**DEFINITION OF A WORKING DOG**

The *Domestic Animals Act 1994* defines a farm working dog as a dog that herds, droves, protects, tends or works stock on land used solely or primarily for primary production. The dog owner’s income must be primarily generated from primary production. Primary production is defined as the maintenance of animals or poultry for the purposes of selling them or their natural increase of bodily produce.

If approved by council, farm working dogs:

* receive a reduced registration rate with council,
* do not count towards a property’s fertile female dog breeding limit,
* are not required to wear an identification marker outside of the premises if being kept or used or trained as a farm working dog including when it is going from place to place for that purpose.

A working dog that is not desexed is eligible for the reduced registration fee when all the above conditions above are met.

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| **Owner Details** |
| First Name       | Last Name       | D.O.B      /     /      |
| Postal Address       | Postcode |       |       |       |       |
| Home Phone       Work Phone       Mobile Phone       |
| Address where animal is housed:       | Postcode |       |       |       |       |
| **Primary Producer Details** |
| Name of Primary Producer:        |  Signature  |
| Primary Production Activity:        |  ABN       |
| Address where primary production takes place:       | Postcode |       |       |       |       |
| Home Phone       Work Phone       Mobile Phone       |

**Dog 1**

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| **Breed** |       | **Colour** |       |
| **Name** |       | **Microchip No.** insert label below or print 15 digits(proof must be provided\*)      |
| **Gender** | [ ]  Male [ ]  Female |
| **Desexed** | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No | **Age/DOB** |       |
| **Office Use** | **Tag No:** | **Amount Due:** | $ |

**Dog 2**

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| **Breed** |       | **Colour** |       |
| **Name** |       | **Microchip No.** insert label below or print 15 digits(proof must be provided\*)      |
| **Gender** | [ ]  Male [ ]  Female |
| **Desexed** | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No | **Age/DOB** |       |
| **Office Use** | **Tag No:** | **Amount Due:** | $ |
|  | **Receipt No.** | **TOTAL DUE** | $ |

**\*** Proof of microchip must be provided either by label, confirmation from microchip registry, or on vet letterhead.

**FARM WORKING DOG ANIMAL OWNER’S DECLARATION**

**I the undersigned declare** (tick where appropriate):

     that I own the dog(s) listed;

     **and** I am a Primary Producer or contracted to a Primary Producer (as defined under section 3(1)) of the Domestic Animals Act 1994;

     **and** the dog(s) listed are usually kept on rural land by a Primary Producer or a person employed by a Primary Producer;

     **and** the dog(s) listed are primarily kept or trained for the purpose of droving, protecting, tending or working stock.

I make application for registration of the dog(s) described above and have provided proof of microchipping and/or desexing and declare the information to be true and correct and that I have read and understood the conditions of eligibility for a Working Dog.

I declare that any dog(s) identified in this application have been correctly indicated as to whether they are, or are not, of a restricted breed.

**Print Name \_**     **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| Signature       | Date      |

[ ]  Please tick if the owner is under 18 years of age. *For the purpose of the Domestic Animal Act 1994 where the owner of a dog or cat is under 18 years*

*of age the parent or guardian of that person is deemed to be the owner.*

It is an offence to knowingly register a non farm working dog as a farm working dog

**Microchipping** is mandatory for all cats and dogs in Victoria\*. **^Pensioners** who hold a valid Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or Gold Card are eligible for a 50% discount on the applicable registration fee under the State Concessions Act 1986.

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| **Annual Registration Fee for an eligible Working Dog**  | **Fee** | **^Concession** |
| Working Dog  | $46.00 | $23.00 |

**Methods of Payment**

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| **Mail** | Post the completed and signed application together with copies of supporting documents (desexing certificate, microchipping certificate, pension card (if applicable) or animal membership card & pedigree papers (if applicable (for desexing exception)) and cheque or money order payable to **“Latrobe City Council”** to:PO Box 264 Morwell VIC 3840**.** |
| **In Person** | Bring the completed form and supporting documents with cash, cheque, EFTPOS or credit card to any of our following Service Centres and Libraries. Cash & cheques not accepted at Morwell Library. |
| 141 Commercial Road, Morwell 34-38 Kay Street, Traralgon 1-29 George Street, MoePhilip Parade, Churchill  | Please check our website for opening hours ofService Centres and Libraries.Hours may change due to COVID-19 restrictions. |
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**PRIVACY COLLECTION NOTICE**

The personal information requested on this form is being collected by Council for the administration and enforcement of animal control in accordance with Sections 10 & 18 of the Domestic Animals Act 1994. The personal information will be used by Council and its Contractors for that primary purpose or directly related purposes and may be disclosed as required to by law. For further information on privacy, please consult Council’s [Citizens Confidentiality and Privacy Policy](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Information_Pages/Privacy_Statement).