

First Time Application Animal Registration of Working Dog

Registration valid 10 October 2025 to 9 April 2026

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 of the conditions in the Farm working dog animal owner's declaration are met.

Owner details

First name:		
Last name:		
Postal address:		Post code:
Address where animal is housed:		Post code:
Date of birth:	Email:	
Home phone:	Work phone:	Mobile:

Primary producer details

Name of primary producer:		
Primary production activity:		
ABN:		
Address where primary production takes place:		Post code:
Home phone:	Work phone:	Mobile:

Primary producer signature

Signature	Date
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Dog details

	Dog 1		Dog 2	
Breed				
Colour				
Name				
Microchip number (Proof required)				
Gender	☐ Male	☐ Female	☐ Male	☐ Female
Desexed (Proof required)	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Yes	☐ No
Age or date of birth				
Fee \$ (refer to back of form)	\$		\$	
Tag number				

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

Payment details

Total fee payable	\$
Receipt number	

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;
- ☐ and the dog is not a restricted breed dog as listed in the Domestic Animals Act 1994.

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.

Name:	
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 and this form must be completed by them.

Important information

- 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 Veterans Gold Card are eligible for a 50% discount on the applicable registration fee under the State Concessions Act 2004.

Annual registration fees

10 October 2025 marks the halfway point in the registration year and Latrobe City Council allows a 50% reduction in registration fee for first time animal registrations valid to 9 April 2026 (Declared Dangerous or Menacing and Pound release registrations excluded).

Annual registration fee for working dog (updates 1 July each year)	Fee	^Concession
Working dog	\$26.50	\$13.25

Submitting your application

Mail	Post the completed and signed application together with copies of any documentation required and cheque or money order payable to 'Latrobe City Council' to PO Box 264 Morwell VIC 3840.	
In person	Bring the completed and signed application together with copies of supporting documents and payment to any of our following Service Centres and Libraries. Cash and cheques not accepted at Morwell Library.	
	141 Commercial Road, Morwell	Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
	63-65 Elgin Street, Morwell	Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.15pm Saturday, 9am to 12noon
	34-38 Kay Street, Traralgon	Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.15pm Saturday, 9am to 12noon
	1-29 George Street, Moe	Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.15pm Saturday, 9am to 12noon
	9-11 Philip Parade, Churchill	Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.15pm Closed between 12noon to 1pm

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](#).

Office use only	
Check list:	
☐ Pension/Gold card (if applicable)	Card number: _____
☐ Identification	Type: _____
	Number: _____
☐ Receipt to customer	
☐ Form fully completed	