

## DOG REGISTRATION FORM

### For New Dog Registered to the Kawerau District

Under Section 36 of the Dog Control Act 1996, all dog owners, with dogs kept in Kawerau District **must** register all their dogs aged 3 months of age and over.

The registration year for Kawerau District Council is for the period 1 July to 30 June of the following year.

All owners of three dogs must apply for a kennel licence and have a kennel check completed by Kawerau District Council dog rangers.

For all owners wanting to own 4 or more dogs, you must apply to our special hearings committee for approval. This is to ensure all owners have the ability within their property to provide the essential needs of their dogs.

**IF YOUR DOGS ARE NOT REGISTERED BY 5.00pm 31 JULY  
THE REGISTRATION FEE WITH PENALTY WILL APPLY (50% of the fee)**

### REGISTRATION FEES

Dog registration fees are set as the following:

Neutered Dog	\$42.00
Entire Dog	\$84.00

The registration fees include goods and services tax.

### NOTES ON REGISTRATION

#### Registration

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.

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.

It is an offence to keep a dog older than 3 months which is unregistered or when applying for you make any written statement knowing that statement to be false. On conviction, a Court may impose a fine of up to \$3,000.

#### Registration Discs

Kawerau District Council will provide a registration label or disc to all dogs registered within their District. The owner must ensure the registration label or disc is attached to a collar that must be worn by their dogs.

A replacement registration label or disc may be obtained from the Kawerau District Council if a current disc has been lost or stolen.

Any dog over 3 months, not wearing a collar with their current registration label or disc attached will, until the contrary is proved, be treated as unregistered. If found on land or premises other than its owner's, or in any public place, the dog may be seized and impounded.

#### Change of Ownership

When changing the ownership of any registered dog,

both previous and the new owner must, within 14 days, give written notice to the Kawerau District Council and any other Council (if applicable), of the change of ownership, residential address of the new owner and the address where 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.

#### Change of Owner's/Dog's Address

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 or kept in another territorial authority's District, 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 of up to \$500.

#### Registered Dog Passes Away

If the fee for the registration of a dog is paid and that dog dies, a refund may be requested and will be refunded as follows:

- Where a dog dies before the commencement of the year (1 July), 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 request, will be refunded.

## DOG OWNER OBLIGATIONS

### **Control of Dogs Section 52 Dog Control Act 1996.**

The owner of any dog, at all times, must have their dog under control 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:

- found 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 premises; or
- found at large in any public place or in any private way in breach of any regulation or bylaw.

### **Control of Dogs on Owner's Property Section 52A Dog Control Act 1996.**

When any dog is on land or premises occupied by the owner of that dog, the owner must, at all times, ensure that the dog is under the direct control of a person or confined within the land or premises in a manner that the dog cannot freely leave the property.

You will commit an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 or an infringement fee of \$200 if you fail to comply with this provision.

### **Obligations of a Dog Owner Section 54 Dog Control Act 1996.**

The owner of any dog shall ensure:

- the dog receives proper care and attention; and
- provide proper and sufficient food water and shelter; and
- receives adequate exercise.

You will commit an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or an infringement fee of \$300 if you fail to comply with this provision.

### **Rights of Dog Control Officers**

A dog control officer may seize any dog not under control and cause it to be returned to its owner or impounded.

A dog control officer in fresh pursuit of dog not under control, may at any reasonable time, enter any land or premises to seize or impound the dog where they can identify the dog, the dog is not under control or constrained and no person over 16yrs is present.

A dog control officer with good cause to suspect an offence against the Dog Control Act 1996 or District Bylaw may enter any property to inspect dog and premises and/or to seize any dog.

You are required to read and understand the Kawerau District Council Policy on Dogs 2019, please refer to the Council website at <https://www.kaweraudc.govt.nz/>  
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