

Animal control

Note:

- Infringements issued are as specified in the Dog Control Act Schedule 1
<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1996/0013/latest/whole.html#DLM374410>

A new dog must be registered on or before 3 months of age. The fee for new dog registrations where the dog is less than 3 months old on or after 2 August or the dog is imported into New Zealand for the first time on or after 2 August is calculated by dividing the registration fee payable for a full year by 12 and multiplying that amount by the number of complete months remaining in the registration year. This is called 'pro-rata'.

Dog registration fees are discounted as follows when evidence of each activity has been submitted to Council and verified. All evidence must be provided prior to 1 May for discounted fees to be applied. When you register your new dog, you will be asked which of these discounts you will supply evidence for at the applicable time.

Discounts		
(a) desexed - the dog is spayed or neutered		-\$10.00
(b) containment - the dog is in a fenced or controlled property		-\$20.00
(c) responsible owner		-\$30.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the dog is microchipped as required by the Dog Control Act 1996 there has been no written warning, barking abatement notice, seizure or infringement under the Dog Control Act 1996 within the last two years relating to any dog owned by the person applying for the registration. 		

Working dogs have three categories. It is important to advise Council which category your working dog fits into. Working dog and service dogs require current paperwork certifying their abilities. Breeds not typically seen as Stock dogs may require a site inspection that demonstrates how your dog performs its job:

- Stock Dog – Kept principally for the purposes of herding or driving stock.
- Working Dog – Include government dogs (e.g. Police, Customs, MPI, DOC etc.), dogs owned by a licensed property (e.g. completes guard work under legislation), pest dog (operating under Biosecurity Act 1993).
- Service Dog – Includes assistance dog, hearing dog, K9 medical detection, mobility assists etc.

New dog registration – up to 3 months old before 1 July – All dogs	Flat fee	Pro-rata
Renew dog registration – non-working dog older than 3 months on 1 July – Fee paid 'on time' by 1 August All evidence must be provided prior to 1 May for discounted fees to be applied		
no discounts applied	Flat fee	\$110.00
the dog is spayed or neutered (a)	Discounted fee	\$100.00
fee - the dog is in a fenced or controlled property (b)	Discounted fee	\$90.00
fee - responsible owner (according to Council's criteria) (c)	Discounted fee	\$80.00
fee - the dog is spayed or neutered (a) AND is in a fenced or controlled property (b)	Discounted fee	\$80.00
fee - the dog is spayed or neutered (a) AND the owner is considered a responsible owner (according to Council's criteria) (c)	Discounted fee	\$70.00
fee - the dog is in a fenced or controlled property (b)	Discounted fee	\$60.00

AND the owner is considered a responsible owner (according to Council's criteria) (c)		
fee - the dog is spayed or neutered (a) AND the dog is in a fenced or controlled property (b) AND the owner is considered a responsible owner (according to Council's criteria) (c)	Discounted fee	\$50.00
Renew dog registration – working dog & stock dogs	Flat fee	\$40.00
Renew dog registration – service dogs with current papers only		Free
Late payment fee - registration paid after 1 August	Percentage of applicable fee including discounts	50%
Rehoming dogs		
A dog impounded by SDC released to SDC authorised rehoming provider for either fostering or rehoming (initial registration only)		Free
A dog received by SDC authorised rehoming provider for the purpose of rehoming, that is either from Southland District, or to be rehomed in Southland District (initial registration only)		Free
Dog control fees		
Property inspections to verify discount / dog class etc.		\$50.00
Dog hearing lodgement fee		\$100.00
Replacement tag - first one		\$6.50
Replacement tag - any subsequent		\$13.00
After hours collection fee		\$100.00
Charge out rate for vehicles	Per kilometre	\$1.00
Multiple dog licence application fee		\$50.00
Sale of collars		\$10.00
Leads		\$12.00
Withdrawal of infringement fee - per infringement		\$30.00
Microchipping		
Microchipping of a dog registered by SDC		No charge
Commercial breeders that require more than four pups to be microchipped per registration year	Per dog for the fifth and subsequent dog	\$30.00
Dog impounding fees		
Impounding of dogs		\$150.00
Impounding of dogs - second and subsequent impoundment (\$200 from then on plus any infringement fees)		\$200.00
Long term stays (greater than one month) monthly fee (Note: where a dog is impounded and is awaiting the outcome of a Court hearing or similar a monthly fee will be applied and monthly invoices will be issued to the owner)		\$300.00
After hours release (minimum of one-hour staff time) only by prior arrangement and all outstanding fees and infringements must be paid		\$180.00
Surrender fee		\$120.00

Sustenance of impounded dog per day or part thereof		\$25.00
Euthanasia		Actual cost
Stock wondering fees		
Fees for impounding of stock on district roads and highways		
Per head charges:		
Horses, donkeys, asses, mules, cattle, deer		\$60.00
Sheep, goats, pigs, and other stock		\$30.00
All stock less than three months of age		\$10.00
Hourly rate for Council animal control officer		\$90.00
Contractor call out fee		Actual cost
Sustenance		Actual cost
Hire of transportation or trailers		Actual cost
Fees for moving stock on district roads		
Hourly rate for Council animal control officer	Does not apply to state highways.	\$90.00
Contractor callout fee		Actual cost