



## Ashburton District Exercise Areas

### Dogs must remain on a leash:

Dogs must remain on a leash in all public places, which includes all roads (including footpaths and margins); all memorial areas and all sports grounds. See the Dog Control Policy at [ashburtondc.govt.nz](http://ashburtondc.govt.nz) for more information.



### Areas where dogs are prohibited:

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| ✗ All cemeteries                                | ✗ Lake Clearwater hut area                                   |
| ✗ All boat ramps and slipways                   | ✗ Lake Clearwater shores                                     |
| ✗ All playing surfaces of public sports grounds | ✗ Lake Heron shores  |
| ✗ Ashton Beach                                  | ✗ Maori Lakes shores   |
| ✗ In any public Council owned building          | ✗ Within one metre of any playground or playground equipment |
| ✗ Lake Camp Reserve area                        |  |



### Unleashed dog exercise areas:

These are the designated areas where dogs can be exercised off-leash. However, they must remain under the direct control of their owners. This means your dog must respond promptly and reliably to your commands.



#### MAP 1 – Ashburton Dog Exercise Areas

- Ashburton District Council Dog Park
- Devon Park
- Digby Park
- Patching Street Reserve
- Pioneer Park
- Smallbone Drive Reserve

#### MAP 2 – Argyle Park Exercise Areas

#### MAP 3 – Tinwald Dog Exercise Areas

- The Tinwald Green (adjacent to main south railway line, south of the Ashburton River)
- George Glassey Park

#### MAP 4 – Methven Dog Park

#### MAP 5 – Rakaia Dog Park

#### MAP 6 – North East Ashburton Exercise Area

# Dog Ownership

## YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES



Phone us 24 hours a day for animal control issues on **03 307 7700**.

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[ashburtondc.govt.nz/dogs](http://ashburtondc.govt.nz/dogs)

Important information  
for dog owners

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## DON'T THROW OUT YOUR TAG!

Please keep your existing metal registration tag, as we no longer issue new tags each year.

It's possible that over time the registration number will fade, particularly on active dogs. If you can no longer read your dog's number, please bring your old tag into the Council for a free replacement. A fee applies for lost tags.



## Fees & Charges

1 July 2025 - 30 June 2026

### RURAL ZONE Fees per dog

Registration first and second dog.....	\$75
Subsequent dog .....	\$35
Late registration ( <i>penalty Fee</i> ) .....	\$35
Menacing dog.....	\$75
Dangerous dog.....	\$112

### URBAN ZONE Fees per dog

Registration unneutered dog .....	\$112
Registration desexed dog* .....	\$75
Late registration ( <i>penalty fee</i> ) .....	\$52
Menacing dog.....	\$112
Dangerous dog.....	\$169
Responsible Dog Owner ( <i>RDO</i> ) .....	\$68
Late fee desexed dog .....	\$35
Licence to keep three or more dogs.....	\$61
Renewal for three or more dogs.....	\$31
Disability assist dogs.....	Free
<i>*Urban desexed dog fee reductions will only be given upon receipt of a veterinarian's certificate.</i>	

### GENERAL / IMPOUNDING Fees & charges

Microchip fee.....	\$21
First offence.....	\$107
Second or more offence ( <i>per offence</i> ) .....	\$268
Daily sustenance.....	\$20

*Charged on impound and every 24 hours thereafter.  
Impounded dogs must be registered, microchipped and all fees paid before release. Please note that owners of unclaimed dogs are also liable for fees and euthanasia costs.*

## Obligations & Responsibilities

- ? **Did you know all dog owners must use or carry a leash when in public?** Your dog must be on a leash unless in a designated dog exercise area.
- ? **Did you know dogs not wearing their registration tag may be deemed unregistered?** It is a legislative requirement that your furry companion must wear their tag at all times.
- ? **Did you know failing to keep your dog under control is an offence?** Ensuring your dog is under control is as much about the safety of your dog as it is about the safety of others. Care should be taken if your dog is not used to socialising with other dogs, or is known to be aggressive, even when in dog parks.

## Roaming Dogs

Unfortunately, we see a lot of wandering dogs in our district each year. This can be dangerous for the dog themselves, but also lead to dog attacks.

Under the Dog Control Act, owners are responsible for making sure their property is secure. There is a \$200 fine if your dog is found wandering, so please make sure your fences and gates are sound.

## Microchipping

Microchipping provides a simple, life-long way to identify dogs and link them to their owner. It is compulsory for all newly registered dogs (except working farm dogs).

**Note: A working dog is a dog that is kept solely for the purpose of herding or driving stock.**



## Children & Dog Exercise Areas

Council provides dog parks across the Ashburton District for dogs and their owners to exercise and socialise together. Although children are allowed in dogs parks, we ask that parents and guardians take care to prevent any potential incidents. Dogs are not allowed in skate parks.



## Barking Dogs

Barking is a dog's natural means of communication, but excessive barking is tiresome and can be a nuisance to others. It's one of the most common dog complaints reported to councils and is often caused by a lack of stimulation, especially if left alone during the day.

The good news is, there are easy steps dog owners can take to help reduce unwanted barking. Check our website for advice.

## Registering Online

The easiest way to register and pay is online at [ashburtondc.govt.nz/dogs](http://ashburtondc.govt.nz/dogs). When re-registering, all you'll need is your dog number. If your registration details have changed, such as a new address, or your dog has passed away, you will need to update us by email or phone before you can re-register.

