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Dog Policy & Bylaw

We have adopted a formal policy to meet the requirements of the Act and set out our goals to achieve effective dog control. Copies are available on our website (www.cluthadc.govt.nz), or on request.

Microchipping

Amendments to the Act require all new dogs reaching 3 months of age after 1 July 2006; all dogs classified as dangerous or menacing; any unregistered dog that has been impounded; and any registered dog that is impounded twice to have an identification microchip inserted. This can be done by any vet, ideally when the dog is being seen for other reasons such as vaccinations.

In terms of enforcement, our view is that dangerous or menacing dogs should be chipped under the law, but as long as other dogs are registered we will give low priority to taking legal action against dog owners who don't comply. However, if the dog is impounded or classified as dangerous or menacing, we will enforce chipping, and the costs involved are likely to be higher than if done voluntarily.

Telebanking

If you make payments by this method, please return the registration form with this information on it, as this will assist us in our accounting procedures.



Dog Registration

Attached please find your Dog Registration Application form for the 2009/10 year. The registration of all dogs over the age of three months is required to be made by 31 July 2009.

A penalty charge equivalent to 50% of the relevant fee will be charged for all dogs that were due for registration on 1 July 2009, but which are not registered by 1 August 2009. Reminder notices for unregistered dogs will be issued in August. Infringement notices for unregistered dogs will be issued to dog owners who fail to register their dogs.

Note that all dog owners are now required to provide owner date of birth details on this registration form. It is a requirement of the Dog Control Act, and you can be fined if this information is not provided.

Postal Droncit for Ovis Prevention

We offer a Droncit postal service to any dog owner who wishes to treat their dogs themselves. Tablets can be posted at monthly, three-monthly, or six-monthly intervals. An order form is attached on the back of this newsletter for new subscribers and those who wish to amend their order. For those already on the service, it will continue unless you advise us otherwise.

The cost is based on one Droncit tablet to 20kg worth of dog weight at \$1 (GST incl.) per tablet. This is the recommended dosage for the control of taenia ovis (sheep measles) and a routine tapeworm treatment. (Please note the higher dosage rate printed on each Droncit tablet is for the treatment of hydatid tapeworm which has been eliminated).

For general dog health, Droncit can be alternated with Drontal Allwormer which is also effective against the sheep measles tapeworm. The cost is based on one Drontal tablet to 10kg of dog weight at \$3 (GST incl.) per tablet. Please indicate on the order form if this is a preference.

You will be invoiced with the second allocation of tablets.



Dog Owner Responsibility

We continue to have an ongoing problem in the Clutha District with wandering dogs.

We receive a number of complaints from residents about dogs wandering and fouling footpaths and other people's property. This seems to happen most often early in the morning and evening when dog owners let their dog out to 'do their business' before they go to work and when they come home.

Please remember that as a dog owner, you have the responsibility to ensure your dog is not allowed to wander and that it is not okay to allow your dog to foul on your neighbours' lawn or on the footpath. Wandering dogs also present a traffic hazard and scavenge in rubbish bins.

Council's dog control staff will impound any dogs caught wandering and their owners will be liable for the payment of pound fees. Repeat offenders will require to be microchipped and their owners may also be issued with infringement notices.

Dog owners are also reminded that if their dog defecates in a public place or on private land other than their own they are required to immediately clean up after it. It is recommended owners walking their dogs carry a plastic bag for this purpose.



CLUTHA DISTRICT COUNCIL MAIL ORDER TAENIA OVIS PREVENTION

If you are already in this scheme and wish to continue, complete this form to update dog changes. Please advise if you wish to discontinue.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

Treatment Option

Please Tick

Monthly

3-Monthly

6-Monthly

Dog's Name	Weight	Breed

[For Office Use Only]

Invoice No. _____ Date: _____

Fee \$ _____ Receipt No. _____