

APPLICATION FOR PREFERRED OWNER STATUS



Use this form to apply for preferred dog owner status.

PLEASE READ BEFORE FILLING OUT

This form will be electronically scanned, so please:

- Use a blue or black pen
- Print clearly
- Fill in all the application.

To be eligible for the fee reduction, applications for Preferred Owner Status may only be made after the second week in August and before to the last Friday in April.

Please complete this form and test, return it to our Customer Service Centre and pay the fee. Once your paperwork has been processed, we'll book a property inspection.

APPLICANT DETAILS / Please print in CAPITALS

First names

Surname

House number

Road / Street name

Town

Post Code

Postal address / if different

Home phone

Work phone

Mobile phone

Email

Dog owner's date of birth

Signature

Date

OFFICE USE ONLY

Payment received

Date

Inspection

Date

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If you meet any of the following criteria, you will be unable to apply for Preferred Owner status:

- The dog[s] have not been registered in New Zealand for one full year.
- The applicant is a probationary owner.
- The dog[s] was first registered after 1 July 2006 and has not yet been microchipped.
- A dog[s] in the care of the applicant has been impounded in the last 12 months.
- Where the applicant has been convicted of any offence, paid any infringement or had an infringement notice referred to the District Court for collection of the infringement under the Dog Control Act 1996 or the Animal Welfare Act 1999 in the last two years.
- A dog[s] in the applicant's care has attacked or bitten any person or animal.
- There has been more than one substantiated complaint against any dog in the possession of the applicant in the last 12 months.
- The applicant lives in an urban area, and has more than two dogs, without a permit.
- Any dog in the applicant's care is unregistered.

If you fulfil the initial conditions of Preferred Status, please continue with the application.

DOGS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PREFERRED OWNER STATUS

Dogs name	Breed	Colour	Sex	Age	Tag number	Rego number

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DOG OWNER TEST

This test must be completed in full before the application will be considered.

The Palmerston North City Council website pncc.govt.nz/dogs and pncc.govt.nz/animalbylaws will help you with the answers.

Answer each question by circling a multi-choice answer of your choice in the space provided.

This test has a pass mark of 12 out of 14.

✓	1	IF I GET A NEW PUPPY, AT WHAT AGE SHOULD I REGISTER IT? / Tick one
	A	Before 6 months of age.
	B	Before 3 months of age.
	C	Whatever age the dog is when I received my registration notice.
✓	2	WHAT IS THE MINIMUM AGE YOU NEED TO BE TO OWN A DOG? / Tick one
	A	12.
	B	15.
	C	16.
	D	18.
✓	3	DO I NEED TO GET A PERMIT TO KEEP MORE THAN TWO DOGS ON MY PROPERTY? Tick all applicable answers
	A	No, my dog is old and will die soon.
	B	Yes, if my property is in a residential area and is less than 2000m ² .
	C	Yes, if my rural property is less than 2000m ² .
✓	4	AM I REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SHELTER, FOOD AND WATER FOR MY DOG DURING THE DAY? / Tick one
	A	No, my dog is fine during the day until I get home.
	B	Yes, my dog must always have shelter and access to water.
✓	5	WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO IF YOUR DOG DIES, OR THERE IS A CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OF THE DOG, OR YOU AND YOUR DOG MOVE ADDRESS? / Tick one
	A	Notify the council.
	B	Notify your neighbours.
	C	Notify your vet.
	D	Do nothing.

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✓	6	IF MY DOG TOILETS IN A PUBLIC PLACE, AM I REQUIRED TO PICK UP THE MESS AND DISPOSE OF IT? / Tick one
	A	No, not if I don't have a plastic bag.
	B	No, if I kick it in the gutter, council's road sweeper will come along and clean it up.
	C	Yes, I must pick it up immediately and dispose of it in a suitable waste bin.
✓	7	WHICH AREAS ARE 'DOG ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES'? / Tick the most applicable answers Tip: Use the map on the Palmerston North Council website to help you pncc.govt.nz/ExercisingYourDog
	A	The Square.
	B	Hokowhitu Lagoon.
	C	Tutukiwi Reserve.
	D	Edwards Pit Park.
✓	8	WHICH AREAS ARE DOGS PROHIBITED? / Tick the most applicable answers Tip: Use the map on the Palmerston North Council website to help you pncc.govt.nz/ExercisingYourDog
	A	Bill Brown Park.
	B	Hokowhitu Domain.
	C	Coronation Park.
	D	Linklater Reserve.
✓	9	IF A DOG CONTROL OFFICER VISITS MY PROPERTY, AS A DOG OWNER, AM I REQUIRED TO GIVE THEM MY PERSONAL DETAILS AND THOSE OF MY DOG E.G. FULL NAME, DATE OF BIRTH AND CONTACT DETAILS? / Tick one Tip: Look up the Dog Control Act 1996 online.
	A	No, under the Privacy Act I don't have to give out that information.
	B	Yes, failure to do so may result in a \$750 Infringement notice being issued.
✓	10	A DOG MUST BE KEPT UNDER CONTROL? / Tick one Tip: Look up the Dog Control Act 1996 online.
	A	During the daytime.
	B	Only when it is being taken for a walk.
	C	At night-time.
	D	At all times.

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✓	11	IF YOU GET AN UNREGISTERED DOG, WHEN DOES IT HAVE TO BE REGISTERED? / Tick one Tip: Look up the Dog Control Act 1996 online.
	A	1 July.
	B	Within 72 hours.
	C	By 1 August.
	D	As soon as possible (forthwith).
✓	12	THE 'BURDEN OF PROOF' THAT A DOG IS REGISTERED LIES WITH? / Tick one Tip: Look up the Dog Control Act 1996 online.
	A	Council.
	B	The owner of the property where the dog lives.
	C	The dog owner.
	D	The Dog Control Officer.
✓	13	WHEN YOU WALK A DOG IN A PUBLIC PLACE, WHAT MUST YOU CARRY? Tick all applicable answers. Tip: Look up the Dog Control Act 1996 online.
	A	Leash.
	B	Poo bags.
	C	ID.
	D	All the above.
✓	14	HOW SHOULD DOGS BE CONFINED TO THE DOG OWNER'S PROPERTY SO THEY CAN'T FREELY LEAVE THE PROPERTY? / Tick all applicable answers (Personal option)
	A	Fenced area.
	B	Dog Run.
	C	Chained up.
	D	Inside the house.
✓	15	WHERE WILL YOUR PET STAY DURING AN EMERGENCY?
	A	With a family member.
	B	With a friend.
	C	In an animal shelter if one is available.
	D	With me at another location.

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✓	16	WHAT DO YOU NEED IN YOUR PET EMERGENCY KIT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY?
	A	Water.
	B	Food.
	C	Blanket / bedding.
	D	Sanitation.
	E	Pet carrier.
	F	Lead and harness.
	G	Muzzle.
	H	Vet / records.
	I	First aid kit and medicines.
	J	All of the above.

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Palmerston North City Council Customer Service Centre at 32 The Square.

CRITERIA FOR PREFERRED OWNER STATUS

1. The premises where the dog(s) is/are housed has been inspected by a Palmerston North City Council Animal Control Officer and the owner has been interviewed as to their understanding of statute and by-law requirements.
2. In the opinion of the Animal Control Officer, the property is adequately fenced to contain the dog[s] at all times.
3. In the opinion of the Animal Control Officer the sleeping quarters and exercise facilities for the dog[s] are adequate.
4. The owner has not had more than one dog impounded or found at large over the previous 12 months.
5. The dog[s] has not been found to be a nuisance to neighbours more than once in the previous 12 months, e.g. complaints for barking or threatening dogs.
6. The registration fee/s has been paid by the due date.
7. Preferred Owners must notify Council of any change of address within 14 days. A property inspection of the new address is required.

PROPERTY CONSIDERATIONS

1. Fencing must be adequate to permit dog[s] to be contained at all times, provide sufficient space for exercise and of a height sufficient to prevent dog[s] from alarming neighbours or passers by.
2. Suitable sleeping quarters must provide shelter for the dog but not be detrimental to its health, i.e. is adequately placed for light and air. A minimum standard would be a kennel and appropriate run, although a chain may be considered appropriate in some circumstances.

ANIMAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Animal Control Officers assessment will include the welfare of the dog, public health issues and public nuisance issues including:

- Vaccination.
- Prevention of unplanned pregnancies.
- Arrangements for leaving dog[s] unattended.
- Arrangements while on holiday.
- Facilities for breeding [if applicable].
- Arrangements for people entering your property.
- Arrangements for dealing with faeces.
- Feeding arrangements and type of food provided.
- Standards of hygiene.
- Access to drinking water.



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