

## **SELECTED DOG OWNERSHIP**

### ***Application Form, Declaration and Test***

## APPLICATION FOR SELECTED DOG OWNER STATUS (SDO)

Surname (please print) .....

First names .....

Residential ..... Postal .....

Address ..... Address .....

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Phone no. .... Mobile ..... e-mail .....

Owner of ..... registered dogs (please give details on next page)

Do you hold SDO status or similar status with a local authority other than Rodney?

Yes

No

If yes give the name of the local authority .....

Is your property fully fenced or fenced in such a way to suitably contain your dog(s)?

Yes

No

If you fall into any of the categories listed below **you will be denied SDO status**

- if you are a probationary or disqualified dog owner
- if your dog was first registered after 1 July 2006 and has not been microchipped
- If you had a dog in your care impounded in the last 12 months
- If you have been convicted of any offence, paid an infringement fine or had an infringement notice referred to the district court for collection of the fine under the Dog Control Act 1996 in the last 2 years.
- If a dog in your care has attacked or bitten any person or animal
- If there has been a justified complaint against your dog(s) in the last 12 months
- If you live in an urban area, have more than 2 dogs, and do not have a permit

If you fulfill all the initial conditions of the Selected Dog Ownership an officer will visit your property within the next 10 days to inspect your property. You do not have to be present at the time of the officer's inspection.

**All applications must be received by 30 April each year to be eligible for any fee reduction in the following registration year.**

Signature of dog owner ..... Date .....

**PLEASE FORWARD TO RODNEY DISTRICT COUNCIL PRIVATE BAG 500, OREWA  
OR DELIVER TO ANY SERVICE CENTRE**

# DECLARATION

I, .....  
Surname First names

Declare that

1. All dogs owned by me will be kept in an adequate dog proof enclosure so that the dog(s) cannot freely leave the property unless either:
  - (a) on a leash under the physical control of a person; or
  - (b) working under supervision; or
  - (c) in an off leash area or Dog Exercise area
2. Any dog owned by me will NOT be allowed to cause a nuisance to any member of the public and I will at all times observe the laws relating to dogs in public places.
3. My dog(s) is/are kept under proper control at all times
4. My dog(s) is /are not fed or allowed access to any raw offal or any untreated sheep or goat meat.
5. All dogs owned or kept by me will be registered in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996.
6. I shall comply with any notice lawfully given pursuant to the Dog Control Act 1996 received from a Dog Control Officer.
7. I understand my Selected Dog Owner status relates to my current property only and will be cancelled if the property on which this dog is domiciled is changed and the Council does not receive written notice within 14 days advising of this change and requesting an inspection of the new property.
8. Any deaths, sales or transfers of dogs to or from my ownership, including pups born to my dog(s) will be notified, in writing, to the Council.
9. I am aware that the granting of this application does not relieve me from payment of the appropriate dog control fee.
10. **I understand that any breach of this declaration will lead to the immediate cancellation of my privileges under this policy.**

Signed ..... Date .....

**DETAILS OF DOGS OWNED BY THE APPLICANT  
TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT**

Name	Breed	Colour	Registration Tag No.	Local Authority	Office Use ONLY DG ID No.

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

ADMIN CHECK

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|----|---|-------|
| 1. | Valid application completed   | Y/N   |
| 2. | Probationary/Disqualified Owner   | Y/N   |
| 3. | Dogs Currently Registered   | Y/N   |
| 4. | Justified Complaint last 12 months  | Y/N   |
| 5. | Prosecutions/Infringements  | Y/N   |
| 6. | Impoundings   | Y/N   |
| 7. | Urban, more than 2 dogs, Permit   | Y/N   |
| 8. | Record of dog being microchipped if registered for first time after 1 July 2006 | Y/N   |
| 9. | Date/s checked:   | _____ |

VALID            Y/N

LETTERS SENT

Decline Letter Sent. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Passed test to DCO \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approval / Declined letter sent. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DCO CHECK

Date of property inspection \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adequate Fencing: PASS / FAIL  
 SDOTest            Pass        Fail      
 Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Selected Dog Owner Status **Granted**              
 Selected Dog Owner Status **Declined**              
 Reason Declined: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Dog Control Officer: \_\_\_\_\_            Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Owner Advised: \_\_\_\_\_

# SELECTED DOG OWNER TEST

## Introduction

The Rodney District Council invites you to apply for Selected Dog Owner status. This questionnaire must be completed before your suitability for this status can be considered. The Selected Dog Owner manual and the Rodney District Dog Policy 2004, which are available at your local Customer Centre will assist you to pass the basic test. The Dog Control Act 1996 is also relevant.

**\*\* Please note that all the questions must be answered before this application will be considered\*\* Please circle the correct multi choice answer or write answer in the space provided.**

1. If I obtain a new puppy, what age should it be when I register it?
  - (a) Before 6 months of age
  - (b) Before 3 months of age
  - (c) Whatever age it is at the next dog registration time
  
2. What is the minimum age a person can own a dog?
  - (a) 12
  - (b) 15
  - (c) 16
  - (d) 18
  
3. Do I need to obtain a permit to keep more than 2 dogs on my property?
  - (a) No, my dog is old and will die soon
  - (b) Yes, if my property is in a residential area
  - (c) Yes, if my property is in a rural area
  
4. If a dog control officer visits my property, as a dog owner am I required to give him/her my personal details and those of my dog eg full name, date of birth and contact details?
  - (a) No, under the Privacy Act I don't have to give out that information
  - (b) Yes, failure to do so will result in a \$750 fine
  
5. A dog has to be kept under control
  - (a) during the daytime
  - (b) when it is being taken for a walk
  - (c) at night time
  - (d) at all times
  
6. Am I required to provide adequate shelter, food and water for my dog during the day?
  - (a) No, my dog is fine during the day until I get home
  - (b) Yes, my dog must have shelter and access to food and water at all times.
  
7. If you acquire an unregistered dog when does it have to be registered?
  - (a) 1 July
  - (b) After 72 hours
  - (c) 1 August
  - (d) Immediately
  
8. What must you carry with you when you walk a dog in a public place?  
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9. The burden of proof that a dog is registered lies with
  - (a) Council
  - (b) The owner of the property where the dog lives
  - (c) The dog owner
  - (d) The animal control officer

10 Can I have my dog near children's play equipment in a park where dog's are not prohibited?  
(a) yes, but not within 10 metres of play equipment  
(b) yes, but not within 1 metre of play equipment  
(c) yes, but not within 20 metres of play equipment

11 What needs to be done if your dog dies or you change ownership of the dog or change address where you and your dog live?

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12 How often does my dog need to visit the vet?  
(a) Only when my dog is sick or injured  
(b) Once a year for its annual vaccination  
(c) Never, I don't believe in vets  
(d) Every 5 years

13 If my dog fouls in a public place, am I required to pick up the mess and dispose of it?  
(a) No, not if I don't have a plastic bag with me  
(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

14 Who is legally responsible for the actions of a dog?  
(a) The registered dog owner  
(b) The person in possession of the dog  
(c) Any person who is over 16 years of age and in charge of the dog  
(d) All of the above

15 Describe the times of the year and hours of the day that dogs are permitted on Rodney's beaches.

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16 Dogs must be confined to the dog owners property so that they cannot freely leave the property. State 5 methods of confining a dog to a property.

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<b>THE TEST HAS A PASS MARK OF 14 out of 16.</b>	
<b>Mark obtained</b>	.....
<b>Pass / Fail</b>	
<b>Officer</b>	..... <b>Date</b> .....