

Information and application pack

Section 51 Dog Control Act 2000

When do I need to apply for a licence?

Any person who wishes to keep more than two dogs on a property (or four dogs in the case of working dogs) over the age of six months must apply to the General Manager for a Licence to keep several dogs.

How do I apply for a licence?

Complete the attached Application for intention to apply for keeping several dogs licence and pay associated fees. You are required to pay advertising fee, and Council will submit to the Mercury Newspaper, a daily circulating newspaper as legislation requires.

The applicant must agree to have site notices attached to all public frontages of the property where the dogs are to be situated

How will Council process the application?

In accordance with Section 53 of the *Dog Control Act 2000*, The General Manager cannot consider an application until 28 days after the notice of intention has been advertised.

During this time any objections that may have been submitted in respect of the application will be noted for consideration. Following the application being submitted and the prescribed fee paid an Animal Management Officer will then undertake a property inspection of your premises to ascertain the suitability for the keeping of several dogs.

This inspection will include

- Fencing – ensure this is adequate to prevent straying
- Barking – discuss how noise level of barking will be monitored and managed, as to not create a nuisance
- Disposal – correct disposal of excreta can be carried out.
- Registration – all dogs must be registered with Council and details are “up to date”

Who may object to an application?

In accordance with Section 52 of the *Dog Control Act 2000* any persons residing within 200 metres of the boundary of the premises to which a licence relates may object in writing to the General Manager against the granting of the licence within 14 days after the notice of intention has been advertised.

How will Council reach a decision?

There are several factors that are taken into consideration when determining if a licence should be granted, these are:

- Any objections received.
- The property inspection report.
- Any previous complaints received regarding the dogs on the premises, and the likelihood of the dogs creating a nuisance in the future.
- Any other reports/inspections as requested by the General Manager.

Where a licence is granted, the applicant will be notified via mail, outlining any specific conditions of the licence and a permit for the licence will be attached.



What can I do if Council refuses to grant a licence?

If an application is refused the applicant will be advised via mail, outlining reasons in accordance with Section 59 of the Act, if an application is refused the applicant does have the right of appeal, the applicant may apply to the Magistrates Court (Administrative Appeal Division).

Renewal of Licence

Licences expire on the 30 June of each year. At this time a reminder is sent out in conjunction with the dog registration notices. If you wish to renew your licence the prescribed renewal fee is to be made to Council, following which a property inspection is undertaken to ascertain if set conditions of the licence are continuing to be met.

What happens if I want to increase the number of dogs or replace one breed with another or move property?

The licence that is granted only specifies the number and breed of dogs to which the licence relates, therefore if you wish to increase the number of dogs or change the breed kept you will be required to re-apply for a licence. Likewise, if you do move residence, the licence is **not** transferable, therefore you will be required to re-apply for the licence.

If you are not the owner of the property, you will need written permission from the property owner to keep several dogs at the premises.

Council can withdraw a licence at any time, where the licence holder fails to adhere to the conditions of the licence or the requirements of the *Dog Control Act 2000*.



KEEPING SEVERAL DOGS LICENCE NOTICE OF INTENTION - FORM



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New Norfolk TAS 7140

ABN 75 384 057 266

APPLICANT DETAILS & DECLARATION

Name

Address

Postal Address (if different)

Phone

Mobile

Email

I hereby apply for a licence to keep the following number of dogs of the following breed(s)

I undertake that all conditions of the licence and regulations of the *Dog Control Act 2000* will be adhered to at all times. I understand that if any of the conditions are breached that Council has the authority to cancel the licence at any time.

I hereby tender the prescribed application fee of **\$161.00** and advertising fee of **\$418.00**

Dated the

day of

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Signed

PRIVACY STATEMENT

The personal information requested on this form is being collected by Derwent Valley Council to assess and process the application. The personal information will be used solely by Council for that/those primary purpose(s) or directly related purposes.

The intended recipients of the information are Council Officers, agents, or contractors of Council. The use of this information will not be disclosed to any other party, except with your permission or if required or authorised by law. How Council uses this information is explained in our Privacy Policy, which is available on Council's web site www.derwentvalley.tas.gov.au.

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