



DETAILS OF DOG(S) SOLD OR ACQUIRED DURING THE YEAR			
Dog's Name	Added	Sold	New/Old Owners Name & Address

### **DOG CONTROL ACT 1996**

#### **Section 52**

The owner of any dog shall keep that dog under control at all times.

A dog will be deemed not under control –

- If it is found at large on any land or premises other than a public place or a private way without consent (express or implied) of the occupier or person in charge of that land or those premises or,
- If it is found at large in any public place or in any private way in contravention of any regulation or by-law.

You will commit an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500.00 or an infringement fee of \$200.00 if you fail to comply with this provision.

#### **Section 54**

The owner of any dog shall –

- Ensure that the dog receives proper care and attention and is supplied with proper and sufficient food, water and shelter: and
- Ensure that the dog receives adequate exercise.

You will commit an offence and be liable on conviction to imprisonment for up to 3 months or to a fine not exceeding \$5,000.00 if you fail to comply with this provision.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES FOR DOG OWNERS**

#### **Registration**

All dogs are due for registration on July 1st each year.

A Penalty of not more than 50% of the registration fee will be imposed per dog over 3 months of age if not registered by 31st of August each year.

All dog owners with dogs ordinarily kept in the Waimate District must register with the Waimate District Council.

All dogs over the age of 3 months must be registered.

It is an offence to keep a dog older than 3 months which is unregistered. On conviction, a Court may impose a fine of up to \$1,500.00.

The application form properly completed, together with the appropriate fees payable, may be posted to the Waimate District Council, P O Box 122, Waimate or delivered to the office of the Waimate Local Government Centre, Queen Street, Waimate.

Any dog not wearing a collar having a current registration label or disc attached will, until the contrary is proven, be deemed to be unregistered.

Where any dog is first required to be registered after 1st August in any registration year, the fee shall be 1/12th of the annual fee for each complete month remaining in the registration year after the date of such registration.

#### **Replacement Discs**

These may be obtained from the Waimate Local Government Centre, if the current disc or tag has been lost or stolen.

#### **False Statement**

It is an offence, in making an application for the registration of a dog, to make any written statement knowing that statement to be false. On conviction, a Court may impose a fine of up to \$1,500.00.

#### **Change of Ownership**

On change of ownership of any dog, both the previous owner and the new owner, must within 14 days, give written notice of the change to the Waimate District Council.

#### **Change of Address**

On the change of address of any dog or owner, the owner must, within 14 days, give written notice of the change to the Waimate District Council.

#### **Transfer of Dog**

If any dog is transferred to and kept in the district of another territorial authority, other than the one in which it has been kept, for one month or more, the owner shall within 6 weeks of the transfer, give written notice of the transfer to both authorities, setting out the address at which the dog will be kept.

#### **Death of Dog**

Where the fee for the registration of a dog is paid and that dog dies, a refund will be made on request as follows:

- Where a dog dies before the commencement of the year, the full fee will be refunded.
- Where the dog dies during the year, 1/12th of the annual fee for each complete month remaining in the registration year after the date of application for a refund will be refunded.

#### **Bylaws**

There is also a copy of the Waimate District Council Bylaws which set out where dogs can be exercised, where dogs are prohibited along with many other matters on dog control. The policy is available at the Waimate Local Government Centre at no cost.

#### **Microchipping**

Dogs requiring microchipping:

- a) Any dog(s) registered for the first time on or after 1 July 2006, unless the dog(s) are kept solely or principally for the purpose of herding or droving stock.
- b) Dogs impounded for the second time, or dogs classed as dangerous and menacing.