

# Application for three plus permit – dogs



## Please read this first

This form will be scanned by electronic equipment. It is important that you:

- use a blue or black pen to complete this form; and
- print clearly.

The application must be completed in full and application fee paid before the permit can be granted. All approvals are subject to a satisfactory property inspection and administrative checks.

The permit to keep three or more dogs is attached to the property, not to you as an owner. You will need to apply for a new permit if you move properties, or for any new dogs not listed on this form.

You do not require a three plus permit for working dogs.

## Are you eligible?

If you fall into any one of the following, you will be denied a permit to keep three or more dogs:

- You are a probationary or disqualified owner.
- You own a dog that has been classified by Council as dangerous or menacing.
- Any of your dogs were first registered after 1 July 2006 and have not been microchipped.
- A dog in your care has been impounded in the last 12 months.
- If you have you been convicted of any offence, paid an infringement fine or had an infringement notice referred to the District Court for collection of the fine under the Dog Control Act 1996, in the last two years.
- A dog in your care has attacked or bitten any person or animal.
- There has been a justified complaint against your dog(s) in the last 12 months.
- Any dog in your care is unregistered.

If you fulfil the initial conditions, please continue with the application.

## Dog owner details (Please print in CAPITALS)

Title:  Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms

First names

Surname

House/Rapid number

Street/Road name

Town

Postal address

Town

Postcode

## Office use only

NAR

Date received  /  / 20

Receipt number



## Conditions for a permit to keep three or more dogs

1. No occupier of premises within the district shall allow to remain, or shall keep for a period of over 14 days, three or more dogs aged three months or older at any one time (whether he or she is the owner of one or more of the dogs) unless they have a permit for such purposes from the Council.
  2. Such a permit may be issued subject to such terms, conditions and restrictions as the Council may consider necessary in a particular case.
  3. The dogs must be adequately confined on the property. If the property is not fully fenced on all boundaries, a portion of the property must be fenced. You must provide sufficient and proper housing for your dogs. Any kennels and runs must:
    - be in good repair;
    - confine the dogs sufficiently yet allow them to have an adequate exercise area;
    - have easily cleanable surfaces, especially the floors and inside the kennels/runs;
    - have good drainage in and around the area on which they are sited;
    - have doors facing away from prevailing winds;
    - be cool in summer and warm in winter;
    - contain a tip-proof source of drinking water, suitable for the dogs.
- NOTE:** Council does not consider that a fixed-point tether such as a kennel and chain is a good means of containing your dogs.
4. Keeping the dogs must not give rise to a nuisance created by the barking or whining of the dogs, or by other noises made by the dogs.
  5. No person shall permit or allow the dogs to be kept in conditions that are offensive or likely to be injurious to health of either the dogs or of people. Accordingly, the area where the dogs are confined must be kept in a clean and sanitary condition.
  6. Where the dogs are not normally confined inside a dwelling house, adequate kennelling of sufficient size to meet the needs of the dogs must be provided, with access to clean water. Kennelling should not, without Council approval, be within 2 metres of any boundary and is to be on a hygienic surface.
  7. All dogs are to be currently registered in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996.
  8. All dog owners must comply at all times with the Tararua District Bylaws and subsequent amendments as they affect the control of dogs.
  9. The property must be open to inspection by an authorised Council officer at any reasonable time as thought necessary by the Council, and allow for dog-free access to at least one door of the house.
  10. The permit is conditional on the applicant completing the permit application form fully and accurately, and not providing false or misleading information.
  11. The Council retains the right to:
    - refuse to grant a permit to keep three or more dogs aged three months or older;
    - revoke a permit to keep three or more dogs aged three months or older if these conditions are breached at any time; when the Council will give notice in writing that one or more dogs must be removed from the property within such time as the Council may consider appropriate in the particular case;
    - impose reasonable conditions on any permit to keep three or more dogs aged three months or older.
  12. The Council may fix by resolution a fee for a permit issued in terms of this clause, which shall be payable on the application for the permit. Such a fee shall be additional to any registration fees payable in terms of the Dog Control Act 1996.
  13. Every application for a permit shall be considered on its merits taking into account, amongst other things, the nature of the property and premises and of neighbouring properties and premises.
  14. Every permit is personal to the applicant, limited to the property and premises in respect of which it is issued and will remain in force unless revoked by the Council. On revocation of the permit, the dog owner or owners must reduce the number of dogs, as required by the Council.
  15. You must notify Council of any changes to your circumstances which are relevant such as the following:
    - One of your dogs dies or no longer lives at this address.
    - You acquire another dog.
  16. The licence precludes breeding, boarding or fostering of dogs for pecuniary gain. Commercial operations may require and be subject to resource consent and building permits.

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## Declaration

I consider that I have, and will continue to, meet the following conditions and requirements:

- I have complied, and will continue to comply with, the Tararua District Consolidated Bylaws as they relate to dogs.
- I have complied, and will continue to comply with, the Dog Control Act 1996.
- Any deaths, sales or transfer of dogs to or from my ownership, and changes of residential address will be notified in writing to the Council within 14 days.
- Registration fees have been paid by the due date (31 July of each year).
- The area that my dogs will, if kept outside, be housed in appropriate weatherproof and hygienic kennels, and kept two metres away from the boundary.
- My dogs have been checked and vaccinated by a veterinary surgeon in the last 12 months.

I have not:

- received a conviction under the Dog Control Act 1996 or been classified as a probationary or disqualified owner;
- received an infringement notice in the last 12 months;
- had a dog impounded in the last 12 months; or
- been the subject of a substantiated complaint in the last 12 months.

I agree to a property inspection where a Dog Control Officer will check that the dogs are controlled on the property within physical limits by either fencing, kennels, or leaving them indoors (all with hygienic and humane conditions). *NOTE: Council does not consider that a fixed-point tether such as a kennel and chain is a good means of containing your dogs.*

I understand that any breach of this declaration may lead to the immediate cancellation of the privileges under this permit.

Signature of applicant

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Date

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## What happens now?

- *You need to return the completed application to Tararua District Council.*
- *We will then check your records, and confirm in writing whether or not your application has been accepted.*
- *If accepted, a Dog Control Officer will do a random inspection of the property where the dogs normally reside. Special areas of attention regarding the property are the presence of suitable kennelling and run, effective fencing or other effective methods of containment, and access to water.*
- *If everything is satisfactory, you will be sent a letter approving the permit, and your records will be updated.*

## Office use only

### Admin check

- Application completed:  Yes  No
- Probationary/Disqualified owner:  Yes  No
- Dogs currently registered:  Yes  No
- Justified complaint in the last 12 months:  Yes  No
- Prosecution/Infringements:  Yes  No
- Impounding:  Yes  No
- More than two dogs permit  Yes  No
- Dogs microchipped if first registered after 1 July 2006:  Yes  No

Is the application valid?

- Yes  No

### Animal Control Officer – Inspection Report

- Kennels:  Good  Adequate  Unsatisfactory
- Floor:  Concrete  Timber  Earth  Other
- Sanitation:  Good  Adequate  Unsatisfactory
- Dog retention:  Fenced  Compound  Unsatisfactory  Adequate
- Noise control:  Good  Adequate  Unsatisfactory
- Operation:  Commercial  Non-commercial
- Breeding intentions:  Ongoing  Occasional  No

### Animal Control Officer – Recommendations

- Approved  Declined

Comments:

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Approved/Decline letter sent  /  / 2 0  Authority records updated  /  / 2 0

Sent to Records for scanning  /  / 2 0

Dog Control Officer  Date  /  / 2 0