

Application for Responsible Dog Owner Status

ANIMAL CONTROL, WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

P O Box 2199, Wellington

I,, hereby make application to be considered for Responsible Dog Owner status. I consider that I have and will continue to meet the following conditions and requirements listed below.

- 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.

I have not:

- received a conviction under the Dog Control Act 1996
- received an infringement notice in the last two years
- had a dog impounded in the last two years.

A \$50 fee is payable on application (either cheque or eftpos). This is separate to the annual RDO registration fee. **This fee is non-refundable.**

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 Friday 30 April 2010** to be eligible for the 2010/11 registration year. All approvals are subject to a satisfactory property inspection and administrative checks.

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

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

Classification as a Responsible Dog Owner applies to all dogs owned by an individual. Responsible Dog Owners still require a licence to keep more than three dogs (see section 4.6.6 of the Dog Control Policy).

Address: Telephone: (H) (W)

..... Signed:

..... Date:

Owner SR No: