#### [Insert name of Local Government]

# Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2009 Sections 125 & 128

# **SEIZURE RECEIPT**

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(Insert name of authorised person and position) an authorised person under the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 reasonably believe the dog			
(Insert name of person of interest)			at
(Insert address or description of place)			
[ <i>Tick as appropriate</i> ] has attacked, threatened to attack or acted in a way that causes fear to, a person or another animal; or is, or may be, a risk to community health or safety; or is a prohibited dog; or is a regulated dog and a compliance notice has been given in relation to the dog and the notice has not been complied with.			
<b>Details of seizure</b> The Dog has been seized under the provisions of section 125 of the <i>Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008.</i>			
Date of seizure			
Name			
Registered: Registration number:	Yes No Registration #	Prescribed Permanent Identification Number (PPID) / Microchip (if known):	Yes No PPID/Microchip #
Breed (if known):		Colour:	
Sex	Male Female	Desexed	Yes No Unknown
Any other distinguishing features or marks		Condition of the animal:	
Address			1
Regulated dogs only	Dangerous Dog	Menacing Dog	Prohibited/restricted dog Permit Number
Registered owner/Person with custody at time of seizure			
Full name:			
Residential address:		Postal address:	
Telephone:		Email:	
Authorised Person Signature		Date:	

This Seizure Receipt is given to you in accordance with the Requirements of Chapter 5 of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008.* A copy of the relevant sections of the Act is provided below for your information.

## ANIMAL MANAGEMENT (CATS AND DOGS) ACT 2008

#### 125 Seizure powers for dogs

(1) If an authorised person has, under <u>part 2</u>, entered a place and the person reasonably suspects a dog mentioned in the part is at the place, the person may seize the dog if—

- (a) the person reasonably believes the dog-
- (i) has attacked, threatened to attack or acted in a way that causes fear to, a person or another animal; or
- (ii) is, or may be, a risk to community health or safety; or
- (b) the person reasonably believes the dog is a prohibited dog; or

(c) if the dog is a regulated dog—a compliance notice has been given in relation to the dog and the person reasonably believes the notice has not been complied with.

(2) Also, if the place is a public place, the person may seize the dog if no person is exercising effective control of the dog.

#### 128 Receipt for dog in particular circumstances

- (1) This section applies if the dog-
  - (a) has, or appears to have, a registered owner; or
  - (b) was seized from a person who had immediate control or custody of it.

(2) The authorised person must, as soon as practicable after the seizure, give the registered owner or person a written receipt for the dog—

(a) generally describing the dog and its condition; and

(b) stating the dog has been seized.

(3) If the registered owner is not present at the place at which the dog was seized and-

- (a) the place is not a public place—the receipt may be given by leaving it at the place in a conspicuous position and in a reasonably secure way; or
- (b) the place is a public place—the receipt may be given by leaving it at the address stated on the registration notice for the dog.

#### 129 Access to seized dog

(1) This section applies until the dog is returned under section 130 or 131.

- (2) The authorised person must allow the owner of the dog to inspect it any reasonable time, from time to time.
- (3) Subsection (2) does not apply if it is impracticable or would be unreasonable to allow the inspection.
- (4) The inspection must be provided free of charge.

# 130 Return of particular dog

(1) This section applies if-

- (a) when the dog was seized the authorised person-
  - (i) reasonably suspected the dog was a regulated dog; or
  - (ii) reasonably suspected the dog was a prohibited dog; or
  - (iii) considered a proposed declaration notice should be given for the dog; and
- (b) the person becomes satisfied the dog is not a dog mentioned in paragraph (a).

(2) As soon as practicable after becoming so satisfied, the person must return the dog to any owner or other person entitled to possession of it.

### 131 Return of particular dog to registered owner

(1) This section applies if the dog has, or appears to have, a registered owner and the dog-

- (a) is a regulated dog; or
- (b) is a dog for which a proposed declaration notice has been given; or
- (c) was seized because an authorised person reasonably suspected the dog was a prohibited dog.

(2) The authorised person must, within 14 days after the seizure, return the dog to the owner unless—

- (a) the owner has surrendered the dog to the relevant local government; or
- (b) a destruction order has been made in relation to the dog; or

(c) continued retention of the dog is needed as evidence for a proceeding or proposed proceeding for an offence involving the dog; or

(d) if the dog is a regulated dog-the authorised person is reasonably satisfied the owner of or a responsible person

for the dog has not complied with a condition imposed under chapter 4, part 5 in relation to the dog; or

(e) if the dog is a dog for which a proposed declaration notice has been given—a regulated dog declaration for the dog has not yet been made.

(3) The authorised person must return the dog to the owner as soon as practicable if an event as follows happens-

(a) if a destruction order has been made for the dog—an application for internal review or external review of the order is made and, as a result of the review, the order is no longer in force;

(b) if subsection (2)(c) applies—the dog's continued retention as evidence is no longer required;

(c) if subsection (2)(d) applies—all of the conditions imposed under chapter 4, part 5 in relation to the dog are complied with for the dog;

(d) if subsection (2)(e) applies—the regulated dog declaration for the dog has been made.