

Application for Responsible Dog Owner Status

Wellington City Council rewards Responsible Dog Owners with a discount on dog registration fees.

Fill in this form to apply to become a Responsible Dog Owner (RDO). You need to be approved by 30 April 2024 to qualify for reduced fees for the 2024/2025 registration year.

Do you have what it takes to be a Responsible Dog Owner?

I meet all the following conditions and requirements.

- I have provided a certificate showing I have passed an approved Responsible Dog Owner education and obedience course (not puppy training).
- I comply with Wellington Consolidated Bylaws relating to dogs.
- All areas of my property that any dog has access to are fenced and gated or otherwise contained within the property.
- I will make sure that any of my dogs kept outside are housed in approved weatherproof and hygienic kennels.

I have not:

- been convicted under the Dog Control Act 1996 or the Animal Welfare Act 1999.
- been classified as a Probationary or Disqualified dog owner.
- received an infringement notice for the behaviour of an animal in my care in the past year.
- had a dog impounded in the past year.
- had a substantiated public complaint about the behaviour of an animal in my care in the past year.

Fees

Please submit your \$132.00 fee with your application. This fee is a one-off payment to cover the cost of processing. This fee is in addition to the annual dog registration fee and is not refundable if your application is unsuccessful.

If you are approved, your RDO status will apply to next year's registration fees for all the dogs you own. If you own more than three dogs, you will also need to apply to have a licence under section 5.2.1 of the Council's Animal Bylaw.

If your RDO is cancelled for one the reasons listed below you will have to reapply and pay a re-application fee of \$83.00. This only applies if you have held RDO status with Wellington City Council prior.

Cancellation of Responsible Dog Owner status

Reasons for cancellation:

- If you are convicted of an offence under the Dog Control Act 1996, you will never be reinstated as a RDO.
- If you are issued with an infringement notice, you will not be able to reapply for RDO for one year.
- If your dog is impounded, you will not be permitted to reapply for RDO for one year.
- If there is one substantiated animal-control-related complaint laid against you, you will not be able to reapply for one year.
- If you fail to pay your registration fees by 31 July you will not be able to reapply until after one registration payment is made by the due date.
- If you change your address, you may reapply to have your new property assessed when you have moved.

Your details

Name:

Address:

Phone (home):

Phone (work):

Email:

Owner ID, if known:

I, _____, wish to apply for Responsible Dog Owner status. I understand that this may be cancelled for any of the reasons listed on page 1.

Select one:

- I am happy for the inspection to be completed without being present.
- Please contact me to arrange a time for the inspection.

Signature

Date

More information

Our Dog Policy, bylaws and information about dogs and owners' responsibilities can be found online at wellington.govt.nz/dogs.

Payment Options:

Internet banking

Payments can be made to WCC's bank account 06 0582 01 06111 00. After you have entered the account number you will need to select Dogs and use the dog owner ID number as a reference.

In person

Payments can also be made at the Council's Arapaki Service Centre at 12 Manners Street, Te Aro, Wellington.

Approval is subject to an administrative check, and a property inspection may be completed.