

Animal Management fees and charges 2015-2016

Effective from 1 July 2015 (GST inclusive unless otherwise stated)

Dog registration fees:

Dog control fee (per dog)	Fee if paid on or before 30/06/2015	Fee if paid between 01/07/2014 and 31/07/2015	Fee if paid on or after 01/08/2015
1. Dogs classified as dangerous	\$135	\$135	\$167
2. Un-neutered dogs	\$90	\$90	\$122
3. Spayed/Neutered dogs (other than RDO status)	\$79	\$79	\$111
4. Owner granted Responsible Dog Owner Status:			
– First dog (discount fee)	\$56	\$79	\$111
– Second and subsequent dogs (discount fee)	\$39	\$79	\$111
5. Working dog:			
– First dog	\$27	\$27	\$39
– Second and subsequent dogs	\$22	\$22	\$32
6. Disability assist dogs	NIL	NIL	NIL
7. Two or more dogs license (other than rural zoning and Banks Peninsula wards):			
– License for 2 dogs or 3 dogs	\$67	\$69	\$69
– Licence for 4 or more dogs (licence issued for maximum dogs)	\$123	\$125	\$125
– Re-inspection fee – same property (up to 3 dogs)	\$31	\$32	\$32
– Re-inspection fee – same property (2/3 dogs licence up to 4/more dogs licence)	\$57	\$59	\$59

Note: a change to new property means new initial application fee rather than re-inspection.

- Dog classified as dangerous** is a dog so classified under section 31 of the Dog Control Act 1996.
- Un-neutered dogs** are dogs that have not been spayed or neutered and are not dogs that may be registered under the specific categories of Responsible Dog Owner Status, Working Dogs, Dangerous Dogs, or Disability Assist dogs. No separate fee is set for the registration of dogs classified as menacing.
- Spayed/neutered dogs:** Evidence in the form of a veterinary certificate, or a declaration from the owner may be required.
- Owners granted responsible dog owner status** are required to register all dogs in their possession or care by 30 June 2015 in order to obtain the rebate (discount) offered by the Council on the dog registration fee.
Note: Where the Responsible Dog Owner Status (RDO) is held by an owner, failure to register by 30 June may cause the status to be lost, and the owner may then be ineligible to obtain the status again for two years. RDO fee concessions do not apply after 30 June.
- Working dog** will generally be a dog kept solely or predominantly for the herding of stock, or a dog kept by a government agency or the Police for carrying out the functions of that organisation. Some other dogs may qualify under certain circumstances. If you feel your dog may qualify as a Working Dog, contact the Animal Management Section for verification.
- Disability assist dogs:** Dogs trained for a person with a disability by one of the following organizations: Hearing Dogs for Deaf People New Zealand, Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust, New Zealand Epilepsy Assist Dogs Trust, Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind or Top Dog Companion Trust.
Note: Where the Responsible Dog Owner Status (RDO) is held by an owner, failure to register by the due date (30 June) may cause the status to be lost, and the owner to be ineligible to obtain the status for two years. RDO fee concessions do not apply after 30 June.

1. Application to register a dog:

The Dog Control Act 1996 provides that every person who owns a dog shall make an application to the Council in whose district the dog is ordinarily kept, to register the dog not later than the 1st day of every registration year. The 2015/2016 registration year begins on 1st July 2015. Application to register a dog must be made on the form provided by the Council and signed by the owner, or his/her agent. By way of a registration reminder, application forms are mailed to all known dog owners at the address shown on the dog register.

- a. Where an unregistered dog is purchased or otherwise acquired, the application to register the dog shall be made forthwith or, on or before the date on which the dog attains the age of 3 months, whichever is the later.
- b. Details necessary for application:
 - iii. Full name, address, *date of birth and telephone number/s of the owner of the dog
 - iv. Address at which the dog is ordinarily kept
 - v. Description of the dog including the name, breed, colour, age, sex (including whether the dog is neutered or not), and any distinguishing marks
 - vi. A description of any tattoo or the unique identifier of any microchip transponder, or any other permanent identification on the dog.
 - vii. Whether the dog has been classified as a dangerous dog, or classified as a menacing dog and the relevant provision under which that classification was made.

* The owner's date of birth and full name are required to enable them to be distinguished from other persons with the same or similar names. Certainty of identification is required in the enforcement of the provisions of the Dog Control Act 1996.

No dog is deemed to be registered until the appropriate fee has been paid in full and a receipt and disc issued.

- h. No fees are payable in respect to any transfers of ownership, or changes of address, however notification in writing of such changes is required within 14 days.
- i. Where any dog is required to be registered under Clause 8(a) above, on or after the 1st day of August in any year, the fee payable shall be one twelfth of the appropriate annual fee for each complete month remaining in the registration year after the date of such requirement.

2. Refund on death of dog:

A refund application is necessary in respect of all claims for refunds and evidence of the death of the dog in the form of a vets certificate may also be required. Refund forms may be obtained from any Council Customer Service Desk or on the Council's website at www.ccc.govt.nz/homeliving/petsanimals/ownerresponsibilities/applicationforms.aspx, where the online Dog Registration Update Form may also be used.

3. Transfer of a dog between districts:

Where a registered dog is transferred from one district to another within New Zealand, the registration remains in force. No refund is made as a result of the transfer, and the dog is not required to be re-registered in the new area until 1 July. Owners of dogs transferring between areas must advise both councils of the dog's move. The owner should take the registration disc of their dog to their local council office and it will be swapped for a disc for the new area at no charge.

4. Payment information:

Dog Registration can be made at any Council Customer Service Desk - please refer to our website for contact details (www.ccc.govt.nz/thecouncil/contactus.aspx). Payments can be made by cash, cheque, eftpos, and credit card.

Registration may also be made by mail (cheque only) to: Animal Management Section (C/o Linwood Customer Service Desk), P.O. Box 73025, Eastgate, Christchurch 8154. Note: If registering by mail, in order to safeguard your remittance, please ensure that CASH IS NOT POSTED.

The Animal Management section is located together at: City Animal Shelter, 10 Metro Place, Bromley, Christchurch. Note: No receipting facilities are available at the Animal Management section. Telephone enquiries may be made to phone: 941-8999.

Pro-rata registration fees:

Use the fees below when registering a “new” dog. This could be:

a. a puppy’s first registration

or

b. when a person is a new owner and you have established how long they have had the dog. Charge for complete months from the time that they got it.

As a guide to what refund may be given in the case of a dog that has died, take the fee for the month after the refund application is received.

MONTH	RDO STATUS		WORKING DOGS		SPAYED & NEUTERED	OTHER DOGS
	FIRST DOG	2nd & SUBS	FIRST DOG	2nd & SUBS		
JULY	\$56.00	\$39.00	\$27.00	\$22.00	\$79.00	\$90.00
AUGUST	\$51.30	\$35.80	\$24.80	\$20.20	\$72.40	\$82.50
SEPTEMBER	\$46.70	\$32.50	\$22.50	\$18.30	\$65.80	\$75.00
OCTOBER	\$42.00	\$29.30	\$20.30	\$16.50	\$59.30	\$67.50
NOVEMBER	\$37.30	\$26.00	\$18.00	\$14.70	\$52.70	\$60.00
DECEMBER	\$32.70	\$22.80	\$15.80	\$12.80	\$46.10	\$52.50
JANUARY	\$28.00	\$19.50	\$13.50	\$11.00	\$39.50	\$45.00
FEBRUARY	\$23.30	\$16.30	\$11.30	\$9.20	\$32.90	\$37.50
MARCH	\$18.70	\$13.00	\$9.00	\$7.30	\$26.30	\$30.00
APRIL	\$14.00	\$9.80	\$6.80	\$5.50	\$19.80	\$22.50
MAY	\$9.30	\$6.50	\$4.50	\$3.70	\$13.20	\$15.00
JUNE	\$4.70	\$3.30	\$2.30	\$1.80	\$6.60	\$7.50

Notes:

1. All fees inclusive of GST as of 1 July 2015
2. A \$32 penalty fee will be applied after 1 August 2015 to fees as they are at 31 July, i.e. RDOs at \$79. (Penalty fees for working dogs are less.)
3. A classified “Dangerous” dog is \$135 for registration on time and \$167 if late.
4. Classification as a “Menacing” dog does not affect the dogs fees.
5. Charge the fee as at the month the dog is to be registered from, e.g. if they are registering in October (or if they are registering later and you determine they were due to register in October), charge the fee for October (don’t charge from next complete month).
6. RDO dogs should be registered by 30 June in order to qualify for lower fees.
7. Pro-rata fees for RDO dogs or working dogs are worked out depending on whether it is the first dog or an additional one.
8. For new dogs that have come into Christchurch with an existing owner and are unregistered, charge the annual fee (without the penalty), e.g. \$79, \$90, etc; or from date they became liable for registration of it (three months or from when they got the dog).

Pound and seizure fees:

Type	GST inclusive (at 15%)
Seizure fees - dogs:	
Fee for seizure of a registered dog – subject to the dog being returned to the owner and not impounded	\$47
Pound fees - dogs:	
Fee for first impounding of any dog	\$47
Fee for second impounding of the same dog within 2 years of the first impounding	\$74
Fee for the third or subsequent impounding of the same dog within a year of the second impounding	\$116
Sustenance charge per day or part thereof	\$8
Destruction and disposal charge for impounded dog	\$52
Adopting a dog from the dog shelter (appropriate registration fees will be charged over and above this fees)	\$36
Pound fees - stock:	
For every stallion (over 9 months old)	\$22
For every gelding, mare, colt, filly or foal	\$11
For every mule, ass or donkey	\$11
For every bull (over 9 months old)	\$22
For every steer, cow, heifer, or calf	\$11
For every boar or sow (over 6 months old)	\$11
For every other pig	\$6
For every sheep or goat	\$3
For every deer, llama, or alpaca	\$11
Sustenance charge per day or part thereof	\$4

Notes:

1. Fees payable for release of stock will include all costs incurred by the Council in the impoundment of the stock (including mileage and travel costs, hire of equipment, e.g. trailers if appropriate) and also the appropriate pound fees, as detailed above.
2. Fees indicated above are a guide only and actual costs for release of stock will be advised when individual costs are tallied.

Infringement offence fees (Dog Control Act 1996):

Note: These are fixed fees set by statute for a particular offence.

Section of the Act	Infringement Offence Summary	Maximum fee set under the Act
18	Wilful obstruction of dog control officer(s) or dog ranger(s)	\$750
19(2)	Failure or refusal to supply information or wilfully providing false particulars	\$750
19A(2)	Failure to supply information or wilfully providing false particulars about the dog	\$750
20(5)	Failure to comply with any bylaw authorised by section 20 of the Act	\$300
23A(2)	Failure to undertake dog owner education programme or dog obedience course (or both)	\$300
24	Failure to comply with obligations of probationary owner	\$750
28(5)	Failure to comply with effects of disqualification	\$750
32(2)	Failure to comply with effects of classification of dog as dangerous dog	\$300
32(4)	Fraudulent sale or transfer of dangerous dog	\$500
33EC(1)	Failure to comply with effects of classification of dog as menacing dog	\$300
33F(3)	Failure to advise person of muzzle and leashing requirements	\$100
36(A)6	Failure to implant microchip transponder in dog	\$300
41	False statement relating to dog registration	\$750
41A	Falsely notifying death of dog	\$750
42	Failing to register dog	\$300
46(4)	Fraudulent procurement or attempt to procure replacement dog registration label or disc	\$500
48(3)	Failure to advise change of dog ownership	\$100
49(4)	Failure to advise change of address	
51(1)	Removal, swapping, or counterfeiting of registration label or disc	\$500
52A	Failure to keep dog controlled or confined	\$200
53(1)	Failure to keep dog under proper control	\$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
54A	Failure to carry leash in public	\$100
55(7)	Failure to comply with barking dog abatement notice	\$200
62(4)	Allowing dog known to be dangerous to be at large unmuzzled or unleashed	\$300
62(5)	Failure to advise of muzzle and leashing requirements	\$100
72(2)	Releasing dog from custody	\$750

The issuing of infringement notices:

The Council will issue warnings, at the Animal Management Officers discretion, and/or infringement notices for infringement offences as set out in Schedule 1 of the Dog Control Act 1996.