Te Kaunihera o Te WAIROA District Council

Payment Plan

for Annual Dog Registration

2026/27



Sorting Out Your Plan

Establishing a yearly payment plan can ease the financial strain of annual registration.
The Compliance team is also here to help you stay on track!
Dog Registration goes from 1 July to 31 August.

First Steps

Do you have a dog owner account with the Council?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you don't have a dog owner account with us you can give us a call on 06 838 7309 or pop in to our Queen Street office and we can set one up for you!

What is your name?

What is your dog Owner number?

How frequently do you want to make these payments?

Weekly / Fortnightly / Monthly

What amount would you like to put towards your dog registrations?

How would you like to make these payments?

Internet / Direct Debit / Automatic Payment / Pay at Counter

When will you make the first payment?

Payment Calculator

Please refer to the table that corresponds to your dog's classification and indicate the amount you would like to pay each month.
Be sure to consider the number of dogs you have. Payments need to be set for the registration time between 1July and 31 August.

Standard Dog	Price:
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	

Working Dog	Price:
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	

Menacing Dog	Price:
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	

SOP Dog	Price:
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	
January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	



You are Now on the Way to Making your Annual Dog Registration Easier on the Pocket!

This is what you will need to start up an online payment system:

- The Wairoa District Bank Account:
  Wairoa District Council: 03 - 0785 - 0070470 - 00
  Particulars: Surname & first initial (e.g., J Smith)
- Code: Owner
- Ref: Dog

Direct Debit

1. The Council has a Direct Debit Form at the counter.
2. Fill in all the areas allocated for you on the form.
3. What is the starting date and what day.
4. The amount you will be paying.
5. Council will need confirmation of your bank account
   (a statement / a screenshot/rates account)
6. Check over the form to ensure that everything is correct, then lodge it with the Council.

Breed and type of dog subject to ban on importation and muzzling

Dogs belonging to breed or type listed in Schedule 4 of the Dog Control Act 1996 S:33C to be classified as menacing

- Brazilian Fila
- Dogo Argentino
- Japanese Tosa
- Perro de Presa Canario
- American Pit Bull Terrier

Territorial authority may classify a dog as menacing

- a territorial authority considers may pose a threat to any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife because of
- any observed or reported behaviour of the dog; or
- any characteristics typically associated with the dog's breed or type.

If your dog is classified as one of the 5 breeds, come in and speak with us to work on a plan

Organisation authorised to certify Dogs as disability assistance dogs

- Assistance Dogs New Zealand
- Hearing Dogs for Deaf People New Zealand
- K9 Medical Detection New Zealand
- K9 Search Medical Detection
- Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust
- Perfect Partners Assistance Dogs Trust
- Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind Incorporated





Interpretation of a Working Dog

If you're considering changing your dog's classifications or registering as a working dog, there is few things you need to consider (Dog Control Act 1996)

Kept solely or principally for the purposes of herding or driving stock; or
Kept by the Police or any constable, the New Zealand Customs Service, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the Ministry of Fisheries, or the Ministry of Defence, or any officer or employee of any such department of State solely or principally for the purposes of carrying out the functions, powers, and duties of the Police or the department of State or that constable, officer, or employee; or

Owned by a property guard as defined in section 9 of the Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010 or a property guard employee as defined in section 17 of that Act and kept solely or principally for the purpose of doing the things specified in section 9(1)(a) to (c) of that Act.

Dogs kept for guarding private property cannot be classified as working dogs.

Proof Of Class

(Dog Control Act 1996, Section 40)
Where the territorial authority fixes a fee for the registration of a working dog that is lower than that fixed for a dog that is not a working dog, any person claiming to register any dog as a working dog shall, if so required by the territorial authority, make a written statement that the dog is a working dog of a specified class.

The territorial authority will require the dog to undergo a compliance evaluation as would be reasonably expected of a working dog.

Offence Infringements

(Dog Control Act 1996, Schedule 1)
19(2) Failure or refusal to supply information or wilfully providing false particulars
19A(2) Failure to supply information or wilfully providing false particulars about the dog
$750.00 per dog

Selected Owner Policy Classification SOP

Considering getting a licence? – there is a fee of $40.00 on top of the registration that will need to be added to the Payment Calculator

In an effort to encourage people to take really good care of their dogs and be highly responsible dog owners, Council has a Selected Owner Policy. Council regards this policy as a privilege and not a right. As a result, the fees for this category are substantially lower than the standard fee.

Dog Owners who think they may qualify for a reduction in registration cost under the Special Owner Policy Classification will need to comply with the following requirements.

Owners that have had dogs in the past or applying after they have registered their dog must meet the following criteria:

- No outstanding registration or penalty fees or infringements
- Your dog registration fees must be paid in full before 31 August each year.
- Have not been the subject of justified complaints or successful prosecutions within the previous 2 years.
- Have not had a dog impounded within the previous 2 years.
- Meet fencing criteria or have an alternative means of keeping dog(s) on the property at all times.

A property inspection is required to be carried out by the Dog Control Officer for approval of the Selected Owner Policy Classification is either declined or approved.

An application can be picked up from our Queen Street Office.





Things To Consider With Your Payments

Is your owner file up to date?

- Try not to miss payment.
- Do you need to change the amount you are paying?
- Do you have an end date to stop payments?
- Have your circumstances changed, and do you not have a dog in your care anymore?
- Have you taken on extra dogs?
- Have you moved?
- Have you changed your number?
- Has your dog been microchipped?
- Has your dog been de-sexed?

You can always make extra payments on your owner account at any time; this will go towards credit on your Dog Owner account by using your four-digit owner number.

Extra Incentives!
The Compliance Team will microchip your dog for free when you sign up for payment plans. Just contact us and let us know!

Free de-sexing vouchers are also available to de-sex your dog in Wairoa. This reduces unwanted pregnancies, roaming, aggression, and other behavioural problems

You are now on your way to making your annual registrations an easier process. Your payments will meet the criteria to have the discounted price and your tags will be sent out.