogs shall be provided. Such housing shall be suitably constructed and comply with the relevant

requirements of the Building Act and, where appropriate, the District Plan.

Such kennelling shall not be sited within 3 metres of any boundary fence or within 13 metres of any neighbouring dwelling house.

Having regard to the size and number of dogs and the circumstances, the Council may consider the owners dwelling to be sufficient to house the dogs, provided there is an alternative kennelling arrangement available on the property in the event of an emergency.

All requirements of the Dog Control Act 1996, the Building Act 1991 (where applicable), and the Kawerau District Council Control of Dogs Bylaw 1996 must be met at all times.

All dogs must be registered in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996 before the licence is issued.

The property shall be available for inspection by an authorised Dog Control Officer/Ranger, at any reasonable time to check the conditions under which the dogs are being housed and kept.

All dogs must be housed and supervised in such a manner that no legal nuisance to neighbours is caused.

Kennels, runs and other areas used by the dogs must be kept in a clean and well-maintained condition at all times, so that no nuisance is caused.

The number of dogs (of greater age than 3 months) that may be kept on the premises must not exceed at any time the number stated on the licence. The licence is not for any dog, other than the name of the dog which is on the licence.

Council retains the right to:

- a) Refuse the granting of a licence for the keeping of more than one dog.

- b) Revoke a licence where conditions governing the issue of the licence are breached and not rectified within a prescribed period of time set by the Council after the issue of a written notice to the dog owner/occupier.
- c) Refuse the granting of a licence where the District Plan requires resource consent for the breeding, boarding or fostering of dogs and such consent has not been granted.
- d) Reasons for any refusal must be given in writing to the applicant within 14 days.

The licence specifically precludes breeding, boarding or fostering of dogs for pecuniary gain (other than when permitted by a resource consent granted under the provisions of the Kawerau District Plan).

All deaths, sales or transfer of dogs, (including pups born on the premises) are to be notified in writing to Council.

Prior application must be made to Council before any changes (i.e. dog breeds) are undertaken that affect the terms and conditions under which the licence is issued.

A licence may be subject to such terms, conditions and restrictions as Council may from time to time consider necessary to impose and any breach of the conditions may result in the licence being revoked.

OTHER INFORMATION

A licence for more than one dog is not transferable between properties. A new licence must be obtained when changing address.

Any changes in conditions may require a re-inspection, for example: changing dogs, or the number of dogs.

When considering acquiring a second or additional dog it is a good idea to make application for a licence before modifying your property. That way the Dog Control Officer will be able to advise you of the most convenient way to meet the licence requirements.