



Licence to Keep Three or More Dogs Application Form

I _____ hereby apply to the Ashburton District Council to keep no more than _____ dog's, 3 months of age or older at premises situated at _____ for the purpose of _____.

I have read the conditions overleaf and agree to accept such conditions for the re-issue of a licence and tender herewith the licence

Signed:

Date:

Phone Number:

Registration Number

Please supply the name, address, phone number and signature of your three immediate neighbours to indicate they are aware of your application.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Office Use Only

Property Inspected by:		
Recommended Conditions:		
Approved <input type="checkbox"/>	Declined <input type="checkbox"/>	Reason:
Date:		Dog Control Officer:

Conditions for keeping three or more dogs in urban areas

1. Unless alternative housing is approved by the District Environmental Health Officer, the following basic requirements are to be complied with for dog kennels erected provided on any premises for three or more dogs:
Dogs must be housed in clean, dry conditions with adequate shelter and ventilation. The kennel area must be able to be regularly and easily cleaned to prevent a nuisance being created by smell.
2. The holder of any such licence to keep three or more dogs shall ensure said dogs do not create a nuisance by persistent barking or howling.
3. For the purpose of annual renewal of this licence, the expiry date shall be 12 months from the date of approval.
4. To avoid a further application fee, licence holders are required to apply for renewal to the Ashburton District Council one clear month before the expiry of this licence.
5. Any breach of these conditions will lead to cancellation of licence.

Licence for three or more dogs kept on any given property: Extract from Council by-laws

12.1. Any dog owner that wishes to register any dog at a property smaller than one hectare (<10,000m²) where there will, as a result, be three or more dogs registered, must:

12.1.1 apply to Council for the relevant licence on the appropriate form

12.1.2 pay the relevant licence inspection or re-inspection fee; and

12.1.3 allow an inspection or re-inspection of their property as to the suitability of the number and type of dogs applied for that are kept there.

12.2. A licence relates firstly to the specified property where the dog will be kept on an ongoing basis, to the owner of that dog and the dog registered. A licence is not transferrable to another property, to a new owner at the same property or to different dogs at the same property.

12.3. A licence will not expire, but will need to be reapplied for if the dogs registered at that property change.

12.4. A licence may be granted, have conditions imposed, or be refused, at the discretion of the attending Dog Control Officer. In considering whether consent should be granted, the attending Dog Control Officer shall have regard to:

12.1.4 whether the property size is suitable for the breed and number of dogs;

12.1.5 whether there is adequate fencing;

12.1.6 whether there is dog-free access to the property;

12.1.7 whether the location of kennels is appropriate, and that the kennels are suitable and provide adequate shelter for the breed and number of dogs;

12.1.8 the previous history of the dog owner in relation to complaints or nuisance; and

12.1.9 whether the owner is complying with and familiar with their obligations under the Dog Control Act 1996 and the Ashburton District Council Dog Control Bylaw 2016 and Dog Control Policy 2021.

12.5. The licence fee and re-inspection fee will be set annually through the Annual Plan or LongTerm Plan process.

12.6. Any licence issued under a previous Ashburton District Council Dog Control Bylaw is deemed to be a licence issued under this bylaw.

12.7. Any breach of a licence or of any conditions imposed on a licence is considered a breach of this bylaw. The Council may revoke the licence as a result of a breach, whether or not it prosecutes the breach.