

Porirua City Council, ground floor, BNZ building, 14 Hartham Place North, Porirua 5022, PO Box 50218, Porirua 5240  
Phone 04 237 5089, Email enquiries@porirua.govt.nz

## Application to register dog

### Owner's details

Mr Mrs Miss (please circle)

First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(please state FULL NAME)

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_

Location of dog if different from postal address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Work \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Dog's details

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age/DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Colour \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing marks \_\_\_\_\_

Microchip No. 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Sex of dog  Male  Female

Desexed  Yes  No

Registration fee \_\_\_\_\_

#### DECLARATION:

I hereby certify that the above information is true and that you have read and understood your legal obligations as a dog owner – summarised on the back of this application, with the full wording of the Dog Control Act 1996 available on our website **porirua.govt.nz**

Owner's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The Dog Control Act 1996 requires Council to record the dog owner's date of birth.  
If not provided, this application will not be processed and you may be issued with a fine of \$300 for failing to register your dog.

#### OFFICE USE ONLY

Person ID \_\_\_\_\_

Property ID \_\_\_\_\_

Dog ID \_\_\_\_\_

Rego tag \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_

Amount PAID (incl GST) \_\_\_\_\_

Cash  Cheque  Eftpos

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Officers initials \_\_\_\_\_

## UNREGISTERED DOGS

Owners are advised that dogs are legally required to be registered by the age of 3 months. Registration is due by 1 July of each year. Ownership of an unregistered dog renders the owner liable for an infringement notice for \$300.

Section 42(2) of the Dog Control Act 1996 states that –“If a territorial authority has reasonable grounds to believe that a person has failed to comply with subsection (1), a dog control officer or dog ranger may –

- (a) seize and impound the dog; and
- (b) for the purposes of paragraph (a), enter, at any reasonable time, any land or premises (except a dwellinghouse) occupied by the owner of the dog.”

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS/OWNERSHIP

Both the previous owner and new owner of a dog are required to notify the Council, **in writing, within 14 days** of a change of ownership and new address.

Failure to advise either of the above may render the dog owner liable for an infringement notice for \$100.

## DOG OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

The obligations of dog owners are contained in section 5, Dog Control Act 1996. These are:

- (1) (a) to ensure the dog is registered in accordance with this Act, and that all relevant territorial authorities are promptly notified of any change of address or ownership of the dog.
- (b) to ensure the dog is kept under control at all times
- (c) to ensure the dog receives proper care and attention and is supplied with proper and sufficient food, water and shelter
- (d) to ensure the dog receives adequate exercise
- (e) to take all reasonable steps to ensure the dog does not cause a nuisance to any other person, whether persistent and loud barking, or howling or by any other means
- (f) to take all reasonable steps to ensure the dog does not injure, endanger, intimidate, or otherwise cause distress to any person
- (g) to take all reasonable steps to ensure the dog does not injure, endanger or cause distress to any stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife
- (h) to take all reasonable steps to ensure the dog does not damage or endanger any property belonging to any other person
- (i) to comply with the requirements of this Act and of all regulations and bylaws made under this Act.

- (2) Nothing in this Act limits the obligations of any owner of a dog to comply with the requirements of any other

Act or of any regulations or bylaws regulating the control, keeping and treatment of dogs.

## PRIVACY STATEMENT

We may hold, use and disclose personal information you have provided:

- to communicate with you about dog registration
- to maintain our records
- and to carry out our regulatory functions.

You have the right under the Privacy Act 1993 to access, and have corrected, information held by the Council, which is at 16 Cobham Court, Porirua 5240.

## Porirua City Council Bylaw 2017 and Porirua City Council Dog Policy 2017 – [poriruacity.govt.nz](http://poriruacity.govt.nz)

Owners are reminded of the provisions of the Porirua City Council Bylaw 2017 which, among other things, requires dogs to be leashed while in public places, owners must remove faeces where their dog defecates in a public place or on land other than that occupied by the owner, a licence is required for more than two dogs on the same premises, exercise areas are designated and entry to some public places prohibited. There is a seasonal prohibition of dogs from some beaches. These beaches are signposted.

## CONTROL OF DOGS GENERALLY (Dog Control Act 1996 Section 52)

1. The owner of any dog shall keep that dog under control at all times.
2. Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a dog shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be not under control:
  - a. if it is found at large on any land or premises other than a public place or a private way without the consent (express or implied) of the occupier or person in charge of that land or those premises: or
  - b. if it is found at large in any public place or in any private way in contravention of any regulation or bylaw.
3. Where a dog is not under control in terms of subsection (2), the dog control officer or dog ranger may seize the dog and cause it to be returned to its owner or impounded.  
(3A) A dog control officer or dog ranger in fresh pursuit of a dog that has been not under control in terms of subsection (2) may, at any reasonable time, enter on any land or premises (except a dwelling house) to seize and impound a dog if:
  - a. the dog is identified by the dog control officer or dog ranger and
  - b. the dog is not under the control of any person or otherwise constrained: and
  - c. no person, other than a person under the age of 16 years, is present.
4. Where, in the opinion of:
  - a. the occupier of any land or premises, or of any other person acting with the authority of such occupier (whether express or implied) or
  - b. any person in any public place or in any private way,
  - c. a dog is likely to cause annoyance or distress to any person or animal or damage to any property on the land or premises or in any public place or in any private way, the occupier or person may seize the dog and cause the dog to be returned to its owner, or to be delivered into the custody of a dog control officer or dog ranger.
5. Nothing in subsection (4) authorises any person to seize any dog that is under the direct control of any other person.
6. Where a dog is, under subsection (4), delivered into the custody of a dog control officer or dog ranger, the dog control officer or dog ranger may cause the dog to be returned to its owner or impounded.
7. Except as provided in subsection (3A), nothing in this section shall authorise a dog control officer or dog ranger to enter upon any land or premises other than a public place or a private way for the purposes of this section without the consent (express or implied) of the occupier or person for the time being in apparent charge of that land or those premises

## OBLIGATIONS OF DOG OWNER (Dog Control Act 1996 Section 54)

1. The owner of any dog shall:
  - a. ensure that the dog receives proper care and attention and is supplied with proper and sufficient food, water, and shelter and
  - b. ensure that the dog receives adequate exercise.

Every person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 who, being the owner of any dog, fails to comply with subsection (1).