



# K9

2020/21 NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to the 2020/21 K9 Newsletter

### COVID-19

First of all, a big thank you to all responsible dog owners out there who have abided by all the government recommendations regarding dogs and exercising them on lead while going through all the different alert levels.

We understand that this can sometimes be challenging, especially when you have high energy dogs that usually need large areas to run around off-leash in. Luckily this was only a temporary requirement and we were all in it together for a good cause – to stop the spread of COVID-19 – so well done everyone!



Ministry of Primary Industries guidelines for animals in COVID-19 can be found on their website:

<https://www.agriculture.govt.nz/protection-and-response/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-animal-welfare/>

### Adopting a dog

The Council often has dogs available for adoption. To find out whether a dog is up for adoption please visit our Facebook page or call and talk to one of our friendly Animal Control Team on (03) 6877200.

#### Costs of Adoption

Adoption fees are \$102 to cover dog registration and part payment of neutering costs (you receive a voucher to a vet of your choice).

Micro-chipping is carried out before the dog leaves the pound and there is no charge for an adopted dog.

#### Trial Period

We have a ten day trial period to allow you to change your mind if the dog isn't working out for you and your family.

If the dog is brought back to the pound within that ten day trial period, your money will be refunded.

### Timaru District Council Animal Control Facebook page

This has been developed for advertising purposes to advertise dogs up for adoption, upcoming events like micro chipping clinics and dog registration, share important information, dog ownership tips and tricks and the odd meme thrown in there.

#### How to follow us on Facebook:

Log into Facebook

Search: Timaru District Council Animal Control

Click on the page and click 'Like' so that you can receive any updates on this page in your news feed.

## Dog registration

### Do I need to register my dog?

**Yes, all dogs over the age of three months old need to be registered with the Council.**

It is important to keep all your details and your dog's details on our register and the national register. Please let the Council know, within 14 days, if your dog dies, you sell or give it away, or you change your address.

### You can now register online

You can complete your registration for both new and existing dogs online by visiting [www.timaru.govt.nz/pay-online](http://www.timaru.govt.nz/pay-online)

### What happens if I don't register my dog?

- You will have to pay your dog registration fee plus an additional late payment fee.
- When an unregistered dog is found the owner can be liable for a \$300 infringement.
- The dog can be seized and impounded.

## Free micro-chipping

### With current registration, comes FREE micro-chipping!

The Council will be holding four micro-chipping clinics a year at the Leckie Street Dog Park in Timaru.

*\*NOTE – These will only be taking place if COVID-19 alert levels are at Level 1 (or nonexistent!)\**

### Dates and times are as follows:

Saturday 18 July 2020	11:30am – 12:00 noon
Saturday 17 October 2020	11:30am – 12:00 noon
Saturday 23 January 2021	11:30am – 12:00 noon
Saturday 17 April 2021	11:30am – 12:00 noon

If you would like your dog to be micro-chipped please come into the Council, Temuka or the Geraldine Service Centres and fill out a micro-chipping form prior to the clinic you wish to attend.

If you would like your dog/s micro-chipped outside of the set clinics or you would like our officers to visit your home, there will be a \$25 fee.

### Why do we need to micro-chip our dogs?

- If your dog is lost and found the Council can easily re-unite you both.
- It's been a law since 2006 for all dogs to be micro-chipped (except for working farm dogs).
- If your dog has been impounded, declared dangerous or menacing then it will need to be micro-chipped even if it was registered prior to 2006.



# DOG EXERCISE

The list below shows where dogs can be off lead

Owners need be vigilant about watching their dog making sure it is under complete control at all times.

## Timaru

### Dog exercise areas

- Leckie Street Dog Park
- Marchwiel Park
- Redruth Park
- Scenic reserve (Centennial Park)
- West End Park
- South Beach
- Waimataitai Beach
- Otipua beach
- Caroline Bay – tidal area only 1 April to 30 September – inclusive each year
- Saltwater Creek walkway.

### Dogs prohibited

- Aorangi park
- Caroline Bay
- Caroline Bay tidal area\* – 1 October to 31 March (inclusive each year)
- Stafford Street – from Sefton Street to North Street
- The Royal Arcade
- Otipua Wetlands
- Claremont bush reserve

\*Access to the beach tidal area is via Virtue Avenue to Northern car park and from the Port Loop Road to Marine Parade to the Marine Parade car park and also walking access (on-lead only) as shown below.

### Dog access to Caroline Bay



# CISE INFO

while under complete control.

You can see maps of all dog exercise areas on the Council's website  
[www.timaru.govt.nz/dogs](http://www.timaru.govt.nz/dogs)



If you think that your dog may not like other dogs and is inclined to show aggression please take appropriate precautions and put a muzzle on your dog to prevent any possible attacks.

## Temuka

### Dog exercise areas

- River areas (the river bed, i.e. shingle, streams and berm areas)
- Domain Avenue on the tree walkway between Rayner Street and Murray Street
- Temuka Domain (the area between the southern boundary of the Temuka holiday park and continuing along the storm water channel which follows the southern boundary of the Temuka of the Temuka golf course and east of the Torepe Fields car park, sport field and training areas)

### Dogs prohibited

- Temuka Domain – the portion of Temuka Domain between the western boundary of the Temuka golf course and the eastern boundary of Fergusson Drive.
- Temuka Motor Camp



## Geraldine

### Dog exercise areas

- Reserve opposite fire station
- Todd Park

### Dogs prohibited

- Geraldine Domain – excluding walking track
- Geraldine Motor Camp
- Ruakapuka Reserve playing fields

## Pleasant Point

### Dog exercise areas

- River areas (the riverbed, i.e. shingle, stream, and berm areas)
- Pleasant point domain (Fire brigade practice area when not in use by the fire brigade)

### Dogs prohibited

- Camping grounds – Labour Weekend until Easter (inclusive)

## District wide

### The following areas are where dogs are prohibited:

- All children's playgrounds
- The playing or training surface of any sports ground or sports field owned by the Council
- Within 10 metres of any child's play equipment or play area or paddling pool in any park or reserve, or of any aviary in any park or reserve.
- Any swimming pool or other place owned or controlled by the Council, including all area within the fenced boundary of the swimming pool
- Public libraries
- Premises used for, or in connection with, the manufacture, preparation, packing or storage or sale of food (this includes external eating areas and is up to the individual food premises)

NB: Therefore compliance shall be in accordance with the food safety legislation at the current time.

## Limitations

Where the walkway in an exercise area borders or passes through a prohibited area (e.g. playground area) and there is no alternative route, owners are allowed to continue along the walk way, providing their dog is on a leash and that the owner does not stop in that area.

Picnic areas within the exercise areas are designated dog on leash areas.

## Owner responsibilities

The following issues are the main complaints people have with dogs in our community:

- Clean up after your dog, always carry doggy doo bags. Biodegradable bags can be purchased from the Council, Temuka and Geraldine Service Centres.
- Walk your dog on a lead at all times apart from when you are in a dog exercise area.
- If a dog is rushing at people, it is the owner's responsibility to make sure it does not threaten people in the community.
- If your dog shows any form of aggression towards people or animals please put a muzzle on it when you are in a dog exercise area.
- If your dog is causing a barking nuisance, it is the owner's responsibility to prevent this.
- Please do not take your dog to any exercise areas while it is in season.

**Dogs must be on a leash while away from the owner's property other than:**

- Working farm dogs.
- Dogs in the exercise areas listed here.



## Dog bite prevention in schools

In the past our animal control team has visited schools that wished to participate in our dog safety education programme.

This involved a 30 minute presentation and was aimed at the 5 – 8 year old age group. The programme educates children on how to behave around dogs and how to protect themselves when approached by a dog, aiming to reduce dog bites and injuries in our community. This program is still made available to all schools and early childhood centres in the Timaru District.

The Council have received a lot of positive feedback from the schools that have participated in this program.

Due to the unprecedented nature of COVID-19, we are unsure whether this will take place this year. We are currently looking into different options about providing this programme on-line. Animal Control will advise schools once these options become available.

## Prevention methods for behavioural issues

- Research your dog's breed to understand their particular needs.
- Exercise your dog at least once day for at least 30 minutes.
- Provide them with water, toys and a bed while you are not home (they may get bored and anxious).
- If they are barking or rushing at people they can see on the footpath, block their view or keep them contained within the back yard.



## Fees and charges

Registration and micro-chipping

Category	Fee (\$)
Entire Dog	\$108
Neutered Dog	\$58
Rural Pet Dog	\$32
Working dog	\$32
Selected Owner	\$32
Guide Dogs/Hearing Dogs	NO FEE
Puppy 3-12 months*	\$30
Micro-chipping for registered dog owners that go to micro-chipping clinic	FREE
Micro-chipping outside of clinic / home visit	\$25.00

\*First fee, offered once in puppy's first year, then updated to adult fee.

## Here's how to contact us

### Timaru Main Office

2 King George Place  
PO Box 522  
Timaru 7940

Tel: (03) 687 7200 or 0800 484 632 (24 hours)

Email: [enquiry@timdc.govt.nz](mailto:enquiry@timdc.govt.nz)

### Temuka Service Centre

72-74 King Street, Temuka  
Tel: (03) 687 7591

### Geraldine Service Centre

78 Talbot Street, Geraldine  
Tel: (03) 693 9336

Visit our website at  
[www.timaru.govt.nz/dogs](http://www.timaru.govt.nz/dogs)

