

DOES YOUR DOG HAVE A CHIP ON ITS SHOULDER?

Micro-chipping of dogs became compulsory on 1 July 2006 for all New Zealand dogs being registered for the first time (ever) on or after that date. Working dogs used solely or predominantly for the purpose of herding stock are exempt, but this exemption does not include pet dogs on life-style blocks or farms who occasionally assist with herding stock.

To encourage compliance for new dog owners and for owners of classified dangerous or menacing dogs, Council staff will be holding micro-chipping clinics at Cambridge on 2 December 2008, and Te Awamutu on 4 December 2008 where dogs can be chipped at a cost of \$25 per dog. Please note **EFTPOS facilities will not be available and payment by cheque (payable to Waipa District Council) or cash is required.** If your dog is already chipped but you don't have a veterinary certificate to verify this, staff can scan your dog to verify the chip number free of charge.

Micro-chipping is a quick and easy process and will be carried out by trained and experienced animal control officers. No appointment will be necessary.

Waipa District dog micro-chipping clinics:

(See location maps over the page)

Cambridge (Cambridge Dog Pound, Matos Segedin Drive, Cambridge)

Tuesday, 2 December 2008 – 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Kihikihi (Kihikihi Dog Pound, Havelock Street, Kihikihi)

Thursday, 4 December 2008 – 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Please note, dogs must be on a leash at all times while attending a clinic.

Alternatively you may wish to enquire about micro-chipping services through your veterinary clinic.

In conjunction with micro-chipping, the Department of Internal Affairs has also developed a National Dog Database (NDD) which is updated daily with dog registration data from Councils around the country. Once your dog's micro-chip certificate has been provided to Council customer support staff, the details are then automatically sent through to the NDD. Dog control staff access this database regularly to search information about dogs via the animal's micro-chip or registration tag number. This allows for owners of lost/found/impounded dogs to be contacted by Council staff without delay.

If you require further information about micro-chipping or any other animal control matter, please phone (07) 872 0030 (Te Awamutu) or (07) 823 3800 (Cambridge).