

FACT SHEET

HOW MANY DOGS CAN I KEEP ON MY PROPERTY?

A person is allowed to keep two registered dogs on a property. Should they wish to retain a further dog/s they must first obtain permission from the City. The steps that an applicant is required to follow are:

- Attend the Animal Management Facility on Throssell Street and obtain an application form. The staff will advise you that you must obtain the signatures of surrounding neighbours and will advise you which neighbours to get signatures from. Staff will also inform you of relevant fees that are involved in applying to retain more than two dogs on a property.
- Have all neighbours sign the form, giving name, address and contact numbers as a reference.
- If the property where the dogs will be held is currently tenanted, you must also obtain the consent of the property owner/agent to keep more than two dogs on the property.
- When the signatures have been obtained on the required application form, the applicant must return the completed form to the Community Rangers and pay the non-refundable application fee.
- Community Rangers will then arrange a time to check the property where the extra dog/s are to be located to ensure that there is adequate fencing, yard space and secure gates.
- Once the inspection has taken place the Community Ranger will conduct history checks on all of the dogs at the property, check all paperwork submitted and decide if the property and applicant are suitable.
- Should the applicant be successful in gaining permission to retain extra dog/s, he/she will be permitted to retain only the animals that have been approved by the City. Should any of the animals be rehoused or pass away the applicant is not permitted to purchase or obtain another dog to replace the one no longer under his/her control, unless they apply the same process that was required in the initial application to retain further dog/s and pay the relevant fees.
- The applicant is required to pay an annual fee of \$51.50 for approval to keep more than two dogs and must ensure all extra dogs are registered with the City. The annual fee must be paid at the beginning of each financial year upon the City issuing an invoice to the applicant.
- The applicant should be made aware that permission may be withdrawn at anytime if sufficient evidence is produced that would convince the City that the extra dog/s are creating a problem in the district.

If you have any further queries please contact the Community Rangers.