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**1 Name of regulations**

These regulations are the *Domestic Animals Regulations 2001*.

**2 Commencement**

These regulations commence on the day on which section 3 of the *Domestic Animals Act 2000* commences.

**3 Information in records**

For the Act, section 8 (Registration—records) the following information must be recorded in the register:

- (a) the name and address of the applicant (who must be stated in the register as the keeper of the dog);
- (b) if the dog is kept at another address—the address;
- (c) the registration number allotted to the dog;
- (d) if the dog is an assistance animal—a statement to the effect;
- (e) if the dog is a dangerous dog—a statement to the effect.

**4 Information on registration certificates**

For the Act, section 11 (Registration numbers, certificates and tags) the following information must be stated on a registration certificate:

- (a) the registration number allotted to the dog;
- (b) if the dog is a recognisable breed—the name of the breed;
- (c) the colour of the dog;
- (d) if the dog is an assistance animal;
- (e) the name and address of the keeper of the dog;
- (f) the day the registration ends.

## **5 Identifying particulars**

- (1) For the Act, section 83 (3) (a) (Identification) a dog or cat may be identified by—
  - (a) a microchip implanted beneath the animal's skin; or
  - (b) a tag, or for a dog, a registration tag, on the animal's collar.
- (2) For the Act, section 83 (3) (d) the particulars in relation to a dog or cat are—
  - (a) the name and address of the keeper or carer of the dog or cat;  
or
  - (b) a contact telephone number for the keeper or carer; or
  - (c) for a dog—its registration number.

## **6 Infringement notice offences and penalties**

- (1) An offence against the Act that is described in an item of schedule 1 and is a contravention of a provision of the Act mentioned in the item is an offence (an ***infringement notice offence***) to which the Act, part 4 (Infringement notices for certain offences) applies.
- (2) The penalty payable by an individual under an infringement notice for an infringement notice offence is the amount mentioned in the item of the schedule applying to the offence.
- (3) The penalty payable by a corporation under an infringement notice for an infringement notice offence is 5 times the amount mentioned in the item of the schedule applying to the offence.
- (4) The cost of serving a reminder notice for an infringement notice offence is \$34.

## **7 Administering authority**

The administering authority for every infringement notice offence is the registrar.

**8 Authorised persons for infringement notices**

An authorised officer may serve an infringement notice for any infringement notice offence.

**9 Authorised person for reminder notices**

An authorised officer may serve a reminder notice for any infringement notice offence.

**10 Persons authorised for infringement notices etc to have unique number**

The administering authority for an infringement notice offence must give a unique number to each person who is authorised by the administering authority to serve infringement or reminder notices for the offence.

**11 Identifying particulars—dogs and cats**

For the Act, section 88 (1) (c) (ii) (Contents of infringement notices) the identifying particulars for a dog or cat are as follows:

- (a) breed;
- (b) colour;
- (c) sex;
- (d) age;
- (e) any identification or, for a dog, registration tags;
- (f) any collars;
- (g) any brands or tattoo;
- (h) any electronically coded implant;
- (i) any marks or scars;
- (j) any other noticeable distinguishing marks or features.

**12 Identifying particulars—authorised persons**

For the Act, section 88 (1) (g) (Contents of infringement notices) an infringement notice must identify the authorised person using the number given to the person by the administering authority under regulation 10.

**13 Cost of beginning proceedings**

For the Act, section 101 (3) (b) (Procedure if liability disputed) the cost of beginning proceedings is \$50.

**14 Dishonoured cheques**

- (1) If a person pays a fee under the Act by cheque and the cheque is not met on presentation—
  - (a) the person is liable for any charge imposed by a bank because the cheque is not met as well as the amount of the cheque; and
  - (b) the registrar may suspend the benefit paid for by that cheque until it is met.
- (2) The registrar may waive liability under subsection (1) (a) for payment of the bank charge in cases of hardship.
- (3) In this section:

*benefit* means any service under the Act for which a fee is payable and includes a registration, renewal, licence or permit.



## Schedule 1 Offences and penalties

(See reg 6)

column 1 item	column 2 provision contravened	column 3 description of offence	column 4 on-the-spot fine \$
1	12 (1)	change of ownership of dog	50
2	12 (2)	becoming keeper for longer than 28 days	50
3	14 (1)	keeping unregistered dog	150
4	15 (1)	dog not wearing registration tag	75
5	15 (2)	taking off registration tag without keeper's permission	75
6	15 (3)	use of registration tag not issued for dog	75
7	16 (1)	change of address of registered keeper	50
8	16 (2)	change of address where registered dog kept	50
9	18 (1)	keeping 4 or more dogs	50
10	42 (1)	taking dog into grounds of childcare centre etc	75
11	42 (2)	taking dog into grounds of high school etc	75
12	42 (3)	taking dog onto sporting field etc	75
13	42 (4)	10 metre restrictions for dogs	75
14	44 (1)	dog not on leash in public place—carer	150
15	44 (2)	dog not on a leash in public	150

**Schedule 1**      Offences and penalties

column 1	column 2	column 3	column 4
item	provision contravened	description of offence	on-the-spot fine \$
		place—keeper	
16	45 (1)	dog not on leash on private premises—carer	150
17	45 (3)	dog not on leash on private premises—keeper	150
18	46 (1)	not removing faeces	50
19	46 (2)	not carrying equipment for removal of faeces	50
20	112 (7)	contravention of nuisance notice	150

**Endnote**

**Notification**

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