

### Limit on number of dogs

Occupiers of premises in areas other than rural zones shall require Council permission to keep more than two dogs over the age of three months at any one time.

Council permission to keep more than 2 dogs shall only be granted if Council is satisfied that the additional dog(s) will not create a nuisance.

### Compliance and Enforcement

In applying the powers of enforcement under the Dog Control Act 1996, Council shall consider the full range of options available to ensure the protection of public safety and promotion of responsible dog ownership. Enforcement action shall be undertaken in accordance with Council's Compliance and Enforcement Strategy. In addition, discretionary and delegated enforcement decisions shall be made with particular regard to Section 10(4) of the Dog Control Act 1996.

### Dog Microchipping

Dogs that need to be microchipped are

- All dogs first registered on or after 1 July 2006, excluding dogs being kept solely or principally for the purposes of herding or driving stock.
- All dogs classified as dangerous or menacing, on or after 1 December 2003.
- Unregistered dogs that are impounded and released.
- Registered dogs that are impounded for a second time and released.

Failure to microchip a dog that is required to be microchipped may result in the owner of the dog being issued with an infringement notice.



## The easy way to register your dog

**Free Post** - use the enclosed post paid envelope and mail your form(s) and payment.

We will then post out your new blue dog tag(s). Or pay at any of our customer services offices. EFTPOS accepted. Do not use electronic banking.

### Customer Service Centres

**Western Bay of Plenty District Council**  
**Phone 07 571 8008**

#### Tauranga Head Office

Barkes Corner, Greerton  
Private Bag 12803, Tauranga  
Phone 07 571 8008  
Fax 07 577 9820

#### Te Puke Area Office

Jellicoe Street, Te Puke  
Phone 07 573 9862  
Fax 07 573 6728

#### Katikati Area Office

Main Road, Katikati  
Phone 07 549 0119  
Fax 07 549 0935

#### Omokoroa Area Office

McDonnell Street, Omokoroa  
Phone 07 548 2643  
Fax 07 548 2941

#### Waihi Beach Sub-Area Office

Trustbank Community Centre  
Waihi Beach  
Freephone 0800 926 732  
Phone 07 863 4573  
Fax 07 863 5749



# Policy on Dog Control in Our District ▶



## Purpose

To provide a framework that recognises:

- The need to minimise danger, distress and nuisance to the community generally
- The need to avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children, whether or not the children are accompanied by adults
- The importance of enabling, to the extent that is practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs
- The exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners

## Principles

The Western Bay of Plenty District Council promotes the use of regulatory and non-regulatory tools to manage potential conflicts between animals and people. The Council's approach to dog control is to impose regulations only to the extent necessary to protect public safety and wellbeing, to prevent animal cruelty and to provide for the recreational needs of dogs and their owners.

## Definitions

All definitions are to be contained in a Dog Control Bylaw, as adopted by Council, and are available on request.

## Policies

### Prohibited Areas

Dogs are prohibited at all times from the following places:

- Maketu Spit (Kaituna Reserve) for the protection of native dotterels
- Pukehina Spit (Dotterel Point Reserve) for the protection of native dotterels
- Within the soft fall area (bark or rubber) of any children's playground
- Papamoa Hills Cultural Heritage Regional Park
- Any other areas as resolved by Council from time to time

Dogs are prohibited at specific times from the following places:

- Waihi Beach foreshore and beach reserve
- Omokoroa Domain and esplanade reserve
- Maketu foreshore and beach reserve
- Any other areas as resolved by Council from time to time

### Leash Control in Public Places

Dogs must be under control at all times. Any dog causing or likely to cause danger, distress or nuisance must immediately be placed under leash control. This requires the owner to carry a leash at all times.

### Leash Control Areas

Council may by resolution designate any specific public place or area as a Leash Control Area.

In areas that have been designated Leash Control Areas dogs must be under leash control at all times.

### Dog Exercise Areas

Council may by resolution designate any specific public place or area as a Dog Exercise Area.

In areas that have been designated Dog Exercise Areas dogs must be under control at all times. Any dog causing or likely to cause danger, distress or nuisance must immediately be placed under leash control. This requires the owner to carry a leash at all times.

### Registration

In the interests of fairness and equity, Council shall endeavour to ensure all dogs in the District are registered in accordance with the requirements of the Dog Control Act 1996. The owners of unregistered dogs shall attract additional penalties.



Registration fees shall be reduced for working dogs, dogs registered with the NZ kennel club, and dogs domiciled on Matakana Island, as service costs associated with these categories are less.

Council shall waive registration fees for guide dogs, hearing/ear dogs and government dogs e.g. NZ Police, NZ Customs Service, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

### Neutering

Council supports the neutering of all dogs. Neutering reduces the number of unwanted dogs and can assist in reducing dog aggression. Neutered dogs are likely to have less health complaints and require less feed intake than entire dogs.

Council shall offer reduced registration fees for neutered dogs that have not already attracted a reduction through other classifications.

### Education

Council believes that education is the best way to encourage responsible dog ownership and reduce incidents of conflict.

Council shall offer information and education to dog owners and the wider community on owner obligations, dog control laws, dog behaviour, bite avoidance techniques and the availability of dog obedience courses.