



# Being a responsible dog owner

**Your legal obligation as a dog owner are as follows:**



Your dog must be registered, as required by law, before attaining the age of 3 months then re-registered each year.



To notify Council of any changes to your address or dog ownership.



To supply your dog with proper care and attention which includes clean drinking water, food, and warm dry shelter.



That your dog receives adequate and regular exercise in accordance to the size or breed of your dog.



Ensure your dog does not cause a nuisance to any other person by loud and persistent barking, howling or by any other means.



Take all reasonable steps to ensure your dog does not injure, endanger, intimidate or otherwise cause distress or harm to any stock, poultry, domestic animal or protected wildlife.



Take all reasonable steps to ensure your dog does not damage or endanger any property belonging to any person.



To comply with the requirements of the Dog Control Act 1996 and all regulations and bylaws of the Rangitikei District Council.





## **You must advise Rangitikei District Council:**

- If your dog dies
- If your dog leaves the district
- If you have a change of address
- If ownership of the dog changes

## **An owner, in relation to any dog, means any person who:**

- Owns the dog, or
- Has had the dog in their possession for 72 hours or more
- Who is the parent or guardian of a person under the age of 16 years who has a dog. In this case the parent or guardian is legally responsible for the dogs registration and actions

## **WHAT DOES YOUR REGISTRATION COVER?**

### **All dog related issues including but not limited to:**

- Barking Dogs
- Wandering / Roaming Dogs
- Dog Attacks / Person / Animal / Stock / Wildlife
- Rushing Dogs
- Impounding dogs
- Secured Dogs
- Patrolling problem areas
- Euthanasia of unclaimed dogs
- Welfare issues
- Owner education

### **Other issues:**

- Customer Mediation / Advice
- Legal matters / Hearings
- Classified dogs
- Media enquiries
- Accidents involving stock / horses on roads
- Police, SPCA, Animal Shelters, Vets assistance
- Provide a 24-Hour service

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