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DOG & BONE



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WELCOME TO THE 2018 EDITION OF DOG & BONE

NELSON CITY COUNCIL'S NEWSLETTER FOR DOG OWNERS.



2018 DOG REGISTRATIONS

It's time to renew your dog registration.

All dogs over three months of age on 1 July must have a current registration.

As a dog owner, you're responsible for ensuring your dog is registered by the 1 July deadline.

Payment can be made online at my.nelson.govt.nz, where you will also find a schedule of fees.

If you don't register your dog, you may be liable for a \$300 fine and your dog may be impounded.

Dog registration fees are used for dog control purposes including running the animal shelter, dog patrols, education, training, advice, signage and providing dog poop bags. Find out more at nelson.govt.nz/dogs.

DOGS ONLINE

We launched our new online dog registration portal last year at my.nelson.govt.nz, so you can now register, pay and manage your dog registration online.

If you've already registered, we will have all your details so it will be a simple job to re-register your dog this year by logging in to the Dog Registration portal at my.nelson.govt.nz. You can also check that all of your details are up-to-date and make any changes you need to.

If you haven't already registered, you'll need to set up your account. Go to my.nelson.govt.nz and click on Dog Registration (under Animal Management) – then follow the prompts to create an account. You'll need your dog owner number, which you will find on the registration form you received with this newsletter, and your date of birth.

If you need any help with setting up an account, logging in or registering your dog, contact Council's Customer Service Centre and we can help. Just remember, however you do it, all dogs need to be registered by 1 July.

The Dogs Online system only accepts payment by credit card, so if you want to pay by internet banking go to nelson.govt.nz/internet-payment.

DID YOU KNOW?

5770

DOGS REGISTERED IN NELSON CURRENTLY

1920

DOG RELATED SERVICE CALLS RECEIVED 2016/17

353

DOGS WERE IMPOUNDED IN 2016/17

673

DOGS WERE FOUND ROAMING IN 2016/17



DO YOU SCOOP THE POOP?

By picking up your dog's poop, you are making a great contribution to the health of our rivers, streams and beaches, and potentially stopping people getting sick from swimming. You're also making sure you are not leaving a nasty mess for other people to walk in.

In the month of June, you might get a thank you from our dog control team, with our Scoop the Poop free coffee voucher scheme.

To thank the people who are doing the right thing – carrying a dog poop bag with them and picking up their pooch's droppings – we'll be running a 'Scoop the Poop' promotion through the month of June. Our Dog Control Officers will be out and about on their rounds, rewarding responsible owners with free coffee vouchers as a way of saying thanks for caring about our environment and our rivers.

Why is dog poop a problem? Most people don't realise that bacteria from dog faeces is washed into the river during rain or flood event. Dog faeces are one of the major contributors to *E.coli* found in rivers.

You can do your bit to keep our rivers, parks, streets and footpaths clean – and comply with regulations – by carrying a dog poop bag when in a public place, and removing the faeces immediately. Failure to do so can result in a \$300 fine!



WHY IS THAT DOG BARKING?

Barking dogs can be upsetting for everyone – neighbours and the dog owner.

If you're having trouble with a dog barking in your area, we encourage you (if you feel comfortable doing so) to go and talk to the owner of the barking dog, or drop a note in their letterbox. Often they may not realise there is a problem.

If this proves unsuccessful contact Council's Customer Services Centre, and our Dog Control Officers will contact the owner and launch an investigation. We will try to work with the owner to address the issue. If necessary, Dog Control Officers do have powers to serve Barking Abatement Notices, issue Infringement Notices and/or remove a barking dog from the property.

And if it is your dog that is barking – which can be just as upsetting – check out our 'Nobody Likes a Noisy Dog' brochure which has lots of information on how to solve the problem.

nelson.govt.nz/problem-dogs

