

Application to register new dog(s)

For the year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 pursuant to Section 36 of the Dog Control Act 1996

Please read this first

This form will be scanned by electronic equipment. It is important that you:

- use a blue or black pen to complete this form; and
- print clearly.

A Drivers Licence or Passport must be provided with this application.

Failure to supply any of the information requested in this form that is relevant to your application may prevent the registration of your dog, and an infringement fee issued. Please request the Tararua District Council to correct or amend any owner or dog details if you discover a mistake or if the relevant circumstances change. You are required to notify the Tararua District Council of any change of address or change in the ownership of the dog on the relevant form.

If you are under 16 years old, you must register the dog under your parent's or guardian's name.

Dog Microchipping

All newly registered dogs and puppies are required to be microchipped within two months of first being registered. Any vet can microchip your dog and will issue you a verification certificate. You must present or send this certificate to Council.

Farm dogs used solely or principally for herding or driving stock are exempt from microchipping. It's highly recommended that all farm dogs are microchipped, though, especially if collars and tags are not worn.

Dog owner details (Please print in CAPITALS)

No dog will be accepted for registration unless owner details – including date of birth – are entered correctly, as required by the Dog Control Act 1996.

Title: ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms

First names

Surname

Postal address

Town Postcode

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Home phone number Work phone number Mobile phone number

Email

/ /
Owner's date of birth

☐ I wish to apply to be an over-65 canine companion dog owner (you will need to show a New Zealand driver's licence or SuperGold card as proof of age)

☐ I wish to apply to be a Dogs NZ dog owner (you will need to show proof of membership)

Location of dog(s)

Physical address of property that dog(s) are kept at

Office use only

Receipt Parcel ID NAR

Over-65 Licence or ID sighted: ☐ Driver's licence ☐ SuperGold card ☐ Proof of Dogs NZ Membership

Details of dog(s)

1. yrs mths ☐ ☐ Yes ☐ No
Dog name Age of dog Sex Neutered?
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Breed 1 Breed 2 Colour 1 Colour 2

Office use only

Dog ID Fee code Classification Tag number Fee
 \$

2. yrs mths ☐ ☐ Yes ☐ No
Dog name Age of dog Sex Neutered?
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Breed 1 Breed 2 Colour 1 Colour 2

Office use only

Dog ID Fee code Classification Tag number Fee
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3. yrs mths ☐ ☐ Yes ☐ No
Dog name Age of dog Sex Neutered?
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Breed 1 Breed 2 Colour 1 Colour 2

Office use only

Dog ID Fee code Classification Tag number Fee
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4. yrs mths ☐ ☐ Yes ☐ No
Dog name Age of dog Sex Neutered?
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Breed 1 Breed 2 Colour 1 Colour 2

Office use only

Dog ID Fee code Classification Tag number Fee
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For additional dogs, please request another form.

Total fee

\$

Declaration

I hereby confirm that the above information relating to dogs in my care is correct, and I do not own or have in my possession any other dogs over the age of 3 months. I understand my obligation as contained in Section 52 and 54 of the Dog Control Act 1996 (see next page).

I declare that the dogs recorded above as neutered are so neutered. I declare that I am currently not a disqualified owner pursuant to Section 25 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

Signature of dog owner

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Date

Guidelines for dog owners

Applicant copy

Please detach and keep for your reference.

Notes on registration

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

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

It is an offence to keep a dog older than three months that 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 PO Box 115, Dannevirke 4942, or deliver these items to the office of the Tararua 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 tags may be obtained from the Tararua District Council if the current tag has been lost or stolen.

Any dog not wearing a collar having a current registration tag 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 Tararua District Council, 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 Tararua 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 1 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.

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 the 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 (GST).

If any dog over the age of three months is found not wearing a collar with a current registration tag 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 54A, Dog Control Act 1996

The owner of a dog must keep the dog under control at all times and, when in a public place with the dog, 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
- if it is found at large in any public place or in any private way in contravention of any regulations or bylaw.

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

Obligations of dog owner generally

Section 54, Dog Control Act 1996

The owner of a dog must—

- ensure that the dog receives proper care and attention and is supplied with proper and sufficient food, water, and shelter; and
- ensure that the dog receives adequate exercise.

You will commit an offence and be liable on conviction to imprisonment for up to three months or to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 if you fail to comply with this provision.

Obligations of dog owner on owner's property

Section 52A, Dog Control Act 1996

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 if you fail to comply with this provision. In addition, a dog control officer or dog ranger may seize and impound the dog.