

Buller District Council Free Dog Registration Giveaway (Companion Dogs)

Prize draw terms and conditions

1. Promoter

The promoter of this prize draw is Buller District Council (the Council), 6–8 Brougham Street, Westport 7825.

2. Eligibility

- Entry is open to residents of the Buller District who are aged 16 years or over.
- To ensure fairness across registration categories, dogs registered under the working dog classification (which already receives a reduced fee) are not eligible for this prize draw.
- Entrants must be the legal owner of the dog(s) intended to be registered.
- Entrants must meet all requirements under the Dog Control Act 1996 and any relevant Council bylaws and policies.
- Entrants must be classified as a 'responsible dog owner' at the time of the prize draw. Any dog that has been classified as menacing or dangerous is also excluded from entering.
- Employees of Buller District Council, Elected Members, their immediate family members (spouse, partner, parent, child, or sibling), and anyone directly involved in the administration of the prize draw are not eligible to enter.
- The Council reserves the right to verify eligibility at any time and to disqualify any entrant who does not meet these criteria.

3. Entry Period

- Dog owners will be entered in the prize draw automatically when they pay their 2026/27 dog registration fees. The prize draw closes at 11:59 pm on 31 July 2026.
- Entries received after the closing date will not be accepted.

4. How to Enter

- To enter the prize draw, participants must:
 - Renew their dog's registration, either online or in person at one of Council's service centres in Westport or Reefton by 11:59 pm on 31 July 2026.
- Only one entry per dog registration will be accepted.
- No additional fee beyond standard registration (if applicable) is required to enter.

5. Prize

- The prize consists of free dog registration for the life of the specified dog identified in the registration documents, subject to the dog remaining resident within the Buller District for that lifetime.
- The prize covers standard dog registration fees only and does not include any infringement fees, penalties, microchipping costs, or other charges incurred over the lifetime of the specified dog.
- The prize can be transferred onto a new owner if the dog is rehomed.
- The prize is not transferable to another dog, exchangeable, or redeemable for cash.

6. Winner Selection and Notification

- The winner will be randomly drawn via electronic means from all eligible entries within five (5) working days of the closing date.
- The winner will be notified using the contact details provided at the time of registration. If they forfeit their prize, a redraw will take place.
- If the winner cannot be contacted within fifteen (15) working days of the draw, the Council reserves the right to redraw the prize.

7. Prize Conditions

- The free registration must be applied to a dog that complies with Council requirements, including identification and ownership records.
- If a dog wins the prize and is later classified as a dangerous or menacing dog, the remainder of the prize must be forfeited, from the start of the next full registration period.
- The winning dog's owner must still check in with the Council each annual registration period to confirm their details and collect a new registration tag. The dog will be marked as a 'special dog' in the system and will not generate an annual fee.

- Winners must complete all required documentation to receive the registration.
- The prize must be redeemed by 31 August 2026, after which it may be forfeited.

8. Privacy

- Personal information collected for this prize draw will be used for administering the draw and managing dog registrations, in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 and the Council's privacy policy.
- By entering, participants consent to the Council using their information for these purposes.

9. Liability

- To the extent permitted by law, Buller District Council is not liable for any loss, damage, or injury suffered as a result of entering the prize draw or accepting the prize.
- The Council is not responsible for any technical issues, lost entries, or delays beyond its control.

10. General

- The Council reserves the right to amend, suspend, or cancel the prize draw at any time if required due to circumstances beyond its reasonable control.
- The Council's decision on all matters relating to the prize draw is final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
- These terms and conditions are governed by the laws of New Zealand.