



# POLICY REGISTER

## WORKING DOGS POLICY

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A working dog means a dog used primarily for the purpose of droving, tending, working or protecting stock, and includes a dog being trained as a working dog, as defined under the Companion Animals Act 1998

Council's Authorized Officer can request to witness the dog droving, tending, working or protecting stock as proof of the dog being a working dog.

The owner of the dog must supply the details of the property the dog is/will be working at, and the contact details of the owner of the property so Council's Authorized Officer can check such claims.

If the owner cannot prove the claim, the appropriate registration will be required. The location at which the dog is ordinarily kept does not suffice as proof of a working dog.

A working dog does not necessarily have to be a specific breed e.g. kelpie, cattle, as long as it can demonstrate skills that is considered to be sufficient as proof of claim as a working dog.

Hunting dogs and guard dogs are not working dogs under the Companion Animals Act 1998.

A companion animal not otherwise required to be registered under the Act that is taken into the custody of a council (including in a council pound) or an approved animal welfare organisation must be registered under the Act before it is returned to its owner from that custody.