



WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
APPLICATION TO KEEP
THREE OR MORE DOGS





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Application to keep three or more dogs

Are you eligible?

If you fall into any one of the following, you will be denied a permit to keep three or more dogs:

- *You are a probationary or disqualified owner.*
- *You own a dog that has been classified by Council as dangerous or menacing.*
- *Any of your dogs were first registered after 1 July 2006 and have not been microchipped.*
- *A dog in your care has been impounded in the last 12 months.*
- *If you have you been convicted of any offence, paid an infringement or had an infringement notice referred to the District Court for collection of the fine under the Dog Control Act 1996, in the last two years.*
- *A dog in your care has attacked or bitten any person or animal.*
- *There has been a justified complaint against your dog(s) in the last 12 months.*
- *Any dog in your care is unregistered.*

Dog owner details (Please print in CAPITALS)

Dog Owner Number

Title: **Mr** **Mrs** **Miss** **Ms**

First Names

Surname

Residential Address

Town

Post Code

Postal if different

Home Number

Mobile Number

Email

Application Fee \$100.00 will apply for the inspection process, application and licence to hold three or more dogs in a residential area in Wairoa.

Office use only

Date: ___ / ___ / ____

Reference Number: _____

Office signed: _____

Details of all dogs for the property (All dogs must be microchipped, no dogs to be classified as Menacing)

	Tag	Name	Breed	Colour	Sex	Age
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						

Property owner's consent (Please print in CAPITALS)

If the property you reside at is leased or rented, the property owner's consent is required to keep three or more dogs on that property.

Property owners name

Property owners contact details

Contact made with Property owner and date

Object Not object

If you cannot obtain the property owner's consent, please explain.

Neighbors Consent *Council will need to contact your bounding neighbors (and other residents if deemed applicable) The consent of all neighbors with sections adjoining the applicant must be obtained, or details listed if unable to obtain consent.*

Neighbors Adjoining boundary details and address

	Name	Address	Contact
1			
2			
3			
4			

Declaration

I consider that I have, and will continue to, meet the following conditions and requirements:

- I have complied, and will continue to comply with, the Wairoa District Consolidated Bylaws as they relate to dogs.
- I have complied, and will continue to comply with, the Dog Control Act 1996.
- Any deaths, sales or transfer of dogs to or from my ownership, and changes of residential address will be notified in writing to the Council within 14 days.
- Registration fees have been paid by the due date (31st August of each year).
- The area that my dogs will, if kept outside, be housed in appropriate weatherproof and hygienic kennels, and kept two meters away from the boundary.

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 12 months.
- had a dog impounded in the last 12 months; or
- been the subject of a substantiated complaint in the last 12 months.

I agree to a property inspection where a Dog Control Officer will check that the dogs are controlled on the property within physical limits by either fencing, kennels, or leaving them indoors (all with hygienic and humane conditions). NOTE: Council does not consider that a fixed-point tether such as a kennel and chain is a good means of containing your dogs.

I understand that any breach of this declaration may lead to the immediate cancellation of the privileges under this permit.

Signature of applicant

Date

Conditions for a permit to keep three or more dogs

1. No occupier of premises within the district shall allow to remain or shall keep for a period of over 14 days, three or more dogs aged three months or older at any one time (whether he or she is the owner of one or more of the dogs) unless they have applied for a permit for such purposes from the Council.
 2. Such a permit may be issued subject to such terms, conditions and restrictions as the Council may consider necessary in a particular case.
 3. The dogs must be adequately confined on the property. If the property is not fully fenced on all boundaries, a portion of the property must be fenced. You must provide sufficient and proper housing for your dogs. Any kennels and runs must:
 - be in good repair.
 - confine the dogs sufficiently yet allow them to have an adequate exercise area.
 - have easily cleanable surfaces, especially the floors and inside the kennels/runs.
 - contain a tip-proof source of drinking water, suitable for the dogs.
 - Under motel kennels or around kennels clean official matter.
- NOTE:** Council does not consider that a fixed-point tether such as a kennel and chain is a good means of containing your dogs as a long-term solution and will need to be addressed within near future.
4. Keeping the dogs must not give rise to a nuisance created by the barking or whining of the dogs, or by other noises made by the dogs.
 5. No person shall permit or allow the dogs to be kept in conditions that are offensive or likely to be injurious to health of either the dogs or of people. Accordingly, the area where the dogs are confined must be kept in a clean and sanitary condition.
 6. Where the dogs are not normally confined inside a dwellinghouse, adequate kenneling of sufficient size to meet the needs of the dogs must be provided, with access to clean water. Kenneling should not, without Council approval, be within 2 meters of any boundary and is to be on a hygienic surface.
 7. All dogs are to be currently registered in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996.
 8. All dog owners must comply at all times with the Wairoa District Bylaws and subsequent amendments as they affect the control of dogs.
 9. The property must be open to inspection by an authorized Council officer at any reasonable time as thought necessary by the Council and allow for dog-free access to at least one door of the house.
 10. The permit is conditional on the applicant completing the permit application form fully and accurately, and not providing false or misleading information.
 11. The Council retains the right to:
 - refuse to grant a permit to keep three or more dogs aged three months or older.
 - revoke a permit to keep three or more dogs aged three months or older if these conditions are breached at any time; when the Council will give notice in writing that one or more dogs must be removed from the property within such time as the Council may consider appropriate in the particular case.
 - impose reasonable conditions on any permit to keep three or more dogs aged three months or older.
 12. The Council may fix by resolution a fee for a permit issued in terms of this clause, which shall be payable on the application for the permit. Such a fee shall be additional to any registration fees payable in terms of the Dog Control Act 1996.
 13. Every application for a permit shall be considered on its merits considering, amongst other things, the nature of the property and premises and of neighboring properties and premises.
 14. Every permit is personal to the applicant, limited to the property and premises in respect of which it is issued and will remain in force unless revoked by the Council. Revocation of the permit, the dog owner or owners must reduce the number of dogs, as required by the Council.
 15. You must notify Council of any changes to your circumstances which are relevant such as the following:
 - One of your dog's dies or no longer lives at this address.
 - You acquire another dog.
 16. The licence precludes breeding, boarding or fostering dogs for pecuniary gain. Commercial operations may require and be subject to resource consent and building permits.
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What happens now?

- You need to return the completed application to Wairoa District Council.
- There will be a \$100.00 application fee that will need to be paid.
- We will then check your records and confirm in writing whether or not your application has been accepted.
- If accepted, a Dog Control Officer will do an inspection of the property where the dogs normally reside. Special areas of attention regarding the property are, the presence of suitable kenneling and run, effective fencing or other effective methods of containment, and access to water.
- If everything is satisfactory, you will be sent a letter approving the permit, and your records will be updated.

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Admin check

Application completed:	Yes	No
Dogs currently registered:	Yes	No
Justified complaint in the last 12 months:	Yes	No
Prosecution/Infringements:	Yes	No
Impounding in the last 12 months:	Yes	No
Microchipped dogs:	Yes	No
Is the application valid?	Yes	No

Animal Control Officer – Inspection Report

Kennels	Good	Adequate	Unsatisfactory	
Floor	Concrete	Timber	Earth	Other
Sanitation	Good	Adequate	Unsatisfactory	
Dog Retention	Fenced	Compound	Unsatisfactory	Adequate
Noise Control	Good	Adequate	Unsatisfactory	
Breeding Int	Ongoing	Occasional	No	

Animal Control Officer – Recommendations

Approved/Decline letter sent to Records for scanning Yes No

Approved Dated: _____

Declined Dog Control Officer: _____