

# K9



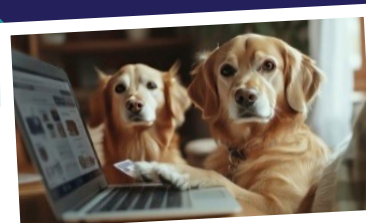
## Welcome to our 2026 K9 NEWSLETTER



**Would you like your  
Dog Registration emailed  
to you?**

Please visit the link below  
to request this option:

[www.timaru.govt.nz/emailmyinvoice](http://www.timaru.govt.nz/emailmyinvoice)



### INTRODUCING LIFETIME DOG TAGS

Instead of receiving a new plastic tag every year, each dog is issued one tag that hopefully lasts the dog's lifetime. Owners will still pay the required annual registration fee each year. This change significantly reduces plastic waste, as thousands of plastic tags are discarded and sent to landfill each year. Under the new system, the same tag remains on the dog's collar unless it is lost or damaged. There will be a replacement fee. This change helps protect the environment by cutting down single-use plastics, improves convenience for dog owners, and lowers long-term administrative and production costs for councils.

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### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR YOUR PETS

Emergencies can happen at any time, so it's important to be ready - for yourself and your pets. We encourage all pet owners to have a clear plan ready before an emergency occurs, not only for themselves, but their pets as well.

Your Emergency Pet Kit should include enough food and water for 3-5 days, bowls, a leash or harness, a carrier and muzzle (pets get scared in emergencies and sometimes get hurt, so they may become unexpectedly aggressive), medications and medical records, waste bags, and identification such as microchip details. Adding blankets or bedding, familiar toys, and emergency contact information (including your vet).

Plan now and stay safe  
together with your  
furry friends.



## DOG REGISTRATION:

### Do I need to register my dog?

**All dog owners are required to pay a dog registration fee per dog every year.**

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

Change of address, change of ownership and registration forms can be found online at [www.timaru.govt.nz/dogs](http://www.timaru.govt.nz/dogs)

### You can now register online

If your dog is already registered, you can now renew your dog registration online by visiting [www.timaru.govt.nz/pay-online](http://www.timaru.govt.nz/pay-online). Your dog tag will be mailed to you. If it does not arrive within two weeks, please contact us.



New dogs need to be registered separately by visiting the Timaru District Council Office, or Temuka and Geraldine Service Centres.

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

- If your dog is not registered by 31 August 2026 you will pay an additional 50% late payment fee on top of the registration fee
- If the dog remains unregistered, the owner can be liable for a \$300 infringement and the dog can be seized and impounded.

## DOG BITE PREVENTION IN SCHOOLS AND PRESCHOOLS

Our school programme involves a 45 minute presentation aimed at 5-8 year olds. Our preschool programme is aimed at 3 - 4 year olds and involves a 15 minute interactive presentation on how to approach dogs safely.

This programme educates children on how to behave around dogs and how to protect themselves when approached by a dog. The aim is to reduce dog bites and injuries in our community.

If you would like to enquire about Animal Control visiting your school, contact us on 03 687 7200 or email [animalcontroladmin@timdc.govt.nz](mailto:animalcontroladmin@timdc.govt.nz).

## FREE MICRO-CHIPPING CLINICS ARE BACK!

Free microchipping is available if your dog has a current Timaru District registration. The Council will be holding four Micro-Chipping clinics a year at the Leckie Street Dog Park in Timaru.

### Dates and times are as follows:

**Saturday 25 July 2026** 10:00am - 10:30am

**Saturday 17 October 2026** 10:00am - 10:30am

**Saturday 30 January 2027** 10:00am - 10:30am

**Saturday 17 April 2027** 10:00am - 10:30am

You must register your interest in attending the clinic by completing a micro-chipping form.

The form can be downloaded from our website or completed at the Timaru Council Office, Temuka or Geraldine Service Centres. This needs to be handed in, posted, or emailed to the Council prior to the clinic.

If you would like your dog/s micro-chipped outside of the set clinics, there is a \$60 fee. Please complete a micro chipping form and pay the fee at the Timaru District Council Office, Temuka or Geraldine Service Centres and we will arrange to come to you.

### 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).

## ADOPTING A DOG

To find out if we have any dogs up for adoption please visit our Facebook page.

### Costs of Adoption

Adoption fees are \$140. This covers dog registration, microchipping, and part payment of neutering costs, (you receive a voucher to use at a vet of your choice).

### Trial Period

We have a ten-day trial period to allow you to decide if the dog is a good fit 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.



## VISIT THE TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL ANIMAL CONTROL FACEBOOK PAGE

By visiting <https://www.facebook.com/TimaruDogs> and liking our page, you can receive any updates from this page in your news feed.

### This is where we:

- Advertise any dogs that have not been claimed and are looking for a new home.
- Advertise upcoming microchip clinics.
- Educate dog owners on their obligations as dog owners under the Dog Control Act 1996 and Timaru District Council Bylaws.

## IF YOUR DOG DIES:

We understand that this can be a very difficult time, but you need to notify Council if your dog has passed away within 14 days. You may be eligible for a refund of part of your dog registration fee if it is part way through the registration year. Simply let us know, it must be in writing (declaration dog is deceased form on website, or vet certificate). Please be advised that it is an offence to state that your dog is dead, knowing that statement is false.

# DOG EXERCISE INFO

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

Working farm dogs or dogs in a designated exercise area.

The following information shows where dogs can be off lead while under effective control (**Under Effective Control** means, when referring to a dog, the dog is not causing a nuisance or danger and that the person in charge of the dog has the dog under continuous surveillance and is able to obtain the desired response from the dog by use of a leash and, when not on a leash, by use of voice commands, hand signals, whistles or other effective means).

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

## THE FOLLOWING AREAS ARE DOG EXERCISE AREAS:

**Please note: no dogs are allowed on sports fields or within 10 metres of playgrounds**

### Timaru

- Ashbury Park
- Leckie Street Dog Park
- Marchwiell 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

### Temuka

- 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 Golf Course and east of the Torepe Fields car park, sport field and training areas)

### Geraldine

- Reserve opposite Fire Station
- Todd Park

### Pleasant Point

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)

## 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.
- 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)

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 right.



## THE FOLLOWING AREAS ARE WHERE DOGS ARE PROHIBITED:

### District Wide

- 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.)

### Temuka

- 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

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

### Pleasant Point

- Camping Grounds – Labour Weekend until Easter (inclusive)

### Timaru

- 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



## OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Please do not take your dog to any exercise areas while it is in season/on heat.**
- Ensure that the dog is registered in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996
- Clean up after your dog; always carry doggy doo bags. Bags can be purchased from the main Council office, Temuka and Geraldine Service Centres.
- Walk your dog on a lead at all times, apart from when you are in a dog exercise area. Ensure that the dog is kept under effective control at all times.
- If your dog is rushing at people, it is your 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 them when you are in a dog exercise area.
- If your dog is causing a barking nuisance, it is your responsibility to prevent this.

## PREVENTION METHODS FOR BEHAVIOURAL ISSUES

- Exercise your dog at least once a day for at least 30 minutes. This will vary depending on the breed of your dog. Research your dog's breed to ensure you are catering to their specific needs.
- 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 see on the footpath, block their view, or keep them contained within the back yard.
- Ignore Attention-Seeking Barking
  - Avoid eye contact, talking, or touching when your dog barks for attention. Reward them when they stay quiet.
- Create a Calm Space – Set up a comfortable, low-distraction area to ease anxiety-related barking, especially at night.



## LET'S KEEP OUR DISTRICT SAFE AND HAPPY FOR EVERYONE

We love seeing you out and about with your doggo's, but we need your help to keep our community safe and enjoyable for everyone.

### Why This Matters:

Being a responsible dog owner helps protect our streets, ensures everyone feels safe, and keeps our parks and spaces welcoming for all.

## FEES AND CHARGES

| Category                | Fee    |
|-------------------------|--------|
| <b>Registration</b>     |        |
| Entire Dog              | \$154  |
| Neutered Dog            | \$82   |
| Rural Pet Dog           | \$51   |
| Working dog             | \$51   |
| Selected Owner          | \$51   |
| Guide Dogs/Hearing Dogs | NO FEE |
| Puppy 3-12 months*      | \$47   |

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

### Microchipping

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| Micro-chipping for registered dogs that go to the micro-chipping clinic                                                                                                     | FREE |
| <i>*to book in, complete the microchip form and hand into Council or email it to <a href="mailto:animalcontroladmin@timdc.govt.nz">animalcontroladmin@timdc.govt.nz</a></i> |      |

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| - Micro-chipping outside of clinic / home visit | \$60 |
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### Licence fees

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| - Selected Dog Owner application | \$54 |
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*We offer a reduced dog registration rate for selected owners, see [www.timaru.govt.nz/dogs](http://www.timaru.govt.nz/dogs) for more information.*

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| - 3 or more Dog Licence | \$54 |
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*If you live in an Urban/Residential zoned area and have 3 or more dogs you need to apply for a licence. Please see [www.timaru.govt.nz/dogs](http://www.timaru.govt.nz/dogs) for more information.*

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| - Dual Selected Dog Owner / 3 or more Dog Licence | \$79 |
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*\*Fees in this brochure are subject to approval in the Timaru District Council Annual Plan at the time of printing and may be subject to change. In the case of inconsistency, the amount stated on the dog registration renewal form is the correct version.*

### Unregistered Dogs can be seized and impounded.

*If you fail to register your dog, and in particular if you repeatedly fail to register your dog, an Animal Control Officer may enter your property and seize the unregistered dog and impound it.*

*To reclaim your dog, you will need to pay your registration fee AND the impounding fee before your dog will be returned to you.*

## HERE'S HOW TO CONTACT US

### Timaru Main Office

2 King George Place  
PO Box 522  
Timaru 7940

T: (03) 687 7200  
0800 484 632 (24 hrs)  
E: [animalcontroladmin@timdc.govt.nz](mailto:animalcontroladmin@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

[www.timaru.govt.nz/dogs](http://www.timaru.govt.nz/dogs)