




K9



Welcome to our 2023 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

Timaru District Council Animal Control page

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 of their obligations as dog owners under the Dog Control Act 1996 and Timaru District Council bylaws
- Share cute/funny memes

Please search "Timaru District Council Animal Control" and like our page so that you can receive any updates on this page in your news feed.



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 to see any dogs we have up for adoption.

Costs of Adoption

Adoption fees are \$110 to cover dog registration, microchip and part payment of neutering costs, (you receive a voucher to a vet of your choice).

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.



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 current on our register. Please let the Council know, within 14 days, if your dog dies, you sell or give it away, or you/your dog change address.

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

New dogs need to be registered separately by visiting a Council office or service centre.

What happens if I don't register my dog?

- You will have to pay your dog registration fee plus an additional late payment fee of 50% if it is not registered by 30 August each year.
- If the dog remains unregistered the owner can be liable for a \$300 infringement and the dog can be seized and impounded.

Free Micro-Chipping Clinics are back!

If your dog has a current Timaru District registration free micro chipping is available.

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 29 July 2023
10:00am – 10:30am

Saturday 28 October 2023
10:00am – 10:30am

Saturday 27 January 2024
10:00am – 10:30am

Saturday 27 April 2024
10:00am – 10:30am

You must register your interest in attending the clinic by completing a micro-chipping form. This can be downloaded from our website or completed at the Council, Temuka or the 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 \$52 fee. Please complete a micro chipping form and pay the fee at the Council, Temuka or Geraldine Service Centres.

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 it will need to be micro-chipped even if it was registered prior to 2006

Dog bite prevention in schools

This involves a 45 minute presentation and is 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.

If you would like to enquire about Animal Control visiting your school, please contact us on 03 687 7200.



DOG EXERCISE INFO

Dog exercise areas

The list below 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 need be vigilant about watching their dog 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 on sports fields and to be kept 10 metres from playgrounds

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

Timaru

Dog exercise areas

- 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.

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)

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.



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

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

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

District Wide Prohibited Areas

- 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.



Owner responsibilities

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

- Clean up after your dog, always carry doggy doo bags. Bio degradable 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/on heat.**

Prevention methods for behavioural issues

- 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.

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: customer@timdc.govt.nz

Website: www.timaru.govt.nz/dogs

Temuka Service Centre

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

Geraldine Service Centre

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

Fees and charges

Category	Fee
Registration	
Entire Dog	\$121
Neutered Dog	\$69
Rural Pet Dog	\$42
Working dog	\$42
Selected Owner	\$42
Guide Dogs/Hearing Dogs	NO FEE
Puppy 3-12 months*	\$40

Microchipping

Micro-chipping for registered dogs that go to micro-chipping clinic <i>*to book in complete micro chip form and hand into council or email it to animalcontroladmin@timdc.govt.nz</i>	FREE
Micro-chipping outside of clinic / home visit	\$52

Licence fees

Selected Dog Owner application	\$46
3 or more Dog Licence	\$46
Dual Selected Dog Owner / 3 or more Dog Licence	\$67

