

# DOG OWNERS

## Information Guide 2024/25



**Waimate**  
District Council

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## **Waimate District Council welcomes you and your dog**

The Waimate District is a dog friendly area, with approximately 3,000 registered dogs.

We've produced this brochure to let you know the important things about keeping a dog within the Waimate District. It covers what the rules are, where you can take your dog for exercise and how to make sure you and your dog have a great time out and about, and at home.

# Registration



The dog registration year is from 1 July until 30 June the following year. Registration invoices are sent out in June each year.

All dogs over the age of 3 months must be registered. Where any dog is first required to be registered after 1 August in any registration year, the fee shall be  $\frac{1}{12}$  of

the annual fee for each complete month remaining in the registration year from the date of registration.

If your dog dies during the year, you need to let Council know. The same applies for moving address, or if you have rehomed your dog – we need to know.

## Registration fees per dog for the 2024/25 year

Urban non-working dog (entire) .....	\$100.00
Urban neutered non-working dog or puppy under 12 months.....	\$65.00
Selected owner, working dog or farm pet .....	\$35.00
Dangerous dog .....	150% of applicable fee

## Payment options

Payment can be made directly at Council reception, or refer to Council's website for more payment information.

## Registration late penalty fees

A 50% penalty will apply to each unpaid registration from 1 August 2024.

# Microchipping

All dogs (other than working dogs) registered for the first time must be microchipped within two months of registration. Failure to microchip is an offence against the Dog Control Act 1996 and incurs an infringement fee of \$300.

Veterinary Centre Waimate provide microchipping services. You can contact them via email at [waimate@vet111.co.nz](mailto:waimate@vet111.co.nz), phone 03 689 7213 or visit them at 128 High Street, Waimate.

Dogs that are aggressive and/or attack may be classified as menacing or dangerous. All classified dogs will be required to be microchipped.

When you have had your dog microchipped ask the vets to scan their chip number to [animalcontrol@waimatedc.govt.nz](mailto:animalcontrol@waimatedc.govt.nz).

Their chip number will be loaded in our dog system and will be uploaded to the National Dog Database (NDD) overnight allowing all New Zealand councils access to your details if your pet was lost/stolen.

Being registered on the NDD is required by law.

The current Dog Control Policy can be viewed online at: [waimatedc.govt.nz/council/publications/policies](http://waimatedc.govt.nz/council/publications/policies)



# Quick information

## Bark collars

These are available for hire from Council to assist you with training a nuisance barking dog. The cost is \$25, plus a \$25 bond which is refundable if the collar is returned in good order.

## Responsible dog owner

When walking your dog in urban areas, the dog must be on a leash and when your dog have fouled it is the owner's responsibility to remove. Failure to do so could result in a \$300 infringement being issued. Owners are reminded to ensure their dog does not create a nuisance by barking.

## Licence to keep more than two dogs in urban area

No more than two dogs may be kept on any urban zoned property unless the dog owner is approved to keep three or more dogs at that property.

## Selected owner status

You may make an application for Selected Owner Status. The form and criteria information can be obtained from the Council. There is a one-off cost per application unless re-inspections are required.

## Change of address

It is a legal requirement that you notify the Council within 14 days if you change your address.



## Change of dog ownership

It is a legal requirement that you notify the Council within 14 days if there is a change of ownership to your dog.

## Death of dog

You must notify the Council of the death of your dog. You can then apply for a partial refund of the dog's registration fee. This will be refunded at  $\frac{1}{12}$  of the registration fee for every complete month remaining of the registration year from the date you notified us of the death of the dog.

## Replacement tags

If the tag has been lost, stolen or destroyed, replacement tags are available from Council at a cost of \$5.

## Support

Council provides and assists with animal control services for the community (specifically with dogs). This can take the form of advice and assistance with dog registrations, complaints and problem behaviours.

Please contact the Waimate District Council on 03 689 0000 or go to our website [waimatedc.govt.nz](http://waimatedc.govt.nz) for more information.



### Waimate Woofers

Stay tuned to our regular Waimate Woofers feature on Facebook. Through this segment we bring you tips and advice on everything animal related, with a specific educational focus.



# Impounding charges



## First impounding in 12 month period per dog

- Dog wearing tag .....\$95.00
- Dog not wearing tag .....\$130.00

## Second impounding in 12 month period per dog

plus the dog must be microchipped before release

- Dog wearing tag ..... \$110.00
- Dog not wearing tag .....\$160.00

## Third impoundment in 12 month period per dog

plus \$200 infringement fee per dog

- Dog wearing tag .....\$130.00
- Dog not wearing tag .....\$160.00

## Sustenance fee per day

- All dogs .....\$20.00

## Drop-off / Call-out fee

- (where dog is not impounded) .....\$50.00

Microchipping before release .....\$40.00

# Definitions

## Dangerous dog

A dog can be classified as dangerous, regardless of its breed, if:

- there is a reason to believe that it poses a threat to the safety of any person, animal, or protected wildlife based on evidence of aggressive behaviour
- the owner has been convicted of an offence due to the dog rushing at a person, animal or vehicle
- the owner admits that the dog poses a threat to the safety of any person, animal or protected wildlife.

If we classify your dog as dangerous, we will issue a notice of your dog's classification.

Your dog's registration fee will be higher than dogs that are not classified as dangerous. You must not change ownership of your dog without our written consent.





## Menacing dog

A dog can be classified as menacing either by its breed or behaviour.

The Dog Control Act 1996 automatically classifies dogs that are wholly or predominantly of these breeds as menacing, no matter how they behave individually: American Pit Bull Terrier, Brazilian Fila, Japanese Tosa, Dogo Argentino and Perro de Presa Canario.

Any dog can also be classified as menacing by deed regardless of its breed.



## Under control dog

Means that the dog is not causing a nuisance or danger and that the person in charge of the dog has the dog under continual surveillance and is able to obtain the desired response from the dog by use of a lead and, when not on a leash, by use of voice commands, hand signals, whistles or other effective means.



# Waimate District Dog exercise and prohibited areas

## Dog exercise areas

Public places identified as areas where dogs may be exercised at large without necessarily being controlled on a leash. All dogs must be under control of the owner or person in charge of the dog at all times.

### Cemeteries



**Dog Prohibited Public Area**



**Dog Exercise Area**



**Dog on Leash Area**



# Knottingley Park and Arboretum



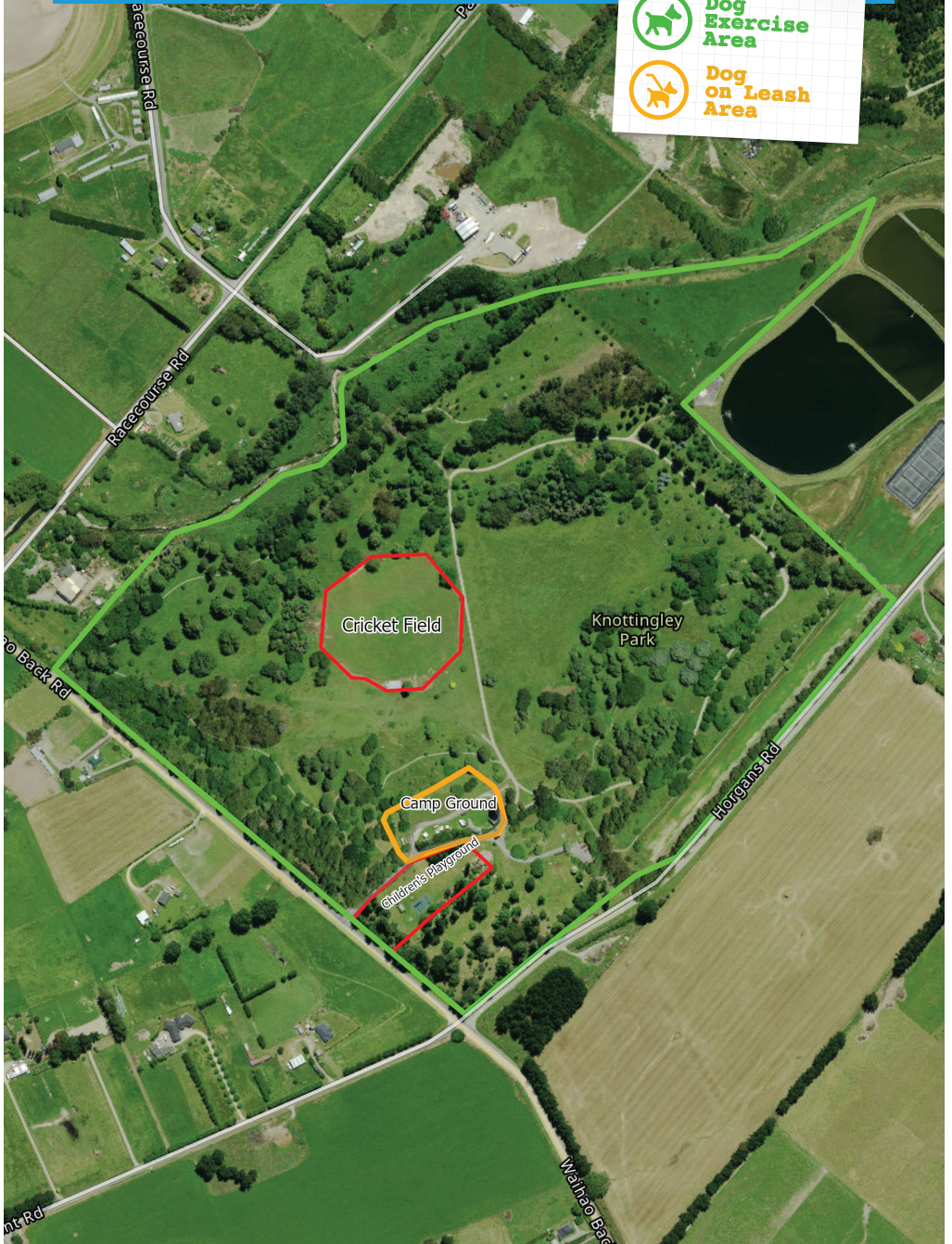
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# Boland Park



**Dog Prohibited Public Area**



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**Dog on Leash Area**



Skate Park

Boland Park

Norman Kirk Memorial Swimming Pool

Dash St  
Queen St

Goldsmith St

John St

William St

# Seddon Square



**Dog Prohibited Public Area**



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**Dog on Leash Area**



# St Andrews Recreational Reserve



**Dog Prohibited  
Public Area**



**Dog Exercise  
Area**



**Dog on Leash  
Area**



St Andrews Recreation Reserve

St Andrews Camp Ground

Waimate Hwy

Waimate

MAIN SOUTH LINE

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# Victoria Park



**Dog Prohibited  
Public Area**



**Dog Exercise  
Area**



**Dog on Leash  
Area**



# Event Centre



**Dog Prohibited Public Area**



**Dog Exercise Area**



**Dog on Leash Area**





# Town Belt



**Dog Prohibited Public Area**



**Dog Exercise Area**



**Dog on Leash Area**



# Gretna Green/Waimate Reserve



**Dog Prohibited  
Public Area**



**Dog Exercise  
Area**



**Dog on Leash  
Area**



Gretna Green

Waimate Reserve

Carlisle St

Carlisle St

Regent St

Regent St

Exeter St

Exeter St

Oxford St

Oxford St

Augustine St

# Glenavy Reserve



**Dog Prohibited Public Area**



**Dog Exercise Area**



**Dog on Leash Area**



Glenavy Reserve

Waimate Hwy

Cherry Lane

Waimate Hwy

## Meet Wolfie

If you are looking for a dog safety programme, Council has Wolfie the greyhound available by request.

This initiative is offered to the community at no cost and facilitated by Wolfie's handler Linda.

For more information, please contact Council.



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