

Important Information for Dog Owners

In 1987 extensive changes were made to the Dog Act in an effort to address some increasing problems associated with the keeping of dogs in our community. The most important of these changes is that dog owners must provide means on their property to effectively confine their dog.

PLEASE NOTE: means for effectively confining the dog within the premises does not include tethering. Another important change is the very significant difference in the registration fees for sterilised and unsterilized dogs as indicated below and you are therefore urged to consider the long-term financial benefits of having your dog sterilised. In addition to the dog registration number tag each dog must also have a tag on which is inscribed the owners name and address. These are obtainable from the RSPCA, pet shops and other sources.

PLEASE NOTE:

- 1. Definition of a WORKING DOG for concessional licensing purposes is as follows: dogs used for droving or caring for stock**
- Definition of a PENSIONER for concessional licensing purposes is as follows: A person issued with Pensioner Health Benefit Card ie Aged Pension, Widowed Pension, Disability Pension, Careers Pension, Veterans Affairs Pension
- Maximum number of dogs to be kept on any premises is two over the age of three months (dispensation can be given to keep more than two dogs in some cases, but subject to written request to Council and certain other conditions being met)

To licence a dog under sterilised concessional rates an owner or agent should either have a veterinarian's certificate to be prepared to sign a statutory declaration to that effect.

Dog owners are also reminded that dogs three months and over must be registered at all times. Council also requests that any change of ownership, the death of a dog, or change in address. Failure to register a dog may result in a \$500 penalty under the Dog Act.

		1 Year	3 Years
Fees Payable	Unsterilised	\$50	\$120
	Sterilised	\$20	\$42.50
	Working Dog	¼ of registration fee	
	Pensioners	½ of registration fee	
	Life Sterilised	\$100	
	Life Unsterilised	\$250	

Declaration of Sterilisation of a Dog

I, (name):

of (address):

Do hereby declare that a (breed of dog)

male / female

Tag No. / has been sterilised (location) _____
And therefore claim that the concessional rate apply

Signed: _____

Witness: _____

Date: _____

IMPORTANT: any person giving false or misleading information is subject to a Maximum Penalty of \$500 and restitution of any legal costs.

Declaration of Dog Used for Droving and Tending

I, (name):

of (address):

Do hereby declare that a (breed of dog)

male / female

Tag No. / is a bona fide used for the purpose of droving or tending stock and therefore claim that the concessional registration rate apply.

Property Used:

Lot No.:

Street/Road:

Town: _____

Signed: _____

Witness: _____

Date: _____

IMPORTANT: any person giving false or misleading information commits an offence.

PENALTY: where the dog is a dangerous dog \$4,000 otherwise \$1,000 and restitution of any legal costs.