

INFORMATION FOR

Dog Owners

Take Kuri

Whakatāne District Council welcomes you and your dog.

As a dog-friendly District, we love the contribution dogs and their owners make to our communities.

In this brochure you will find some tips and tricks about responsible dog ownership. It covers what the rules are, where you can and can't take your dog for on/off lead exercise, and how to make sure you and your dog have a great time out and about and at home in the Whakatāne District.



Dog registration

- All dogs are required to be registered by the age of three months.
- All new dogs purchased or acquired must be registered immediately.
- Dog registration renewal is required before 1 July every year. If you keep an unregistered dog, you are committing an offence, even if you are not the 'owner' of the dog.
- A dog not wearing a current registration label or disc is considered by law to be unregistered until it is proven otherwise.
- An unregistered dog can be seized from the keeper.
- You are committing an offence if your dog is found wearing a registration label or disc issued to another dog.
- You must provide your date of birth when registering your dog. This helps to distinguish you from someone else with the same name.



Registration fees for the 2023/24 year

Dog registration fees are set and approved by Council. Dog registration fees, fines and impound fees are used to fund dog control activities. Owners who register their dogs on or before 1 August 2023 will be charged a discounted fee. Registrations paid after 1 August 2023 will be charged at the full fee.

NOTE FOR WORKING DOGS: For a dog to qualify as a 'working dog' the owner will need to fill out the 'Application for working dog status' form at whakatane.govt.nz/dogregistration

If approved, the status of the dog(s) will be changed and will apply for the next financial year.

DOG (PER DOG)	Fee if paid before or on Tuesday, 1 August 2023	Fee if paid after Tuesday, 1 August 2023
Neutered dog (de-sexed)	\$63	\$94
Entire dog	\$90	\$135
Working dog:		
a) Purpose of herding or driving stock (farm working dog)	\$63	\$94
b) Other as defined in Section 2 of the Dog Control Act, including disability assist dogs	Free	Free
Dog owned by an incorporated hunt club	\$63	\$94
Dog less than 12 months of age Note: Dogs less than three months of age do not need to be registered	Pro-rata the annual applicable rate (July to June)	
Replacement of registration tag	\$3	

Micro-chipping

Since 1 July 2006, every dog being registered (except for farm working dogs) for the first time must be implanted with a functioning micro-chip transponder.

IMPOUNDING FEES

First impounding	\$65
Second impounding	\$97
Third impounding	\$130
Daily sustenance fee	\$8
Re-homing fee	\$27

Additional fee of actual costs incurred for any dog impounded between 5pm and 8am.

OTHER FEES

Euthanasia of dog	\$90
Micro-chipping fee (at owner's request)	\$17

If you require copy of the Dog Control Policy or Dog Control Bylaw please contact Council.



Dog policies and regulations

The Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 requires Council to have a policy on dog control practices in our District. The Dog Control Bylaw provides the legal powers required to implement the Dog Control Policy and determine what is an offence.

DOG CONTROL ACT 1996 COVERS

- Dog registration
- Probationary dog owners
- Disqualification of dog owners
- Prohibiting the importing of certain dog breeds
- Dangerous dogs
- Menacing dogs
- Micro-chipping
- Obligations of dog owners to provide food, water, shelter and adequate exercise for their dogs
- Control of dogs on private property
- Barking dogs
- Dogs causing serious injury
- Dogs worrying stock or domestic animals
- Dogs attacking protected wildlife
- Seizure of dogs and impounding of uncontrolled dogs
- Euthanasia of dogs, infringement offences and levels of fines
- Custody of impounded dogs

DOG CONTROL BYLAW 2018 COVERS

- Specific dog prohibited areas
- Dog leash control areas
- Specified dog exercise areas
- Standards for the accommodation of dogs
- The number of dogs which can be kept on private property
- Dog fouling offences
- Other aspects of dog control considered desirable, but not covered by the Dog Control Act
- Neutering of uncontrolled dogs
- The keeping and control of dogs in season

DOG CONTROL POLICY 2022 COVERS

- Criteria for evaluating dog prohibited areas
- General dog leashing principles
- Dog exercise principles
- Dog education principles
- Fee structures
- Dog hygiene initiatives
- Enforcement principles





Dog restricted area by location

The following areas dogs are either restricted or prohibited (except when in a vehicle) and are not permitted to enter.

WHAKATĀNE

Cemeteries: Domain Road Cemetery, Hillcrest Cemetery

Tennis Courts: Ōtarawairere Tennis Court, Rex Morpeth Park Tennis Courts

Reserves: Awatapu Lagoon (Riding for the Disabled), Kōhī Pt Scenic Reserve, Mokorua Bush Scenic Reserve, Paru Historic Reserve, Peace Street Park Reserve, Piripai Spit – Ōpihi Urupa, Wairere Falls and Whakatāne Skate Park

Eve Rimmer Netball Courts

Whakatāne Observatory

Whakatāne Aquatic and Fitness Centre

COASTLANDS

Reserves: Fisherman Drive Reserve

GALATEA

Lake Aniwhenua Reserve (north of Jetty Road)

MATATĀ

Reserves: Kaokaoroa Scenic Reserve, Matatā Recreation Reserve and Playground Reserve

Cemeteries: Rangitihi Cemetery

MURUPARA

Reserves: Rimu Road Reserve and Service Centre Reserve

ŌHOPE

Tennis Courts: Wharekura Reserve Tennis Court

Reserves: Ōhope Scenic Reserve, Ōhope Spit Reserve (Department of Conservation land) and Tauwhare Pā Scenic Reserve

TĀNEATUA

Reserves: Amokura Road Reserve, Howell Road Plantation, Jack Knowles Reserve, Morrison Road Reserve and Tāneatua Domain

Pony Club: Mitchell Park Pony Club

WAIMANA

Waimana War Memorial Hall



Dog exercise areas by region

Dogs need the ability to exercise unrestrained and within a social setting. Designated dog exercise areas are provided for this purpose throughout the District. Dog owners are encouraged to act responsibly, evaluate the circumstances and to take all reasonable steps to ensure that their dogs do not cause a nuisance.

For more information on where you can exercise your dog visit whakatane.govt.nz/dogs



Dog complaints

Council covers issues such as aggressive behaviour, roaming dogs, wandering and trespassing stock and barking dogs.

Our preference is to get the owner to resolve the issue willingly, rather than through enforcement measures.

However, in some cases, further action must be taken.

For all your animal control enquiries or complaints, please contact Animal Control on 07 306 0500.

Playgrounds: All public playgrounds within the Whakatāne District are dog prohibited areas.