

DOG CONTROL ACT 1996

Obligation imposed on dog owners by the Act. Sections 34, 42, 52, 52A, 53 and 54 of the Act read as follows:

34. DOGS REGISTER

- (1) Every territorial authority shall keep a register of all dogs registered with it under this Act.
- (2) The register shall contain the following in respect of each dog:
 - a) the full name, date of birth and address of the owner of the dog.
 - b) the address at which the dog is ordinarily kept.
 - c) a description of the dog, which may include the breed, colour and any distinguishing marks.
 - d) the age of the dog.
 - da) whether the dog is a working dog within the meaning of paragraph (b)(iii) of the definition of 'working dog' in section 2.
 - e) whether the dog is classified as a dangerous dog under section 31 of this Act.
 - ea) whether the dog is classified as a menacing dog under section 33A or section 33C and the relevant provision under which the classification is made.
 - f) the sex of the dog, including whether the dog is neutered or not.
 - g) a description of any tattoo, or the unique identifier of any microchip transponder, that provides permanent identification of the dog.
 - h) the registration number of collar, label or disc issued for the dog.
 - i) such other relevant information as the territorial authority considers for the purpose of this Act.

42. OFFENCE OF FAILING TO REGISTER DOGS

- (1) Every person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 who is the owner of a dog of a greater age than 3 months unless the dog is registered under this Act for the current registration year.
- (2) If a territorial authority has reasonable grounds to believe that a person has failed to comply with subsection (1), a dog control officer or dog ranger may:
 - a) seize and impound the dog; and
 - b) for the purposes of paragraph (a), enter at any reasonable time, any land or premises (except a dwellinghouse) occupied by the owner of the dog.

52. CONTROL OF DOG GENERALLY

- (1) The owner of any dog shall keep that dog under control at all times.

52A. CONTROL OF DOG ON OWNER'S PROPERTY

- (2) The owner of a dog must, at all times, ensure that either -
 - (a) the dog is under the direct control of a person; or
 - (b) the dog is confined within the land or premises in such a manner that it cannot freely leave the land or premises.

53. OFFENCE OF FAILING TO KEEP DOG UNDER CONTROL

- (1) Every person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 who, being the owner of the dog, fails to keep that dog under control.

54. OBLIGATIONS OF DOG OWNER

- (1) The owner of any dog shall:
 - a) ensure that the dog receives proper care and attention and is supplied with proper and sufficient food, water, and shelter; and
 - b) ensure that the dog receives adequate exercise.
- (2) Every person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 who, being the owner of any dog, fails to comply with subsection (1) of this section.

KAPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL DOG CONTROL POLICY AND BYLAW

Owners are reminded of the provisions of the Kāpiti Coast District Council Dog Control Policy 2019 and Dog Control Bylaw 2019, the requirements of which include:

- dogs to be leashed while in public places;
- faeces to be removed where their dog defecates in a public place or on land other than that occupied by the owner;
- a special licence to be obtained for more than two dogs on the same premises.

Exercise areas are designated and entry to some public places prohibited. There is seasonal prohibition of dogs on some beaches. These beaches are signposted.

To view a copy of the Kāpiti Coast District Council Dog Control Policy 2019 and Dog Control Bylaw 2019 please contact the Kāpiti Coast District Council offices, or visit our website: www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/bylaws

DOG REGISTRATION FEES 2025/26

ENTIRE DOG

CLASS OF DOG		Fee due by 31/07/25	Fee after 31/07/25
Disability assist dog	A	Nil	Nil
Working dog Entire/Neutered/Speyed	B	\$79	\$119
Working dog (2nd and subsequent)		\$47	\$72
Standard dog	C	\$219	\$328
Standard dog (owner +65)	C65	\$204	\$306
Approved owner	D	\$188	\$281
Dangerous dog	H	\$326	\$489
Owner current member of Dog NZ	G	\$204	\$306

NEUTERED / SPEYED DOG

CLASS OF DOG		Fee due by 31/07/25	Fee after 31/07/25
Disability assist dog	A	Nil	Nil
Standard dog	E	\$112	\$168
Standard dog (owner +65)	E65	\$90	\$134
Approved Owner	F	\$79	\$119
Dangerous dog	I	\$170	\$255
Owner current member of Dog NZ	L	\$90	\$134

Neutered/speyed dogs: All dog owners must provide either a neuter/speyed certificate from their vet or complete a neuter/speyed declaration form before receiving this discount.

Approved owner: Anyone wishing to be an approved owner must complete an approved owner application form. Applications must be received by 1 May each year to enable successful applicants to gain approved dog owner status for the upcoming registration year.

PAYMENT MAY BE MADE TO ANY KAPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICE

175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu
Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9.00am-5.00pm

Main Street, Ōtaki
Monday to Friday 9.00am-5.00pm
Wednesday 10.00am-5.00pm

Mahara Place, Waikanae
Monday to Friday 9.00am-5.00pm
Wednesday 10.00am-5.00pm

Payment can also be made:

- Via internet banking to our Westpac account 03 0732 0306101 00. Use your [owner number] from the front of the registration form as your reference.
- Dogs online portal by credit/debit card <http://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/dogs>

For further information or to view a copy of the Dog Control Act 1996, the Kāpiti Coast District Council Dog Control Policy 2019, or the Kāpiti Coast District Council Dog Control Bylaw 2019, please contact the Kāpiti Coast District Council.