

**Application for Responsible Dog Owner Status (RDO)
As per Section 4 of Council's Dog Control Policy**

The Ashburton District Council Dog Control Bylaw 2016 and Council's Dog Control Policy provides for a reduced dog registration fee for the owners of dogs who satisfy fencing, housing and dog control criteria. These reduced fees will apply in the **next** ensuing dog registration year following application for Responsible Dog Owner status, provided the criteria are met and continue to be met.

I, _____ of _____

Hereby apply to become accepted as a Responsible Dog Owner within the terms of Councils Dog Control Bylaw 2016.

I confirm that:

- Have been the registered owner of a dog for at least two years
- Have resided in Ashburton District for at least two years, or have been a RDO (or equivalent) in another territorial authority prior to living in Ashburton District
- Have paid dog registration fees on or before 30 June for the last two years
- Have all dogs micro-chipped in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996 and provide the microchip number to Council
- Have a licence to keep three or more dogs on their property (if applicable)
- Inform Council of any dog registration or residential address changes, including information on the death, sale, or transfer of any dogs and including the birth of any pups
- Authorise an inspection of the exterior of the property to ascertain compliance with the RDOI Criteria
- My property is suitably fenced and gated to contain the dog
- Provide adequate housing for the dog including sufficient warmth, shade, shelter, food and access to water at all times
- Allow dog-free access to a door of the dwelling for authorised callers
- NOT been issued a warning notice or infringement notice for any dog-related offences
- NOT had a dog that has been found at large, been uncontrolled, or been chased, returned not impounded by Council Animal Control staff/Contractor
- NOT Been prosecuted for any dog-related offence

Signed _____ Date _____
(Applicant)

Applicant's Phone Number(s) _____ Registration Number _____

Property Inspected By _____

Approved Declined reason _____

Owner advised Yes No Date _____

Animal Number _____ Owner Number _____

Letter Sent Date: _____