



Dear Dog Owner

CRITERIA FOR “PREFERRED OWNER POLICY”

1. Please study the criteria attached carefully.
2. If you believe that you qualify, fill out an application form held at the Tararua District Council service centre in your area, and pay the \$10.00 inspection fee.
3. Applications must be lodged before the 31st of May each year.
4. We will contact you by telephone or postcard to arrange a time and date to carry out the inspection.

YOU MUST BE PRESENT AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION

5. Congratulations – if you meet the criteria and are granted “PREFERRED OWNER” status.

Clayton Locke
General Inspector/Animal Control

TARARUA DISTRICT COUNCIL

PREFERRED OWNER POLICY CRITERIA/DECLARATION

I,

Of,

Certify that I have discussed the requirements of this policy with the Dog Control Officer, and that I fully understand my obligations under this policy.

As a "PREFERRED OWNER" I will be accorded a reduced dog control fee providing the following criteria have been met and are continued to be met each year.

PREFERRED OWNERS: -

1. A twelve-month probationary period applies to new dog owners wishing to apply for PREFERRED OWNER status.
2. Properties must be adequately fenced to contain the dog(s) at all times, or have in use a running wire approved by the Dog Control Officer.
3. Owners must ensure their dog(s) receive proper care and attention and the sleeping quarters are to the satisfaction of the Dog Control Officer.
4. Owners must register all dogs owned, or kept, by them in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996. Any fees paid after the due date for payment will be at the other dog rate plus the late payment penalty, and the PREFERRED OWNER status may be lost.
5. Council must be notified of any change of address within 14 days so that a new property inspection can be carried out. (No charge applies).
6. The Council must be notified within 14 days of any deaths, sales or transfers, including pups, owned by a Preferred Owner.
7. Preferred Owners must have their properties re-inspected if they acquire different dogs to the one(s) on their property when approved for PREFERRED OWNER status. Re-inspections are at no cost. Properties must conform to the current PREFERRED OWNER criteria in order to comply. (i.e. fencing requirements, housing etc).
8. Status will be revoked if more than one impounding per dog has occurred in the preceding twelve months or if dog(s) have been observed wandering at large on more than one occasion.

9. Status may be revoked where a Dog Control Officer or Ranger has received a complaint and has reasonable grounds for believing that a nuisance has or is being created by a PREFERRED OWNERS DOG(S) more than once in the previous twelve months.

10. All existing SELECTED OWNER POLICY holders are considered PREFERRED OWNERS and their properties deemed as conforming with the criteria until such time as a complaint as defined under any of the previous clauses is received.

I understand and hereby agree to abide by the criteria set down in this policy in order to be granted dog control fees at the PREFERRED OWNER POLICY holder's rate.

Signed _____ Date _____

Witnessed _____
Animal Control Officer

Signed _____
PREFERRED OWNER STATUS APPROVED