

Registration

The Dog Control Act 2000 states it is a legal requirement for all dogs in Tasmania over the age of six months to be registered by their owner with the local council.

It is your responsibility to provide proof of the dog's age.

Registration is designed to assist owners, dogs and the community. If your dog is unregistered and becomes impounded, then the staff has extremely limited information to assist them to reunite the dog with the owner. Under the Act any impounded dog that is not claimed may be disposed of after 3 days.

How do I register my dog?

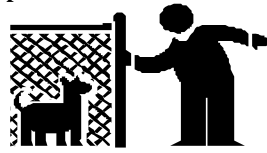
Obtain an "Application for Registration of Dog" from your Local Council or online. After completion return it either by mail or in person with the appropriate registration fee.

When the application is processed the Council will give you or post to you a disc marked with a registration number, the council name and the expiry date.

Your dog/s must wear this disc attached to a collar whenever they are outside your property or in a public place.

How does registration help?

It is a means of identification if the dog is lost, injured or separated from its owner.



- If a dog becomes lost, injured or impounded, and is wearing a collar with a current registration disc it can be quickly re-united with its owner.
- If a dog is impounded and is wearing a collar with a current registration disc, then Council is bound to notify the owner of the impounding and cannot dispose of the dog for five (5) business days.

When do I renew my dog's registration?

Registrations need to be renewed annually. They expire on the 30th June each year and should be renewed before the 31st July. If paid before this date a discounted fee will be charged. If paid after this date then the standard registration fee will apply, and owners will be charged the higher fee.

Council will send you a renewal notice in June as a reminder. However, it is your responsibility to renew the registration. If for some reason you do not receive a renewal notice, this is not a valid excuse for not renewing the registration.

How much does it cost to register my dog?

Council sets the registration fees that can be charged. Fees vary depending upon the class or type of dog. If you wish to claim a reduced fee you will need to supply satisfactory evidence to support your claim. Advice on what evidence is required may be obtained by contacting Animal Management Staff.

Remember Registration fees are much cheaper if paid before July 31st during the discount period.

Can I transfer my dog registration?

Registration is transferable from owner to new owner and between Councils. Failure to notify the Council of any changes can lead to a fine of up to \$100. For information on how to transfer registration contact your Council. Registration is not transferable from one dog to another dog however.

Changes that affect registration

- If you give your dog away.
- If you sell your dog.
- If your dog dies.
- If you change your address.

It is illegal for a person to conceal or dispose of a dog to evade registration. To do so may lead to a fine of up to \$500.

What will happen if I do not register my dog?

- You may be served with an Infringement Notice (\$100.00 on the spot fine).
- If you do not pay this fine and register the dog you may be summoned to court. If convicted of keeping an unregistered dog a court may impose a fine of up to \$500. The court may also order you to pay Council the registration fee due *and* any legal cost associated with prosecution. When a person fails to pay the fines and costs imposed by the court, a warrant for non payment may be sought. This will increase the amount owing.
- The dog may be seized and impounded. To reclaim the dog the owner will firstly need to pay the registration fee and any other costs they have incurred.

If the owner of a dog is under the age of eighteen years and lives with a parent or guardian, then the parent or guardian is held accountable for the dog and is the registered owner.

Major registration points to remember

- Register any dog that is aged six months or over.
- Remember to renew your dog's registration every year and keep your receipt.
- When your dog is in a public place it must wear a collar with it's registration disc attached.
- You must not conceal or dispose of a dog to evade registration of the dog.

- If ownership of a dog changes then the Council needs to be informed by the past and new owners within 14 days.
- If the address where a dog is kept changes the owner must notify Council within 14 days.
- If a dog dies, is lost or transferred to another municipal area, then Council must be informed.
- If you are the owner of a dog that has been declared dangerous, then in addition to registration you must also ensure it is implanted with an approved microchip and is wearing an approved collar.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE

Contact Glenorchy City Council Animal Management Staff...

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