

Closing date to qualify for the following Registration Period is May.

1. Introduction

The Invercargill City Council promotes and encourages Responsible Dog Ownership. As a Responsible Owner you will pay a reduced registration fee. All current fees can be viewed at <http://www.icc.govt.nz/ServicesA-Z/FeesFinder> Contact Animal Services Coordinator on (03) 211 1777 if you have any further questions.

If you have recently moved to Invercargill from another Council where you held a Selected Owner Policy (SOP), Category A or Responsible Owner status please complete all but 'a' on the questions below and provide proof of status from your previous Council. You will not have to wait a year, but a property inspection is required.

If you have held a responsible owner status in the past but have not owned a dog for more than two years you will have to reapply for Responsible Owner Status. To be considered for Responsible Owner status in the current registration year you must have had your dog(s) registered for a full year.

An Animal Control Officer will inspect your property and assess your understanding about the keeping of your dog(s). You will then sign an understanding of your commitment to being a responsible owner. There is NO additional fee for this service.

2. Criteria (please circle the appropriate answer)

- I have been a registered dog owner with the ICC for 1 full year or more. Yes / No
- I am the registered owner of the dog (or spouse/partner) Yes / No
- My dog(s) are registered Yes / No
- My property is adequately fenced to contain my dog(s) at all times Yes / No
- I am able to keep my dog(s) contained in a manner that allows access to my dwelling. Yes / No
- I am aware of and fully comply with the Dog Control Bylaws, including:
 - i. keeping dog(s) on a lead in the street, Yes / No
 - ii. removal of faeces Yes / No
- I have had no valid complaints regarding my dog(s) for the one year previous to this application Yes / No
- My dog(s) are pets only (i.e. they are not farm dogs), Yes / No
- My dogs are micro-chipped Yes / No

If you answered YES to all of the above statements and your dog(s) have not been impounded in the past two years you are eligible to apply for Responsible Owner Status. Please continue to Section 3.

If you answered NO to any of the above you will not be eligible to apply at this stage.

3. You and Your Pet

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Mobile Phone Number: _____ Daytime Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Dog(s) Name: _____

Dog(s) Breed: _____ Dog(s) Tag Number: _____

I wish to apply for Responsible Owner Status - Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Next steps

Please return this application to the Animal Services Coordinator, Invercargill City Council, Civic Administration Building, 101 Esk Street, Private Bag 90104, Invercargill, 9840. You will receive confirmation of your application and will be advised if it has passed the first stage of the vetting process. The letter will outline what happens next.