

Our Animal Control Officers act for the Council in fulfilling all aspects of the Dog Control Act, they can issue Infringement Notices, (instant fines) and are warranted Animal Control Officers

The Dog Control Act 1996 requires Council to register every dog within the district and to obtain the:

- ♦ Full name of the dog owner
- ♦ Owner's date of birth
- ♦ Actual address where the dog is kept

Please ensure that you supply the above information to Council, so that your application for registration can be accepted.

Please discuss any problems in paying your Registration Fees with the Council Staff

Remember: Council will issue an Infringement Notice of **\$300** for non-registration of a dog. The Animal Control Officers can also seize and impound your dog.

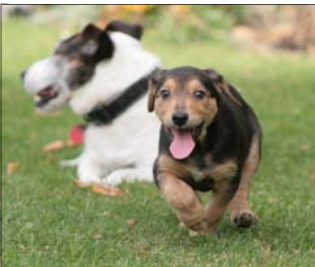
The Council's Animal Control Service provides a 24 hour/7 day-a-week service

DOG REGISTRATION FEES

Rural control / SOP Special Owner (per dog)	\$30.70
Rural penalty fee for late registration	\$15.30
Urban control owners (per dog)	\$46.00
Urban penalty fee for late registration.....	\$23.00
Licence to keep 3 or more dogs (urban areas)	\$40.90
Renewal of licence to keep 3 or more dogs	\$20.40

Late registration penalty fees apply for dogs not registered by the due date of 31st July

Contact Us —24 hours/7days a week
 For All Animal Control Issues
 Ashburton District Council:
 Phone 307 7700



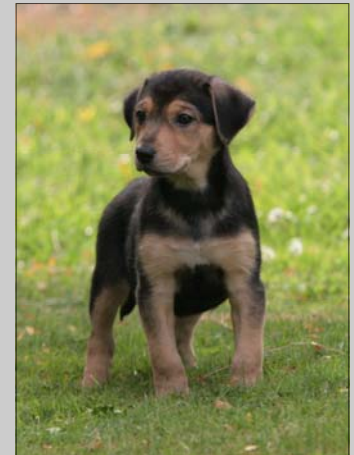
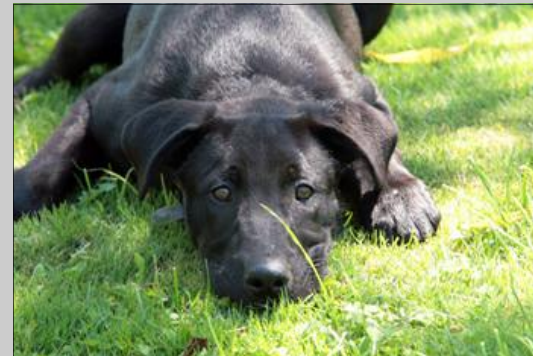
Thank you for your consideration of this information. Please remember that the Council is required to protect the wider community from the adverse effects of dog ownership.

LOST OR FOUND A DOG?
 Want to give a lost dog a home?
 Enquiries please Contact:
 Ashburton District Council on 307 7700



Town, Country or Working Dog

Important Information for Dog Owners



Your Responsibilities as a Dog Owner



DOG REGISTRATION?

Please ensure that you register your dog by the required **due date** (31st July). Additional fees apply after this date.

All dogs over the age of **3 months** must be registered with the Local Authority. Council policy is to issue instant fines of **\$300** every time an unregistered dog is encountered.

The law requires the dog register show the **full name, address** and **date of birth** of all dog owners. Please ensure that the details on registration forms are complete and correct.

It is important that Council is advised within **14 days** of all changes regarding dogs and owners. **Change of ownership** must be made in writing.

Refunds—if your dog dies and you would like a refund for the unused part of the registration fees, you must notify the Council immediately & complete a refund form.

MICRO-CHIPPING

Since the 1st of July 2006 it has been compulsory for all newly registered dogs to be microchipped. Working farm dogs are exempt. The definition of a working dog is a dog kept **solely or principally** for the purpose of herding or driving stock.








Dogs that have been previously registered before July 2006 won't need to be microchipped unless they are impounded or are declared Dangerous or Menacing. It is an offence not to microchip a dog that is required to be so. The owner is liable to a **\$300** fine if the dog is found not to be microchipped.

Microchipping provides a simple, lifelong way of identifying dogs and linking them to their owner, making dog control easier and more effective. You **must** supply your microchip number to the Council. It also makes it easier to return lost dogs to their owners.

NATIONAL DOG DATABASE

The database holds information on all registered dogs including registration details, microchip number, breed and year of birth. Contact details of owners are also recorded. Council must supply and maintain information held on the database established by Department of Internal Affairs

DOG OWNERS' OBLIGATIONS

-  To ensure the dog is registered in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996.
-  To ensure that the dog is kept under control at all times.
-  To ensure that the dog receives proper care & attention and is supplied with proper & sufficient food, water & shelter.
-  To ensure that the dog receives adequate exercise.
-  To ensure that the dog does not cause a nuisance to any other person whether by persistent & loud barking or howling or by any other means.
-  To ensure that dogs do not foul public areas—Remove & dispose of responsibly.
-  If you take your dog into an urban public area within the Ashburton District you must keep your dog on a leash at all times, except in designated dog exercise areas. (The Ashburton Domain is not a dog exercise area)

THE DOG CONTROL ACT 1996 MAKES PROVISIONS FOR VARIOUS OFFENCES

Some of these are listed below

Section	Description of the Offence	Fine
18	Wilful obstruction of a Dog Control Officer or Ranger	\$750
19(2)	Failure or refusal to supply information or wilfully providing false particulars	\$750
20(5)	Failure to comply with any bylaw authorised by Section 20	\$300
36A(6)	Failure to implant a microchip transponder in dog	\$300
41A	Falsely notifying death of a dog	\$750
42	Failure to register a dog	\$300
48(3)	Failure to advise change of dog ownership	\$100
49(4)	Failure to advise change of address	\$100
52&53A	Failure to keep a dog under control or confined	\$200
54(2)	Failure to provide proper care and attention, to supply proper and sufficient food, water and shelter and to provide adequate exercise	\$300
55(7)	Failure to comply with a barking dog abatement notice	\$200

Owners of dogs that wander, defecate in public areas or behave aggressively will be fined or in serious cases, be prosecuted in the Court

- ♦ If a dog is involved in a serious attack the maximum penalty for the owner has been increased to 3 years imprisonment and/or a fine up to \$20,000. The Court must order the destruction of the dog unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- ♦ Penalties for less serious dog attacks against people or stock have been increased to a fine of up to **\$3000**. The Court may order the destruction of the dog unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- ♦ An owner is responsible to secure their dog on their own property by either, the dog being under the direct control of a person; or the dog being confined so that it cannot leave the property.
- ♦ If you have not registered your dog or you provide false information when registering your dog you can be fined or convicted for the offence.
- ♦ It is the dogs owners responsibility to advise the Council in writing of a change of ownership or change of address. Failure to do so can result in an instant fine of **\$100**.

IMPOUND FEES (INCL GST 15%)

First offence	\$35.80
Second and subsequent offence.....	\$76.70
Micro-chip fee.....	\$61.30
Daily sustenance fee (payable on impound and then every 24 hours thereafter).....	\$10.20

(Other costs incurred will be charged at actual cost) Please note that owners of unclaimed dogs are liable to fees and euthanasia cost

IMPOUNDED DOGS MUST BE REGISTERED, MICROCHIPPED & FEES PAID BEFORE RELEASE

