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Dear Dog Owner

Dog Registration

It's that time again.

Dog registration is due on 1 July and all dogs on your property will need to be registered during the month of July.

There have been some changes since last year so please read the information below to make sure you comply with the new regulations.

Fees

I am sure you have noticed the first increase in dog fees since 1996. The fee this year is \$35.00 per dog. The increase is to fund additional activities such as owner education as well as extra personnel to provide an increased level of service.

National Database

The Department of Internal Affairs is now required to hold a database of all dogs in New Zealand. This database relies on standardisation of breeds and colours. It is no longer permitted to use descriptions like mongrel, cattle dog, bitsa or cross breed so you must select the breed and colour from the list attached. If you need help with this a dog control officer is available to assist on 0800 1058 90. We are not able to register your dog without an identified breed or colour, or if the forms have not been fully completed.

We have enclosed a registration form, which shows the details we currently hold to assist you. Please check the forms thoroughly to ensure the information is complete and correct.

Issuing of Tags

The more rigorous checking of forms that we are required to do will result in a few days' delay before you receive your tags and will mean that we cannot issue tags over the counter although forms and payments may be left at our offices in the usual way.

Yours faithfully



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