

KENNEL LICENCE

DOG CONTROL ACT 2000 (TAS)

Under the Dog Control Act 2000 you are required to apply for a Kennel Licence if you intend to keep:

More than two dogs over the age of six months; or

More than four working dogs over the age of six months

STEP 1

Ensure all dogs on the property are microchipped and registered with Council.



STEP 2

- 1) Fill out a Kennel Licence Application
- 2) Submit a Notice of Intention to apply for a Kennel Licence form to the Advocate newspaper and pay the advertising fee

Any person who lives within 200 metres of the property may submit a written objection to Council.

- 3) Return to Council the Kennel Licence Application and copy of the advertisement.
- 4) Pay the prescribed Kennel Licence Application fee.

If you are not the owner of the property, you must include the property owner details as well as written approval from the owner.

STEP 3

- 1) Council will review any objections and complaints received.
- 2) Council will arrange and conduct an inspection of the property.
The authorised officer:
 - may take photos of the property
 - may take photos of the dogs
 - scan the dogs for microchips
 - check dog registrations
- 3) After an inspection, a report will be compiled for Council to consider the merits of the kennel licence application.

Please note:

- Applying for a licence does not guarantee you will get one.
- You do not necessarily have to own all the dogs. If all the dogs are kept on one property then a licence is required.
- Licences expire on 30 June each year. There is a renewal fee which is reviewed each year.
- The penalty for not having a licence is 1 penalty unit
- A kennel licence is not transferable to another property.

STEP 4

There are several factors that are taken into consideration when determining if a licence should be granted, these are:

- Any objections received;
- The property inspection report;
- Any previous complaints received in regards to the dogs on the premises, and the likelihood of the dogs creating a nuisance in the future;
- Any other reports/inspections as requested by the General Manager

When all areas have been addressed satisfactorily, including payment of the prescribed fee, a Kennel Licence will then be issued no earlier than twenty-eight days after a Notice of Intention to Apply for a Kennel Licence has been advertised.

A Kennel Licence may be issued with conditions for a set number and breed of dogs.

If you are refused a licence you have the right to appeal to the Magistrates Court.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The following specifications are recommended where a kennel or yard for the keeping of the dogs is proposed:

- a) The kennel or yard should be at least 9 metres from any dwelling-house.
- b) The kennel or yard should be at least 2 metres from any boundary fence of the premises on which the yard is constructed.
- c) The premises should be enclosed in such a manner so as to contain any dogs kept in the kennel or yard.
- d) The kennel or yard should be constructed of suitable material in such a way as to provide effective methods of cleaning disinfection.
- e) There should be sufficient room to allow dogs reasonable freedom of movement.
- f) There should be a raised suitable sleeping area.
- g) Adequate ventilation and insulation should be provided to maintain a comfortable internal temperature, freedom from condensation, and an adequate supply of fresh air.
- h) A sanitary method of disposal of excreta and waste is to be provided.
- i) Don't forget, fresh water should always be available.

What can I do if Council refuses to grant a licence?

If an application is refused the applicant will be advised via mail, outlining reasons for the refusal.

In accordance with Section 59 of the Dog Control Act 2000, if an application is refused the applicant does have the right of appeal, the applicant may appeal to the Magistrates Court (Administrative Appeal Division).

What happens when I want to increase the number of dogs or I have moved property.

The licence that is granted specifies the maximum number of dogs to which the licence relates, therefore if you wish to increase the number of dogs or change the breed kept you will be required to re-apply for a licence.

Likewise if you move residence, the licence is not transferable and you will be required to re-apply for the kennel licence at your new property address.

Will planning and building Approval be required?

Under normal circumstances planning and building approval is not required if the dogs are kept as pets, working or hunting dogs, or for show purposes.

However:

- if the total floor area of the kennels exceeds 10 square metres or;
- you are planning on running a boarding facility or business;

the planning and building approvals may be required.



Note: Council can withdraw a licence at any time, if the licence holder fails to adhere to the conditions of the licence or the requirements of the Act.