

FAQs

What if I change address?

It is important that you let us know in writing within 14 days of any changes regarding your dog. If you move out of South Taranaki, you need to make sure you let us, as well as your new Council, know.

What if there is a change in dog owner?

It is important that you let us know in writing within 14 days of any changes regarding your dog.

I live in an urban area and wish to keep more than two dogs on my property - what can I do?

The maximum number of dogs allowed to be kept in an urban area is two. If you want to keep more than this, you can apply for a permit to do so. There is an application fee of \$75. If you want to know if you are eligible to apply, please call Council's Regulatory Services on 0800 111 323 to find out more.

I've heard there's been Parvo outbreaks in South Taranaki - what should I do?

Parvovirus is a highly contagious disease that generally results in the death of your dog. We recommend that you keep up-to-date with your dog's annual vaccinations - please see your vet for more information.

South Taranaki
District Council

Contact us

Contact South Taranaki District Council for all Animal Control issues 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling (06) 278 0555 or tollfree 0800 111 323.

You can also email us on contact@stdc.govt.nz or visit

www.southtaranaki.com/Council/A-Z/A/Animal-Control/

Registering your dog



Some places just offer more of what
really counts...

Dog Registration

Being a responsible dog owner

Things to consider are:

- Registering your dog
- Keeping your dog under control at all times
- Providing your dog with proper care and attention including appropriate food, water and shelter
- Adequately exercising your dog
- Making sure your dog does not cause a nuisance to any other person by persistent and loud barking, howling or any other means
- Keeping your dog on a leash at all times when in urban areas
- Ensuring you comply with the Dog Control Act, Dog Control Policy and Bylaw (*to find out more about these documents, please visit www.southtaranaki.com*)

Leash free dog exercise areas

Dogs are permitted unleashed at the following locations (please visit www.southtaranaki.com and have a look at the Dog Control Bylaw if you wish to know more).

- Beech Place Reserve, Hawera
- Waihi Beach and Domain
- Ohawe Beach (except for town area and camping grounds)
- Normanby Domain (designated area only)
- Middleton Bay
- Manaia Domain (behind sports fields)
- Taylor Park, Eltham
- Smyth Park, Kaponga
- Thoumine Park Roadside Reserve Area, Kaponga
- Patea Domain (excluding play area)
- Patea Beach
- Long Beach, Waverley
- Waitotara Domain

Dog registrations are posted out 1 June each year. **All dogs over the age of 3 months must be registered with the South Taranaki District Council by 31 July each year.** A 50% penalty is applied to any outstanding fees after 31 July (see late registration fees below), and if still unregistered by 1 September an additional \$300 infringement per dog will be issued.

Dog Registration Fees

Dogs must be registered by 3 months of age.

	Paid by 31 July	Late Registration
Urban	\$148.00	\$222.00
Urban spayed/neutered	\$120.00	\$180.00
Selected Owner Policy	\$70.00	Revoked
Selected Owner Policy - Entire	\$90.00	Revoked
Rural (first 2 dogs)	\$58.00	\$87.00
Rural (three or more)	\$48.00	\$72.00
Seeing Eye Dog	free	free
Dangerous Dog	Base fee + 50%	+50%

- *We accept minimum payments of \$10 per week, per dog (automatic payment is the preferred option for this). The full amount must be paid before 31 July each year.*

Strive to be a Selected Owner

Dog owners in urban areas of South Taranaki can apply to become a Selected Owner. Selected Owners receive benefits through a discount in annual dog registration fees. If you want to know whether you are eligible to apply, please call Council's Regulatory Services on 0800 111 323.

Dog Impounding Fees

Dog Impounding - first instance	\$90.00
Dog Impounding - second instance	\$135.00
Dog Impounding - third instance	\$180.00
Sustenance per day (payable on impound and every 24 hours thereafter)	\$15.00
Destruction of Dog	\$65.00
Dog Re-housing fee	\$35.00

Microchipping

Since July 2006, it has been compulsory for all newly registered dogs to be microchipped. Working farm dogs (a dog kept solely or principally for the purpose of herding or driving stock) are exempt, however you must apply for an exemption.

Dogs that have been registered before July 2006 do not need to be microchipped unless they are impounded or declared Dangerous or Menacing.

Microchipping provides a simple, lifelong way of identifying dogs, making it easier to return lost dogs to their owners. Please provide Council with the microchip number of your dog to ensure your dog is returned to you. Council provides a microchipping service, contact Council's Regulatory Services for more information.

National Dog Database

The National Dog Database holds information on all registered dogs including registration details, microchip number, breed, year of birth and owner details. The Council must supply and maintain the information held on the database which is operated by the Department of Internal Affairs. Please ensure all of the details (full name, address and date of birth) on your registration form are complete and correct. It is a legal requirement that we have this information.

Infringement Offences

Failing to register a dog	\$300.00
Failure to microchip	\$300.00
Failure to keep your dog controlled or confined	\$200.00
Failure to comply with menacing classification of dog	\$300.00
Failure to comply with barking dog abatement notice	\$200.00
Failure to provide care, attention, food, water, shelter and/or exercise	\$300.00
Failure to supply information or providing false details	\$750.00
Falsely notifying death of dog	\$750.00
Willful obstruction of a dog ranger	\$750.00
Failure to comply with Bylaw	\$300.00