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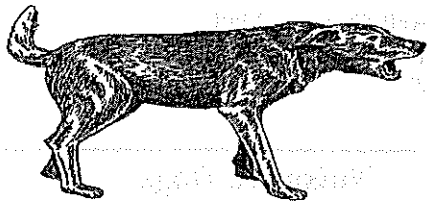
Any person who is exercising a dog outside their own property is responsible for picking up and removing any droppings laid by that animal.

## **Dangerous Dogs**

Council may classify any dog that has hurt or threatened another person or animal as "dangerous". Owners must ensure that any dangerous dog:

- Is kept within a securely fenced portion of the owner's property, completely separate to access routes;
- Is muzzled whenever it is taken outside its owner's property;
- Is neutered within 1 month of being classified as dangerous.

Owners of dangerous dogs will also be charged an extra 50% for registering the animal.



## **Irresponsible Owners**

### **Probationary Owners**

Owners who have been found, on more than one occasion, to neglect their dog, allow it to wander from home, or to break any other condition within the Dog Control Policy, will be classified by Council as a **Probationary Owner**.

Probationary owners:

- are charged a 50% surcharge on all dog control fees;
- are not allowed to acquire a new dog; and
- hold the classification for up to 24 months.

### **Disqualification of Ownership**

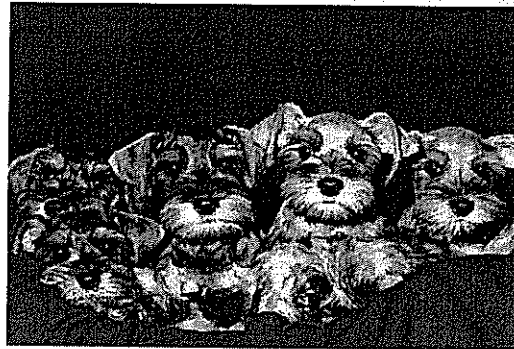
If a dog owner causes extreme stress to their animal and/or continues to commit offences against the Dog Control policy, the Council may **Disqualify** that owner from the right of owning a dog for up to five years.

## **Maximum Number of Dogs**

An owner may keep up to 3 dogs over 3 months of age on their property. Anyone wanting to keep more than 3 dogs have to apply for a *Kennel Licence*. Application forms are available from the Central Otago District Council offices.

## **Neutering Dogs**

The Council encourages dog owners to neuter their dogs, as part of being a responsible dog owner. The Council may also make owners neuter their dog if the animal is found to be continually wandering and/or making a nuisance of itself.



For more information or for a copy of the *Central Otago Dog Control Policy* call in to your local Central Otago District Council office.

### **Contact Telephone Numbers:**

	<b>General Enquires Council Offices</b>	<b>Registration Central Vets</b>
Alexandra	(03) 448-6979	(03) 448-8612
Cromwell	(03) 445-0211	(03) 445-1229
Ranfurly	(03) 444-9170	(03) 444-9615
Roxburgh	(03) 446-8105	

**Complaints Alexandra/Cromwell:** Securitas (03) 449 2690  
**Ranfurly/Roxburgh:** Phone 24 hour Service  
Centre number as above

# CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT

# DOG CONTROL POLICY

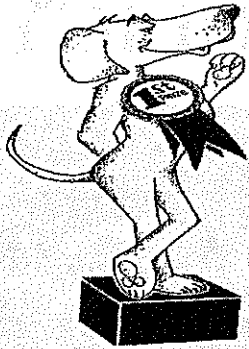


## What Is It and How Does It Work?

Dogs are affectionate and loyal creatures and make great family pets. They also need, and deserve, a lot of care and attention and, if neglected, can become a real nuisance to their owners, not to mention the owners' neighbours!

The Central Otago Dog Control Policy was introduced by the District Council in July 1997 to provide a framework for dog control services that will:

- \* Encourage responsible ownership of dogs
- \* Protect the rights of residents and visitors to the District (dog owners and non dog owners alike)



## Objectives of Responsible Dog Owners

All dog owners should ensure that their dog:

- Is registered
- Receives proper care, attention, nutrition and shelter
- Is adequately exercised
- Is kept under control at all times
- Does not cause a nuisance to neighbouring residents
- Does not injure or distress any livestock, people or property

## Dog Registrations

All dogs over the age of 3 months need to be registered. Central Vets undertake all dog registrations for the Central Otago District.

## Shelter

Dog owners must provide a well-drained weatherproof kennel or place of confinement with access to clean water. The shelter must be of adequate size for the dog.

## Exercise

It is important that all dogs receive adequate exercise. In addition to taking their dogs for a walk on a leash, owners may let their dogs play unconstrained in the following **Dog Exercise Areas**, provided they are kept under control by their owner or supervisor at all times:

### Alexandra

- \* The Alexandra Town Belt Recreation Reserve, between State Highway 85 and the Pine Lodge Motor Camp, and between the Alexandra Cemetery Reserve and Dunstan Road
- \* The Alexandra Pines, between State Highway 8 and the Clutha River, and between Molyneux Park and the Alexandra Golf Course
- \* The "Linger and Die" - i.e., land between Rivers Road and the Manuherikia River

### Clyde

- \* Sunderland Street road reserve, between Orchard Street and Hospital Street

### Cromwell

- \* Land surrounding the Chafer Beetle Reserve, south of Cromwell
- \* Plantation between the refuse station and the cemetery
- \* The Pines area, between Gair Avenue, McNulty Road and Flora Street
- \* Victoria Park reserve area on Alpha Street between the Ray Street intersection

### Naseby

- \* Eastern side of the Hogburn Creek, between the Hogburn bridge and the town boundary
- \* Area adjacent to the Naseby Refuse Tip, off Channel Road

### Ranfurly

- \* The unformed area of Caulfeild Street on the southern boundary of the Maniototo Golf Course, from Tyrone Street to Drumglass Street
- \* Vacant land, from the Pery/Tyrone Street intersection to the showground and cemetery

## Control of Dogs in Public Places

### Dogs on Leash

Whenever a dog leaves its owner's property it must be kept under control at all times. All dogs within the Alexandra, Clyde, Cromwell, Naseby, Ranfurly or Roxburgh townships must be controlled on a leash.

### No Dogs Allowed

To protect the health and well-being of others, dogs are **prohibited** from any of the following public places:

- \* Children's playgrounds
- \* Designated playing areas of all sport fields
- \* Cemeteries
- \* Swimming pools
- \* Designated bathing areas of lakes or rivers (during daylight saving season)
- \* Premises where food is manufactured, stored or sold
- \* The Cromwell Shopping Mall
- \* Department of Conservation land designated as "Closed Dog Areas"

## Nuisance Dogs

### Impounding Dogs

Dog Control Officers may impound any unregistered dog or any dog found wandering outside its owner's property. Residents may also seize a wandering dog and hand it over to the Council's Dog Control Officers. Owners must pay a fine to have their dog released from the pound.

### Infringement Notices

Dog Control Officers may issue infringement notices (fines) in situations where the conditions of either the Dog Control Act 1996 or the Central Otago Dog Control Policy 1997 have been breached. A list of infringement fees are provided in the Dog Control Policy.

### Barking

Dog Control Officers may issue a written warning or, if necessary, impound a dog that is continually and persistently barking loudly.