

LGOIMA Response to Karen Anderson – Canine Research New Zealand

Tuesday 10 December 2024

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Dear Karen,

Thank you for your request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, received by the Gore District Council on Thursday 21 November. You asked for the following:

1. *A copy of, and the date and place of publication notice for the:*
  - a. *Dog control and poundage fees for financial years 2023-24 & 2024-25.*
  - b. *Dog Control Policy and Practises Report for the financial years 2022-23 & 2023-24.*
2. *In relation to the dog registration process:*
  - a. *The application form and all other information or documents provided to a person seeking to apply to register a dog for or during registration years 2023-24 & 2024-25.*
  - b. *All documents and information provided to a person from whom an application to register a dog has been received for or during registration years 2023-24 & 2024-25.*
3. *Links to the Council documents dealing with:*
  - a. *Setting dog registration and poundage fees and charges for registration years 2023-24 & 2024-25, and a link to where those fees and charges are located on the Council website.*
  - b. *The Dog Control Policy and Practises Report for the financial years 2022-23 & 2023-24, and a link to where those reports are located on the Council website.*
4. *The financial statements for the 'dog account' or dog control activity for the financial years 2022-23 & 2023-24, including details of operating expenses, and income from infringement fees and fines.*
5. *If the dog control activity, or any part, has not been performed by the Gore District Council during the last five calendar years, for example because it has been contracted out, performed pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding or some other arrangement:*
  - a. *The name of the party performing the work, the nature of the work being performed, and the period the work was performed by them.*
  - b. *The documentation relating to that arrangement, preferably by linking to the documents on the Council website.*
  - c. *The most recent copy of the section 17A Report and related documents reviewing the arrangement, or the documents dealing with the determination no such review was required.*

Council has reviewed your request and provides the following responses:

1. A copy of, and the date and place of publication notice for the:
  - a. Please see attached copies of notices.
    - i. The 2023-24 fees published in The Ensign on 21 June 2023.
    - ii. The 2024-25 fees published in The Ensign on 19 June 2024.
  - b. Please see attached.
2. In relation to the dog registration process:
  - a. Applications for dog registrations are through the online portal on our website [here](#).
  - b. Please see attached.
3. Links to the Council documents dealing with:
  - a. The 2023-2024 fees have been removed from the website to ensure users are not confused. A copy of these have been attached for you. The 2024-25 fees and charges can be found on Council's website [here](#).
4. We have included the financial statements for the Animal Control activity.
5. Animal Control services have been provided in house for many years. There are no services contracted out in this department.

If you are unsatisfied with the response, you are entitled to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsmen. You can find more information on its website <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz>.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me on 209-0330.

Kind regards



Lorna Straith  
General Manager Corporate Support / Chief Financial Officer

## Dog Registration Fees

### DOG REGISTRATION FEES

Register online at:

[online.goredc.govt.nz/do-it-online/animals](https://online.goredc.govt.nz/do-it-online/animals)



The Council will be sending out dog registration notices soon. In the meantime, if you own a dog and have moved during the last 12 months, please let us know your new address.

It's important we have your correct street address for any information we might send out. Our Do It Online portal makes it easy to update details and register your dog.

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| <b>Registration Fee: Non-Working Dog</b>  | <b>\$120</b> |
| <i>Less</i>   |              |
| (a) Neutered or spayed  | -\$40        |
| (b) No dog complaints, impoundments or infringements within a two-year period   | -\$20        |
| <b>Registration Fee Inclusive of (a) and (b)</b>  | <b>\$60</b>  |
| <b>Licence fee (three or more dogs)</b>   | <b>\$150</b> |
| <b>Registration Fee: Working Dog</b>  | <b>\$25</b>  |
| <i>Plus</i>   |              |
| Dog complaints, impoundment or infringement within a two year period  | \$20         |
| All new registrations for pups and dogs under three months of age reduced proportionately by one-twelfth (1/12) per month, according to the date registered |              |
| <b>Late Registration Fee</b>  |              |
| Non-Working Dog   | 40%          |
| Working Dog   | 40%          |
| <b>Pound Charges</b>  |              |
| First impoundment – current registration  | \$50         |
| First impoundment – unregistered  | \$80         |
| Every subsequent impoundment  | \$150        |
| Euthanasia fees or veterinary costs   | Cost         |
| Daily care fee – includes: food, shelter and exercise   | \$15         |
| <b>Microchipping</b>  |              |
| Standard microchipping of dogs released from the pound  | \$36         |
| Non-standard microchipping procedures will be charged at cost   | Cost         |
| Additional fee for impounding or releasing dogs at weekends, public holidays or outside the Council's office hours  | \$50         |

## Upcoming Meetings

Meetings are held in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore, unless otherwise stated. All meetings, except those in-committee, are live-streamed on the Council's YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/GoreDC](https://www.youtube.com/GoreDC)

### Tuesday 27 June

The Community Wellbeing Committee will meet, starting at 4:00pm.

### Tuesday 27 June

The Council will meet following the Community Wellbeing Committee meeting.

### Tuesday 11 July

The Council will hold its monthly meeting, starting at 4:00pm.

### Tuesday 18 July

The Audit and Risk Committee will meet, starting at 4:00pm.

Agendas for all meetings, except those in-committee, are available on the Council's website [www.goredc.govt.nz](https://www.goredc.govt.nz) (link on homepage).

## Important Notice to Food Operators

The Ministry of Primary Industries is changing the food control plan template.

All registered food operators will need to update their food control plans to ensure they follow the new rules.

For more information, please visit [www.goredc.govt.nz/services/food-health-and-gambling/food](https://www.goredc.govt.nz/services/food-health-and-gambling/food).

## Last Chance for Rates Rebate

Friday 30 June is the last day to apply for a rates rebate for the present rating year (2022/23).

The Council processes rebate applications each year under the Rates Rebate Scheme, which it administers on behalf of the Department of Internal Affairs.

Visit [www.goredc.govt.nz/property-rates/rates/rates-rebate](https://www.goredc.govt.nz/property-rates/rates/rates-rebate) to see if you qualify or email [ratesrebate@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:ratesrebate@goredc.govt.nz) for more information.

## Aquatic Centre School Holiday Hours

The pool will have temporary opening hours from Saturday 1 - Sunday 16 July:

**Monday – Sunday, 10:00am – 6:00pm**

### Aqua classes:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 10:15am – 11:00am

The MLT Event Centre hours remain unchanged.

## Dog Registration Fees 2024/25

We will be sending out dog registration notices soon. In the meantime, if you own a dog and have moved during the last 12 months, please let us know your new address. It is important we have your correct street address for any information we might send out. Our Do it Online portal makes it easy to update details and register your dog.

| Dog Fees  | 2024/25      |
|---|--------------|
| <b>Registration Fee: Non-Working Dog</b>  | <b>\$125</b> |
| <i>Less</i>   |              |
| (a) Neutered or spayed  | -\$40        |
| (b) No dog complaints, impoundments or infringements within a two-year period   | -\$20        |
| Registration fee inclusive of (a) and (b)   | \$65         |
| Licence fee (three or more dogs) \$   | \$150        |
| <b>Registration Fee - Working Dog</b>   | <b>\$30</b>  |
| <i>Plus</i>   |              |
| Dog complaints, impoundment or infringement within a two year period  | \$20         |
| <i>All new registrations for pups and dogs under three months of age reduced proportionately by one-twelfth (1/12) per month, according to the date registered.</i> |              |
| <b>Late Registration Fee</b>  | <b>\$40%</b> |
| <b>Pound Charges</b>  |              |
| First impoundment   | \$100        |
| Every subsequent impoundment  | \$150        |
| Euthanasia fees or veterinary costs   | Cost         |
| Daily care fee – includes: food, shelter and exercise   | \$20         |
| <b>Microchipping</b>  |              |
| Standard microchipping of dogs released from the pound  | \$40         |
| Non-standard microchipping procedures will be charged at cost   | Cost         |
| Additional fee for impounding or releasing dogs at weekends, public holidays or outside the Council's office hours  | \$50         |

## Otama Valley Road Bridge Closure

Work is due to start on replacing the 43-year-old Otama Valley Road bridge.

The bridge, which is located near the Otama Valley Road-Pyramid Creek Road intersection, will be closed to all traffic from **Monday 1 July**.

The old hardwood bridge, which has a 26,400kg weight restriction, is nearing the end of its life and will be replaced by a concrete bridge. The new bridge will be suitable for HPMV traffic – vehicles over 44,000kg. Detours will be signposted. Work is expected to take about four weeks.

## Kāhui Whetū

Join us on **Thursday 27 June** as we celebrate Matariki! This free, family-friendly event transforms the Gore Gardens into a glowing light display with food trucks, entertainment, and free neon face painting. This event is one night only, **5:00pm – 9:00pm**.

## Matariki Hours

Mānawatia a Matariki! We will have staff on call across our various services over Matariki weekend. If there's an issue requiring attention as soon as possible, or you need noise control, phone 209-0330.

Non-urgent issues can be reported using our Antenna App, which you can easily download from the App Store or Google Play.

**The following facilities will be closed Friday 28 June:**

- Main Office
- Gore Transfer Station
- Gore Library
- Gore Visitor Centre
- Mataura Library & Service Centre
- Croydon Aviation Heritage Centre

**The following facilities will be operating on reduced hours:**

- Gore Aquatic Centre: 1:00pm - 5:00pm
- Eastern Southland Gallery: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Wheelie bin services across the District will remain unaffected by the long weekend, as there is no rubbish collection on Fridays.

## Matariki Storytime

Join the Gore Library team for a very special Matariki Storytime. Starting at **6:00pm on Wednesday June 26**, pyjamas are encouraged at this night time story time. Youth Librarian Julie de Villiers will read a series of Matariki and New Zealand themed stories before welcoming children and parents alike to take part in a very special Matariki themed craft. This event is free and for all ages!

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### Tuesday 25 June

Council meeting, from 4.00pm, Council Chambers

### Tuesday 2 July

Community Wellbeing Committee meeting, starting at 4:00pm

Agendas for all meetings, except those in-committee, are available on the Council's website [www.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.goredc.govt.nz) (link on homepage).

**ANNUAL  
DOG  
CONTROL  
REPORT  
2022-23**



**Report on the administration of Gore District Council's Policy and Practices in relation to the control of dogs for the year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.**

**Dog control in the Gore District**

The total number of registered dogs in the Gore District as at 30 June 2023 was 3315. Approximately one third of these dogs are pets domiciled in the urban areas of the Gore District.

The Council employs one full-time officer and three part-time after-hours officers. The full-time officer works Monday to Friday and is on call for night shift and weekend, once every nine weeks. One part-time officer is on call on a two week on, one week off roster system, with the other weeks being picked up by the remaining officers on a nine-weekly cycle.

**Dog control enforcement practices**

During the year under review, the Council received 22 formal safety related complaints in regard to the behaviour of dogs. Of the complaints received, eight concerned dog attacks on people and 14 on animals. All the complaints were the subject of an investigation and action to address the concerns of the complainants was implemented.

The Council is still finding some dogs are not being claimed by their owners, after being impounded. This appears to be due to the cost of registering/microchipping the dogs and the cost of impounding fees which are required to be paid by the Council in full before the dogs can be released. These dogs are rehomed if they are of suitable temperament usually through Furever Homes in Invercargill or in some cases to private individuals, after checks are carried out on them and their property. Otherwise, they are taken to the vet to be euthanased.

During the year, a total of 72 infringement notices were issued. Council representatives contacted dog owners via phone, text or visited dog owners in the area reminding them to register their dogs after reminder notices for non-registration were issued. Unfortunately, some dog owners did not heed the warnings given, forcing the Council to issue infringement notices for non-registration. The Council offers a payment plan to dog owners struggling to make payment in full and people seem to be taking advantage of this.

**Dog registration and other fees**

A comparison of the dog registration fees for the year ending 30 June 2023 with the previous year is as follows:

|   | 2021/22  | 2022/23  |
|---|----------|----------|
| <b>Registration fee – urban dog</b>   | \$120.00 | \$120.00 |
| a. Less – no dog complaints, impoundments or infringements within a two year period | -\$20.00 | -\$20.00 |
| b. Less – neutered or spayed  | -\$40.00 | -\$40.00 |

|  |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|
| Registration fee if all the requirements as detailed in a and b are met.                                     | \$60.00  | \$60.00  |
| <b>Licence fee for three or more dogs</b>  | \$150.00 | \$150.00 |
| <b>Registration fee – rural dog</b>  | \$25.00  | \$25.00  |
| a. Add – dog complaints, impoundment or infringement within a two year period                                | \$30.00  | \$30.00  |
| <b>Late registration fee</b>   |          |          |
| Urban dog  | +40%     | +40%     |
| Rural dog  | +40%     | +40%     |
| <b>Poundage</b>  |          |          |
| First impoundment  |          |          |
| a. Dogs with current GDC registration  | \$50.00  | \$50.00  |
| b. Unregistered dogs   | \$80.00  | \$80.00  |
| Every subsequent impoundment   | \$150.00 | \$150.00 |
| Destruction costs for known owners of dogs   | Cost     | Cost     |
| Sustenance – per day   | \$15.00  | \$15.00  |
| Additional fee for impounding or releasing dogs at weekends, public holidays or outside Council office hours | \$50.00  | \$50.00  |

The Council takes a vigilant approach regarding non-registration of dogs. Dog owners who fail to register their dogs may be subject to prosecution under the Dog Control Act. Efforts by the Council to encourage owners to register their dogs, include text, letter or personal visit and the issue of an infringement notice prior to proceedings being instituted.

#### **Dog education**

The Council's Animal Management team continue to provide owners with information on how to prevent dogs barking incessantly and also offers advice on how to keep dogs from wandering. The Council's Animal Management team undertake regular patrols of the parks in Gore and Mataura educating dog owners on their responsibility when exercising their dogs in these areas.

The Council's staff put a concerted effort into clamping down on unregistered dogs in the District. Patrols are carried out in Gore and Mataura which appears to have made a positive difference with wandering dogs in the area.

#### **Menacing and dangerous dogs**

In the year under review, three dogs in the Gore district were classified by the Council. Two were classified as menacing after complaints were received regarding dog attacks and aggressive behaviour and one classified as menacing due to breed.

There are currently six dogs in the district classified as menacing (by breed) under Section 33C of the Dog Control Act 1996 and a further six (by behaviour) under Section 33A. There are three dogs classified as dangerous under Section 31(1)(b).

**Statistical information**

Pursuant to Section 10A(2)(a) of the Dog Control Act 1996, attached is a schedule detailing relevant statistics covering dog control issues in the Gore District for the year ending 30 June 2023.

Stephen Parry  
**Chief Executive**



## Statistical information

| Category   | As at<br>30 June 2023 | For period 1 July 2022<br>to 30 June 2023 |
|--|-----------------------|---|
| Total number of registered dogs  | 3315                  | Not required                              |
| Total number of probationary owners  | 0                     | 0   |
| Total number of disqualified owners  | 0                     | 0   |
| Total number of dangerous dogs   | 3                     | 0   |
| • Dangerous by owner conviction under s33(1)(a)  | 0                     | 0   |
| • Dangerous by sworn evidence under s31(1)(b)  | 3                     | 0   |
| • Dangerous by owner admittance in writing under s31(1)(c)                             | 0                     | 0   |
| Total number of menacing dogs  | 12                    | 3   |
| • Menacing under s33A(1)(b)(i) – i.e. by behavior                                      | 6                     | 3   |
| • Menacing under s33A(1)(b)(ii) – i.e. any characteristics associated with dog's breed | 0                     | 0   |
| • Menacing under s33C(1) – i.e. schedule 4 breed/type                                  | 6                     | 0   |
| Total number of infringements  | 72                    |   |
| Total number of complaints received  | See below             |   |
| Total number of prosecutions taken   | 0                     |   |

| Complaints received<br>Category  | Number of complaints<br>for year ended<br>30 June 2023 |
|--|--|
| <b>Public safety related complaints</b>                                      |  |
| • Dog attacks or people – minor  | 8  |
| • Dog attacks of people – serious  | 0  |
| • Dog attacks on other animals   | 5  |
| • Dog attack on stock (worrying sheep)                                       | 9  |
| • Dogs rushing   | 20   |
| • Aggressive dog behavior other than rushing                                 | N/A  |
| • Roaming dogs reported by public (including registered dogs that are found) | 240  |
| <b>Non-safety concerns</b>   |  |
| • People's dogs that are reported lost/found                                 | 119  |
| • Barking  | 109  |
| • Fouling/bylaw breach   | N/A  |
| • Unregistered dogs  | N/A  |
| • Welfare concerns   | N/A  |
| • Miscellaneous – stock calls  | 90   |
| • Miscellaneous – dog enquiries  | 38   |



ANNUAL  
DOG  
CONTROL  
REPORT  
2023/24

## Report on the administration of the Gore District Council’s policy and practices in relation to the control of dogs for the year 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

### Dog control in the Gore District

The total number of registered dogs in the Gore District as at 30 June 2024 was 3,401. Approximately one-third of these dogs are pets domiciled in the urban areas of the Gore District.

The Council employs five part-time animal services officers. Two of these officers work Monday to Friday, while the remaining three provide after-hours and weekend cover on a roster system.

### Dog control enforcement practices

During the year under review, the Council received 20 formal safety-related complaints regarding the behaviour of dogs. Of the complaints received, seven involved dog attacks on people and 13 involved attacks on animals. All complaints were investigated and appropriate actions were taken to address the concerns of the complainants.

The Council continues to encounter instances where dogs are not claimed by their owners after being impounded. This appears to be due to the cost associated with registering/microchipping the dogs and paying impounding fees, which must be settled in full before the dogs can be released. These dogs are rehomed if they are of suitable temperament, usually through Furever Homes in Invercargill or, in some cases, to private individuals after appropriate checks are conducted on them and their properties. If rehoming is not an option, they are taken to a veterinarian to be euthanised.

Over the course of the year, a total of 127 infringement notices were issued. Council representatives contacted dog owners via phone, text, or in person to remind them to register their dogs after reminder notices for non-registration were issued. Unfortunately, some dog owners did not heed the warnings given, forcing the Council to issue infringement notices for non-registration. The Council offers a payment plan to dog owners struggling to make payment in full and is utilized by several dog owners.

### Dog registration and other fees

A comparison of the dog registration fees for the year ending 30 June 2024 with the previous year is as follows:

|   | 2022/23  | 2023/24  |
|---|----------|----------|
| <b>Registration fee – urban dog</b>   | \$120.00 | \$120.00 |
| a. Less – no dog complaints, impoundments or infringements within a two year period | -\$20.00 | -\$20.00 |
| b. Less – neutered or spayed  | -\$40.00 | -\$40.00 |
| Registration fee if all the requirements as detailed in a and b are met.            | \$60.00  | \$60.00  |
| <b>Licence fee for three or more dogs</b>   | \$150.00 | \$150.00 |
| <b>Registration fee – rural dog</b>   | \$25.00  | \$25.00  |
| a. Add – dog complaints, impoundment or infringement within a two-year period       | \$30.00  | \$30.00  |
| <b>Late registration fee</b>  |          |          |

|  |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|
| Urban dog  | +40%     | +40%     |
| Rural dog  | +40%     | +40%     |
| <b>Poundage</b>  |          |          |
| First impoundment  |          |          |
| a. Dogs with current GDC registration  | \$50.00  | \$50.00  |
| b. Unregistered dogs   | \$80.00  | \$80.00  |
| Every subsequent impoundment   | \$150.00 | \$150.00 |
| Destruction costs for known owners of dogs   | Cost     | Cost     |
| Sustenance – per day   | \$15.00  | \$15.00  |
| Additional fee for impounding or releasing dogs at weekends, public holidays or outside Council office hours | \$50.00  | \$50.00  |

The Council takes a vigilant approach to the non-registration of dogs. Dog owners who fail to register their dogs may be subject to prosecution under the Dog Control Act. The Council's efforts to encourage owners to register their dogs include sending texts, letters or making personal visits, as well as issuing infringement notices before initiating legal proceedings.

### **Dog education**

The Council's Animal Services team continues to provide owners with information on how to prevent incessant barking and offers advice on how to keep dogs from wandering. The team also conduct regular patrols of parks in Gore and Mataura, educating dog owners about their responsibilities when exercising their dogs in these areas.

The Council's staff have made a concerted effort to clamp down on unregistered dogs in the District. Patrols in Gore and Mataura appear to have positively impacted on wandering dogs in the area.

### **Menacing and dangerous dogs**

In the year under review, three dogs in the Gore District were classified by the Council. Two were classified as menacing following complaints of dog attacks and aggressive behaviour, while one was classified as menacing due to its breed.

There are currently five dogs in the District classified as menacing (by breed) under Section 33C of the Dog Control Act 1996, and a further six (by behaviour) under Section 33A. Additionally, three dogs are classified as dangerous under Section 31(1)(b), and there are two probationary dog owners under Section 21(2).

### **Statistical information**

Pursuant to Section 10A(2)(a) of the Dog Control Act 1996, attached is a schedule detailing relevant statistics covering dog control issues in the Gore District for the year ending 30 June 2024.

Debbie Lascelles  
**Chief Executive**

## Statistical information

| Category   | As at<br>30 June 2024 | For period 1 July 2023<br>to 30 June 2024 |
|--|-----------------------|---|
| Total number of registered dogs  | 3,401                 |   |
| Total number of probationary owners  | 2                     | 2   |
| Total number of disqualified owners  | 0                     | 0   |
| Total number of dangerous dogs   | 3                     |   |
| • Dangerous by owner conviction under s33(1)(a)  | 0                     | 0   |
| • Dangerous by sworn evidence under s31(1)(b)  | 3                     | 1   |
| • Dangerous by owner admittance in writing under s31(1)(c)                             | 0                     | 0   |
| Total number of menacing dogs  | 11                    |   |
| • Menacing under s33A(1)(b)(i) – i.e. by behavior                                      | 6                     | 3   |
| • Menacing under s33A(1)(b)(ii) – i.e. any characteristics associated with dog's breed | 0                     | 0   |
| • Menacing under s33C(1) – i.e. schedule 4 breed/type                                  | 5                     | 4   |
| Total number of infringements  | 127                   |   |
| Total number of complaints received (see table below)                                  | 564                   |   |
| Total number of prosecutions taken   | 0                     |   |

| Complaints received<br>Category  | Number for year<br>ended<br>30 June 2023 | Number for year<br>ended<br>30 June 2024 |
|--|--|--|
| <b>Total number of complaints received</b>                                   | <b>638</b>                               | <b>564</b>                               |
| <b>Public safety related complaints</b>                                      |  |  |
| • Dog attacks on people – minor  | 8  | 7  |
| • Dog attacks on people – serious  | 0  | 0  |
| • Dog attacks on other animals   | 5  | 8  |
| • Dog attack on stock (worrying sheep)                                       | 9  | 5  |
| • Dogs rushing   | 20                                       | 16                                       |
| • Roaming dogs reported by public (including registered dogs that are found) | 240                                      | 201                                      |
| <b>Non-safety concerns</b>   |  |  |
| • People's dogs that are reported lost/found                                 | 119                                      | 105                                      |
| • Barking  | 109                                      | 91                                       |
| • Fouling/bylaw breach   | N/A                                      | N/A                                      |
| • Unregistered dogs  | N/A                                      | N/A                                      |
| • Welfare concerns   | N/A                                      | N/A                                      |
| • Miscellaneous – stock calls  | 90                                       | 85                                       |
| • Miscellaneous – dog enquiries  | 38                                       | 46                                       |

APPLICATION FOR  
**DOG REGISTRATION**  
 FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2025



**TAX INVOICE WHEN PAID**

Date: 9 December 2024

Customer: 251119AN

DOG RECORD  
 29 Bowler Avenue  
 Gore 9710

Property: 17561

Owner's DOB: **DATE OF BIRTH REQUIRED**

Mobile:

Email:

GST Reg. No. 51-288-963

Example of the documentation provided to applicant for dog registration.

**Dog fees are due from 1 July 2024. A 40% penalty will apply on unpaid fees from 9 August 2024.**

| Dog ID  | Name                  | Breed          | Colour | Age | Sex | Fee Type       | Tag No. | Fee Due                      |
|---|-----------------------|----------------|--------|-----|-----|----------------|---------|------------------------------|
| 27633   | Dummy Dog Record Only | Munsterlander/ | Blue/  |     | U   | Guide Dogs etc |         | \$0.00                       |
| <b>MICROCHIPS - For NEW dogs that have been microchipped, please attach microchip stickers.</b><br><b>DESEXED - If your dog has been desexed please advise.</b> |                       |                |        |     |     |                |         | <b>Total</b><br><hr/> \$0.00 |

Total fee if paid after due date \$0.00

\* Please notify the Council if any details of the owner or dog have changed

GST of 15% is included in the total price

Fee Types: W - Working | NW - Non Working | D - Desexed | NP - No Penalties

**PARTICULARS OF ADDITIONAL DOGS - I have obtained the following dogs**

| Registration | Dogs name | Breed | Colour | Sex | Age | Fee |
|--------------|-----------|-------|--------|-----|-----|-----|
|              |           |       |        |     |     |     |

If new dog/s are working dogs, please complete a Working Dog Declaration Form (available from [www.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.goredc.govt.nz))

**ADVICE OF DOGS SOLD OR DISPOSED OF DURING YEAR**

| Dogs name | Deceased (Y or N) | Sold to | Address |
|-----------|-------------------|---------|---------|
|           |                   |         |         |

**Declaration**

- I hereby confirm that the above information relating to dogs in my care is correct, and I do not own or have in my possession any other dogs over the age of three months.
- I understand my obligation as contained in Sections 52 and 54 of the Dog Control Act 1996 (overleaf).
- I declare that the dogs recorded above as neutered are so neutered.

PLEASE SIGN AND DATE HERE



Signature of dog owner

Date

Please refer overleaf for a list of Dog Owners Obligations and Payment Details

## Payment Details

To pay your dog registration please go to our website [www.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.goredc.govt.nz)

Online payment options are:

### Debit/Credit card:

You may pay now using your debit/credit card. Please note amount is NZD and our bank and payment provider charge payment processing fees of 2.88% for this service.

### Internet banking:

You may transfer money via internet banking to the Council's bank account 03-0915-0289519-01

Please use the following details on your internet banking:

Particulars: **DUMMY DOG RECORD**

Reference: **251119AN**

If paying by internet banking please return this form to PO Box 8, Gore 9740 or email to [animal.management@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:animal.management@goredc.govt.nz)

### In person:

You may pay over the counter by cash or eftpos at the Gore District Council Office or the Mataura Service Centre/Library.

## Dog Owner's Obligations

All dog owners with dogs ordinarily kept in the Gore District must register their dogs with the Gore District Council. On completing the form, a dog owner may post the form together with the appropriate fees payable, to the Gore District Council at PO Box 8, Gore 9740 or deliver these items to the Council at 29 Bowler Ave, Gore.

It is an offence, when applying for the registration of a dog, to make a statement knowing that statement to be false. On conviction, a court may impose a fine of up to \$3,000.

All dogs over the age of 3 months must be registered. It is an offence to keep a dog older than 3 months which is unregistered. On conviction, a court may impose a fine of up to \$3,000.

If the current disc has been lost or stolen replacement discs and collars may be obtained from the Gore District Council. Any dog not wearing a collar having a current registration label or disc attached will, until the contrary is proved, be treated as unregistered.

On change of ownership of any registered dog, both the previous owner and the new owner must, within 14 days, give written notice to the Gore District Council, of the change of ownership and the residential address of the new owner and the address at which the dog will be kept. It is an offence not to comply with this requirement. On conviction, a court may impose a fine of up to \$500.

If the owners address is changed within the district, the owner must, within 14 days, give written notice of the change to the Gore District Council. If any dog is transferred to and kept within the district of another territorial authority other than the one in which it has been kept for 1 month or more the owner must, within 6 weeks of the transfer, give written notice of transfer to both territorial authorities, setting out the address at which the dog will be kept. It is an offence not to comply with this requirement. On conviction, a court may impose a fine of up to \$500.

If the fee for the registration of a dog is paid and that dog dies, a refund will be made on request as follows:

- Where a dog dies before the commencement of the year, the full fee will be refunded.
- Where the dog dies during the year, 1/12th of the annual fee for each complete month remaining in the registration year after the date of application for a refund will be refunded.

If any dog is first required to be registered after 1 August in any registration year, the fee shall be 1/12th of the annual fee for each complete month remaining in the registration year after the date of such a registration.

The registration fees include goods and services tax.

Owners wishing to claim a reduced fee for neutered dogs must produce a certificate from a registered veterinarian certifying that the dog has been neutered.

If any dog over the age of 3 months is found not wearing a collar with a current registration label or disc attached, on land or premises other than its owners land or premises, or in any public place, the dog may be seized and impounded.

### Control of dogs

*Sections 52, 53 and 54A, Dog Control Act 1996*

The owner of a dog must keep the dog under control at all times and, when in a public place with the dog, must use a leash at all times. A dog will be treated as not being under control...

- If it is found at large on any land or premises other than a public place or a private way without the consent (express or implied) of the occupier or person in charge of the land or the premises; or
- If it is found at large in any public place or in any private way in contravention of any regulations or bylaw.

You will commit an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 if you fail to comply with this provision.

*Section 54, Dog Control Act 1996*

The owner of a dog must...

Ensure that the dog receives proper care and attention and is supplied with proper and sufficient food water, and shelter; and  
Ensure that the dog receives adequate exercise.

You will commit an offence and be liable on conviction to imprisonment for up to 3 months or to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 if you fail to comply with this provision.

### Obligations of dog owner's property

*Section 52A, Dog Control Act 1996*

The owner of a dog must ensure, when the dog is on land or premises occupied by the owner,-

- That the dog is under direct control of a person; or
- That the dog is confined within the land or premises in such a way that it cannot freely leave the land or premises.

You will commit an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine of \$3,000 if you fail to comply with this provision. In addition, a dog control officer or dog ranger may seize and impound the dog.

**Note** - Failure to supply any of the information requested in this form that is relevant to your application may prevent the registration of your dog. You are encouraged to request the Gore District Council to correct or amend any of these details if you discover a mistake or if the relevant circumstances change.

### Privacy Act 1993

You are required to provide the information requested under the Dog Control Act 1996. It will be used for the purposes of administering Council's obligations under that Act and will not be disclosed other than for the purposes specified in that Act. You have the right to access and request the correction of any personal information held about you.

### Procedure for registering your dogs(s)

- Step 1 Check the details are listed correct.
- Step 2 Delete any dogs sold or disposed of during the year or add any dogs that you may own but are not listed
- Step 3 Check that dog owners date of birth is entered on the form - this is a requirement under the Dog Control Act 1996
- Step 4 Sign form and return together with your payment to the Gore District Council, PO Box 8, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore 9740

Any questions regarding the completion of this form or other matters regarding the registration of your dog please contact the Animal Management Team on 03 209 0330.

**Gore District Council**

**Animal Management Services**

PO Box 8, Gore 9740, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore 9710

Phone 03 209 0330 | email [animal.management@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:animal.management@goredc.govt.nz) | [www.goredc.govt.nz](http://www.goredc.govt.nz)

## Animal Control

|   | 2023-24         | 2022-23         |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
|   | \$              | \$              |
| <b>Income</b>                             |                 |                 |
| Rates                                     | 350,384         | 170,500         |
| Dog Registration & Renewal                | 159,476         | 187,908         |
| Dog Control Infringement & Fines          | 23,433          | 13,304          |
| Dog Impounding Fees                       | 7,193           | 5,275           |
| Other User Charges (Sundry)               | 1,537           | 2,537           |
| <b>Income Total</b>                       | <b>542,023</b>  | <b>379,525</b>  |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                        |                 |                 |
| Salaries & Wages                          | 129,853         | 83,007          |
| Contracted Services                       | 22,946          | 24,928          |
| Veterinary fees                           | 1,454           | 1,034           |
| Materials Purchased                       | 3,146           | 2,738           |
| Protective Clothing & Accessories         | 520             | 107             |
| Fuel                                      | 1,729           | 2,311           |
| Motor Vehicle External Repair Costs       | 2,180           | 724             |
| Motor Vehicle Registration & Fees         | 181             | 339             |
| Vehicle & Plant - Parts/Consumables/Tools | 593             | 1,305           |
| Subscriptions Memberships                 | 2,456           | 1,617           |
| Course Seminar & Conference Registration  | 1,217           | 187             |
| Travel & Accommodation                    | 1,520           | -               |
| Other Sundry Expenses                     | 1,881           | 119             |
| Interest Payments Bank Loans              | 771             | 147             |
| Depreciation Expense                      | 8,411           | 104             |
| Regulatory Overheads Allocated            | 374,301         | 326,854         |
| <b>Expenditure Total</b>                  | <b>553,158</b>  | <b>445,522</b>  |
| <b>Surplus (deficit)</b>                  | <b>(11,135)</b> | <b>(65,996)</b> |