

ANIMAL CONTROL

Fees & Charges

In terms of the Dog Control Act 1996 and the Impounding Act 1955 the fees are effective from 1 July 2020. All figures are GST inclusive.



Dog Registration and Dog Impounding Fees are imposed under the Dog Control Act 1996. Impounding fees and droving charges are imposed under the Impounding Act 1955. The fees and charges are necessary to recover the cost to Palmerston North City Council of providing animal control services.

FIXED FEES

These charges cover the standard cost to Council in undertaking the work listed. However, additional charges may be charged depending on the circumstances such as additional inspection fees that may be incurred in undertaking the work noted below.

WORK TYPE	Standard fee from 1 July 2020	Total fee including penalties if paid after 1 August 2020
(A) DOG REGISTRATION (SET UNDER THE DOG CONTROL ACT 1996)		
General Registration	\$145	\$217.50
General Registration (Desexed dog)	\$108	\$162
Preferred Owner	\$85	\$127.50
Rural Working	\$50	\$75
Disability Assist	No Charge	No Charge
Certified for use by Specified Agency	No Charge	No Charge
Preferred Owner Application	\$60	

WORK TYPE	Standard fee from 1 July 2020
(B) GENERAL IMPOUNDING FEES (SET UNDER THE IMPOUNDING ACT 1955)	
All animals other than dogs (per head)	\$124 (first offence) \$187 (repeated offence) \$15 per day (sustenance & care)

(C) DOG POUND FEES (SET UNDER S.68 OF THE DOG CONTROL ACT 1996)	
Where a dog is microchipped and within the last 12 month has no history with Council's animal control services, it will be returned home at no cost	
First impound	\$124
Second impound - within 12 months of first impound	\$187
Third or subsequent impound - within 12 months of previous impound	\$250
Daily charge per dog - per day or part of a day	\$19
Destruction of dog	\$83
Adoption fee - covers microchipping, vaccination, neutering, registration, flea and worm treatment	\$360

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OTHER FEES

These fees may be added to a fixed fee type of work listed earlier or may be applied as a single charge.

WORK TYPE	Standard Fee from 1 July 2020
(A) IMPOUNDING FEES (SET UNDER THE IMPOUNDING ACT 1955)	
Supplementary feed for stock	150% of sustenance charge
(B) DOG POUND FEES (SET UNDER THE DOG CONTROL ACT 1996)	
Emergency release of animals outside normal hours i.e.: 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday excluding statutory and public holidays	\$61 for first impound \$92 for subsequent impounds (within 12 months)
(C) POUND FEES FOR ALL OTHER ANIMALS (SET UNDER THE IMPOUNDING ACT 1955)	
Emergency release of animals outside normal hours i.e.: 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday excluding statutory and public holidays	\$61 for first impound \$92 for subsequent impounds (within 12 months)
(D) DRIVING CHARGES (SET UNDER THE IMPOUNDING ACT 1955)	
Hire transport	Actual cost incurred by Council
Council vehicles	\$2.26 per kilometre
(E) MICROCHIPPING (SET UNDER THE DOG CONTROL ACT 1996)	
To undertake microchipping	\$20 per dog

CHARGES FOR COUNCIL STAFF

WORK TYPE	Rate Per Hour from 1 July 2020
COUNCIL OFFICER'S HOURLY RATES (PER HOUR)	
Team Leader Animal Management and Education	\$183
Animal Control Officer	\$129
Administration Staff	\$117
Head of Environmental Protection Services	\$221
General Manager	\$241

Notes:

- The hourly rates for the services which are listed in the above tables are for those staff listed in the table headed "Charges for Council Staff".
- Where it states above the fee per hour, please note this should be read in full as "fee per hour or part thereof".
- 'Disability Assist' and 'Specified Agency' are as defined in section 2 of the Dog Control Act 1996.
- The Head of Environmental Protection Services is authorised to remit, reduce or refund the dog control fee or part of the fee in any particular case or class of dog where there are special grounds for doing so.
- The registration fee for a dog that is declared a dangerous dog will be 150% of the level that would apply if it were not so classified (as required by section 32 (1)(e) of the Dog Control Act 1996)