

Application for Responsible Dog Owner status

ANIMAL CONTROL, WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
PO Box 2199, Wellington

Details

Address: _____

Telephone (H): _____ (W): _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Owner SR No: _____

I, _____, hereby make application to be considered for Responsible Dog Owner status.

Criteria

I consider that I have and will continue to meet the following conditions and requirements listed below and meet the criteria listed in 7.1.1 of the Dog Policy 2009:

- I have complied and will continue to comply with Wellington Consolidated Bylaws as they relate to dogs
- Any deaths, sales, or transfer of dogs to or from my ownership will be notified in writing to the Council within 14 days
- **Registration fees have been paid by the due date (1 July)**
- The area of the property that the dog has free access to is fully fenced and gated
- My dog(s) will, if kept outside, be housed in approved weatherproof and hygienic kennels
- My dog(s) have been checked by a veterinary surgeon (in the last 12 months)
- I have been a registered owner in Wellington for at least one year,
- or I attended and passed an approved Responsible Dog Owner Education and Obedience course,
- or I provided current adequate proof of having held this status from a previous council.
(note: an RDO application must still be made and all other criteria satisfied).

I have not:

- received a conviction under the Dog Control Act 1996 or been classified as a probationary or disqualified owner
- received an infringement notice in the last year
- had a dog impounded in the last year
- been the subject of a substantiated public complaint in the last year.

Please note:

Application must be made to the Council in writing before the benefits of the Responsible Dog Owner status can be gained.

Applications must be made and approved before Monday 30 April 2012 to be eligible for the 2012/13 registration year.

All approvals are subject to a satisfactory property inspection and administrative checks.

Fees

A \$55 fee is payable on application (either cheque or eftpos). This is separate to the annual RDO registration fee and is **non-refundable**.

Cancellation

Cancellation of Responsible Dog Owner status shall occur in the following situations:

- a) If a RDO is convicted of an offence under the Dog Control Act 1996, the owner **will never** be permitted to be reinstated as a RDO.
- b) If a RDO is issued with an Infringement Notice, the owner will not be permitted to be reinstated as a RDO for one year.
- c) If a RDO's dog is impounded, the owner shall not be permitted to be reinstated as a RDO for one year.
- d) If a RDO has one substantiated complaint, the owner shall not be permitted to be reinstated as a RDO for one year.
- e) If a RDO fails to pay dog registration fees by 31 July the owner shall not be permitted to be reinstated as a RDO until the following year, after one registration payment is made by the statutory registration date of 1 July. Cancellation is effective from 1 August annually.
- f) If a RDO changes address at any time, the owner must apply for this status at the new address.

Classification as a RDO applies to all dogs owned by an individual. RDOs still require a licence to keep more than three dogs (see section 11.5 of the Dog Policy 2009).