

Lifetime dog tags

In a move to reduce plastic waste, Dunedin City Council will now be issuing long-life metal disc tags for dog registrations. The tag initiative will reduce the amount of plastic waste going to landfill.

Each lightweight aluminium disc is engraved with a unique identification number, designed to last a dog's lifetime. The new tags are being issued to owners renewing their registrations from June. It replaces the current system under which dogs are issued a new plastic disc each time their registration is renewed.

The new tags will also streamline the registration process for dog owners,

whose only task will be to pay their registration fee each year.

The 25mm tags have a gold side and a silver side. Gold was chosen because it was the easiest to read. The gold side will be engraved with the dog's registration number. Dog owners may wish to have the silver side engraved with their phone number or the dog's name.

Dog poo bags

In the past, you will have been sent a bonus card for six rolls of dog poo bags with your dog registration pack. These cards could be redeemed at DCC service centres which meant a special trip and wasn't always convenient for everyone.

To make things easier and more sustainable this year we're sending you a \$3 discount voucher that can be redeemed against Vitapet Poo Bags* at your closest supermarket. These are strong, certified, biodegradable, home compostable and made from 30% corn starch.

If you're looking for more sustainable ways to scoop the poop, a good option is to reuse your old bread bags, vegetable bags, chip bags and cereal bags to pick up after your dog. Alternatively, you could compost your dog poo, but not near your fruit or vegetable gardens!

*Terms and conditions apply. See dunedin.govt.nz/dogregistration for further details.