

Domestic Animals (Fees) Determination 2023 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2023-103

made under the

Domestic Animals Act 2000, Section 144 (Determination of fees)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 144 of the *Domestic Animals Act 2000* (the Act) provides that the Minister may determine fees for the Act. This instrument commences on 1 July 2023.

This determination sets application fees for licences and permits that may be granted under the Act. The determination also deals with the waiver, refund or extension of time to pay fees in certain situations. Section 5 permits the Registrar or Deputy Registrar to waive fees as part of partnership initiatives with animal centred organisations. Providing waivers to certain organisations will contribute to building productive partnerships as committed to in the Canberra Dog Model and help encourage responsible dog ownership, promote high animal welfare standards, and support best-practice animal management in the Territory.

Schedule 2 of the instrument deals with refunds where the amount of the refund is specified. The Domestic Animals Registrar or Deputy Registrar has the power to determine whether waivers, refunds or extension of time to pay are consistent with the instrument.

It is appropriate for the both the Registrar and Deputy Registrar to issue waivers or refunds to ensure operability of Domestic Animal Services.

Indexed Fees

This determination increases fees contained in DI2022-60 by a Wage Price index (WPI) of 3.75% as per advice from ACT Treasury, rounded for cash handling and other purposes.

Revocation

This determination revokes the previous fee determination [DI2022-60] that set fees for the 2022-2023 financial year.