

# AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

## DOMESTIC ANIMALS ACT 2000

### DETERMINATION OF FEES

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

### INSTRUMENT No. 149 OF 2001

This Determination made under section 144 of the **Domestic Animals Act 2000** (the Act) sets the fees for the purposes of the Act. The Act repeals and replaces the *Dog Control Act 1975*. The fee determinations under the *Dog Control Act* will not have any force or effect from the date of repeal of that Act.

The Act regulates the ownership of dogs within the ACT and sets fees for:

- the registration of a dog;
- replacing a tag or certificate of registration;
- a licence for keeping a dangerous dog;
- a licence for keeping four or more dogs;
- a permit to keep an animal (dog / cat) sexually entire;
- the return and transport of a dog impounded under the Act;
- providing a certified copy of a certificate of registration;
- impounding a dog.

The determination also sets the parameters for the Registrar to refund, in full or part, fees payable under this determination.

The initial registration fee for a dog that is younger than 1 year has been set at a zero amount. This is to encourage owners of dogs to comply with the requirement of dog registration. A fee has been determined for the initial registration of a dog over one year of age. This is to ensure that owners do not continually register their dog as a 'new' registration on an annual basis.

Fees for the return of an impounded dog are simplified and aligned more closely with the actual costs involved in holding dogs at the pound.

To encourage responsible disposal of unwanted dogs Domestic Animal Services provides services in relation to euthanasing and disposing of those dogs. Fees for these services are set by this determination.

A Permit to Keep an Animal Sexually Entire is a new requirement in this determination. The fee for this permit is a once off payment and only applies to animals born after 21 June 2001. The fee has been set at a reasonably high level to ensure that owners do not simply opt for a permit to keep their animals sexually entire instead of choosing to desex them. Pensioners and benefit recipients receive this Permit at a reduced rate. The parameters concerning circumstances surrounding the refunding of fees paid for this Permit are contained within this determination as required by section 144(3)(c) of the Act.

Section of the Domestic Animals Act 2000:	Description of matter for which fee is payable	Fee payable	Fee payable	Goods and Services Tax	Fee payable
		Under the repealed Dog Control Act 1975	under the Domestic Animals Act 2000	(if applicable)	under the Domestic Animals Act 2000
			(excluding the Goods and Services Tax)		(inclusive of Goods and Services Tax, if applicable)
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		2000-01	2001-02		2001-02
S6	The fee for the initial registration of a dog that is between 8 weeks and one year of age.	26.00	0.00		0.00
S6	The fee for the initial registration of a dog that is older than 1 year of age.	50.00	30.00		30.00
S10	The fee for the renewal of registration of a dog by a keeper not the benefit of a discounted fee	15.75	12.00		12.00
S10	The fee for the renewal of registration of a dog by a keeper the benefit of a discounted fee is: in the case of a keeper of an Trained Assistance Animal	Nil	Nil		Nil
S10	The fee for the renewal of registration of a dog by a keeper the benefit of a discounted fee is: in the case of a keeper of a dog trained to an approved obedience level	10.00	3.00		3.00
S10	The fee for the renewal of registration of a dog by a keeper the benefit of a discounted fee is: in the case of a dog residing on a rural lease	Nil	3.00		\$3.00

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		Under the repealed Dog Control Act 1975	under the Domestic Animals Act 2000	(if applicable)	under the Domestic Animals Act 2000
			(excluding the Goods and Services Tax)		(inclusive of Goods and Services Tax, if applicable)
		\$	\$	\$	\$
		2000-01	2001-02		2001-02
S10	The fee for the renewal of registration of a dog by a keeper the benefit of a discounted fee is: in the case of a keeper who is a recipient of a pension/benefit	6.00 (entire) 3.00 (desexed)	3.00		3.00
S11	The fee for a replacement copy of a certificate	5.00	5.00		5.00
S11	The fee for replacement of a tag	5.00	5.00		5.00
S19	The fee for a licence application to keep 4 or more dogs	72.00	72.00		72.00
S32	The fee for renewal of a licence to keep 4 or more dogs.	72.00	20.00		20.00
S24	The fee for a licence to keep a dangerous dogs	117.00	117.00		117.00
S32	The fee for renewal of a licence to keep a dangerous dogs	117.00	117.00		117.00
S75	Fee for a permit to keep a cat or a dog sexually entire		250.00		250.00
S75	Fee for a permit to keep a cat or a dog sexually entire where the owner is a pensioner or benefit recipient		\$50.00		\$50.00
S62	The fee for transport of a dog	33.75	35.00		35.00
S62	The fee for an impounded dog if the period the dog is impounded does not exceed 24 hours – first offence	100.00	100.00		100.00

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		\$	\$	\$	\$
		2000-01	2001-02		2001-02
S62	The fee for an impounded dog if the period the dog is impounded does not exceed 24 hours –second offence	150.00	150.00		150.00
S62	The fee for an impounded dog if the period the dog is impounded does not exceed 24 hours –third and further offence	200.00	200.00		200.00
S62	The fee for an impounded dog, cost for each additional day – first offence	10.00	10.00		10.00
S62	The fee for an impounded dog, cost for each additional day – second offence	10.00	10.00		10.00
S62	The fee for an impounded dog, cost for each additional day - third and further offence	10.00	10.00		10.00
S36	The fee for a certified copy of the certificate of a registration	5.00	5.00		5.00
	Sale of a dog from the pound	As determined by the Registrar	As determined by the Registrar		As determined by the Registrar
	Fee for euthanasia – size of dog <15 kgs	33.00	Fee replaced		
	Fee for euthanasia – size of dog 15-30 kgs	44.00	Fee replaced		
	Fee for euthanasia – size of dog >30 kgs	55.00	Fee replaced		

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		\$	\$	\$	\$
		<b>2000-01</b>	<b>2001-02</b>		<b>2001-02</b>
	Fee for euthanasia of a dog		44.00	4.40	48.40
	Fee for disposal of dog – size of dog <15 kgs	16.50	Fee replaced		
	Fee for disposal of dog – size of dog 15-30 kgs	22.00	Fee replaced		
	Fee for disposal of dog – size of dog >30 kgs		Fee replaced		
	Fee for disposal of a dog		25.00	2.50	27.50
S144	<p>Refunds – The registrar has the ability to refund fees, in part, in relation to the Permit to Keep an Animal Sexually Entire should certain criteria be met in respect to the applicants request for such consideration. Consideration will be given to circumstances where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• owners relocate interstate;</li> <li>• the animal has been desexed within three years; or</li> <li>• animal dies within three years of the owner applying for the Permit.</li> </ul> <p>The registrar has the discretion to refund fees paid in relation to the sale of a dog from the pound.</p>	<p>Request for Fee refund received within 1 year of Permit being issued: 200.00</p> <p>Request for Fee refund received within 2 year of Permit being issued: 100.00</p> <p>Request for Fee refund received within 3 year of Permit being issued: 50.00</p>			