

21.0 Animal control

Animal control fees are charged under the [Dog Control Act 1996](#). Animal control infringements are determined by statute and can be found in the [Dog Control Act 1996](#).

Details of the ‘Responsible Dog Owner Status’ can be found in Section 4 of Council’s [Dog Control Policy](#).

The Dog Control Act 1996 only requires dogs classified as Menacing to be dealt with by way of muzzling and neutering. However, the Act does allow for increased registration fees to be applied to dogs classified as Dangerous, as well as the muzzling and neutering requirements.”

^(H) When the cost of animal control and enforcement and related processes exceeds the stated fee (minimum charge) the Council may recover all additional costs on a time and cost basis. Note: Dogs must be registered by three months of age.

	1 July 2021 - 30 June 2022	1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023
21.1 Dog registration fees		
Disability assist dogs	Free	Free
Micro-chip fee per dog ^(H)	\$16.00	\$17.00
Rural dogs*		
Rural (per 1 st and 2 nd dog)	\$60.00	\$63.00
Rural (per subsequent dog)	\$28.00	\$30.00
Late registration penalty fee - rural	\$28.00	\$30.00
Menacing dog – rural	\$60.00	\$63.00
Dangerous dog – rural	\$90.00	\$95.00
Urban dogs		
Urban un-neutered dog	\$90.00	\$95.00
Urban de-sexed dog	\$60.00	\$63.00
Urban de-sexed dog fee reductions will only be given at the commencement of the registration year and upon receipt of a veterinarian's certificate.		
Responsible dog owners (per dog) – urban only	\$55.00	\$58.00
Late registration penalty fee – urban	\$42.00	\$44.00
Menacing dog - urban	\$90.00	\$95.00
Dangerous dog – urban	\$135.00	\$142.00
Penalty fee for late registration of urban de-sexed dogs	\$28.00	\$30.00
license to keep three or more dogs (urban)	\$49.00	\$51.00
Renewal of license to keep three or more dogs	\$25.00	\$26.00
Dog owners are advised that the fees set out above become due for payment on 1 July each year.		
* Rural fees apply to all dogs that are kept on properties within the Rural A, B & C Zones of the Ashburton District Plan. For all other zones the urban dog registration fee will apply.		
21.2 Impounding fees - dogs		
First offence	\$86.00	\$90.00
Second or more offence (per offence)	\$213.00	\$224.00

	Microchip fee ^(H)	\$16.00	\$17.00
	Daily sustenance fee – charged on impound and every 24 hours thereafter	\$16.00	\$17.00
21.3	Impounding fees – stock		
	Stock call-out fee ^(H)	\$123.00	\$129.00
	Impounding fee per head (when stock have to be transported to alternative area for impounding)	\$102.00	\$107.00
	Daily sustenance fee	At cost	At cost