



OWNING A DOG

Before you own a dog for the first time you need to ask yourself some important questions, and carefully consider what you are undertaking. Contacting dog training clubs and dog behaviourists is a great way to find out information about training and responsible, effective dog ownership.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

COST: Registration, vaccines, food expenses, holiday boarding, and vet expenses for illness or injury.

TIME: Dogs can live up to 15 years and need plenty of exercise. They are pack animals by nature and will become stressed if left alone for too many hours every day. Do you have that time to put into your dog?

DAMAGE: Dogs are like children and need to be taught right from wrong. Destructive behaviour can be a sign of stress, boredom or frustration.

SIZE AND SPACE: How much room do you have? Where will your dog sleep? Is your property suitable for the type of dog you are considering?

CHILDREN: If you have children, you will need to monitor their interaction carefully and possibly consider seeking advice from a dog behaviourist to help with the integration.

Dogs will give you love, loyalty and companionship if they are cared for properly.



VARIETY STORE

Our rescue work is partly funded by donated goods sold through our second hand variety shop.

Cnr Beresford and Hardy Street, New Brighton

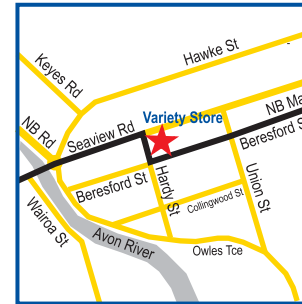
HOURS:

Mon - Fri: 10.00am - 3.00pm

Sat/Sun Closed

Public Holidays: Closed

Contact: Pat 03 383 4261



Donations of Saleable Goods Appreciated!

DOGWATCH ADOPTION CENTRE

for the rescue and rehoming of condemned pound dogs



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(opposite the petrol station)

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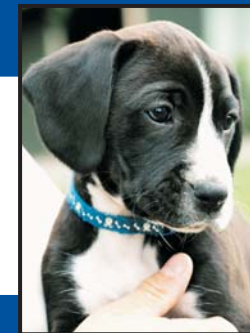
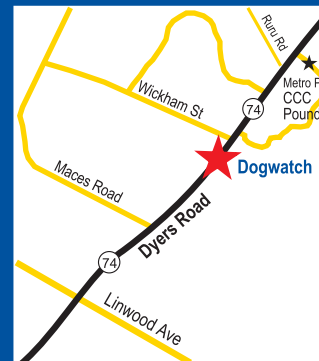
HOURS:

Mon - Fri: 1.00pm - 4.30pm

Saturday: 10.30am - 1.30pm

Sunday: Closed

Public Holidays: Closed



To view
DOGS for ADOPTION
go to our website

www.dogwatch.co.nz

Dogwatch Sanctuary Trust (Charity Reg No: CC30434)



DOGWATCH

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Dogwatch Sanctuary Trust is an organisation purposely formed to rescue, care for and rehome abandoned dogs who, after 7 days at the City and Selwyn District Pounds, have not been claimed or adopted and therefore are due to be destroyed.

After the 8th day, if there is available kennel space, Dogwatch takes legal ownership of any dogs deemed homeable by the Council. They are then cared for by a dedicated team of staff and volunteers at our purpose built **Adoption Centre** at 230 Dyers Road, Bromley, until they are re-homed.

At the Adoption Centre the dogs have individual, warm sleeping areas, large day yards and a fully enclosed three acre paddock for exercise. During the day the dogs are stimulated with toys, agility equipment, interaction with people and socialisation with other dogs as well as exercised 2-3 times daily.

The dogs are loved and cared for by a team of experienced staff and over 40 hard-working volunteers who all believe that every dog deserves a second chance.

We rely on your support

Dogwatch is a Registered Charitable Trust (CC30434), totally funded by public generosity in the form of donations and legacies, as well as the donation of saleable goods that we sell in our **Variety Shop in New Brighton**.

(see shop details on back panel)



ADOPTION

Fencing: We visit all potential new homes to ensure the fencing is able to contain your new dog. All fences, including gates, must be of appropriate height and of solid construction.

Permanence: We look for people who can offer our rescued dogs care, stability and security for the rest of their lives.

Tenancy: If you rent your property, we require written consent from your landlord.

Lifestyle: It is important to choose a dog whose energy level suits your lifestyle. Dogs are natural pack animals and in a domestic situation that 'pack' is their human family. While a few may cope with spending the working day on their own, most will be stressed if left alone for long periods of time. Our adoption process is specifically designed to help you find a dog which best suits your lifestyle.

Adoption costs:

Because we are a Charitable Trust we do not profit from the dogs we re-home. The cost of adoption includes the following:

- Registration
- Micro-chipping
- Vaccination (one year protection)
- Worming
- Spaying or Neutering
- New collar



CHOOSING A DOG

What kind of dog?

The dogs we rescue are mainly mixed breeds, of varying sizes and energy levels, ranging from puppies to older dogs. We have new dogs arriving into the sanctuary all the time so the best way to find out about available dogs is to go to the 'Dogs for Adoption' page on our website www.dogwatch.co.nz (updated daily) or visit us at the Adoption Centre at 230 Dyers Road, Bromley.

All the dogs are given an initial assessment for temperament before re-homing. This is an important process to best understand the needs of the dog and make sure it is placed in the best possible home.

Trial period

When adopting a dog from Dogwatch you are entitled to a one week trial period. This gives you and the dog time to get to know each other and for the dog to settle in.

During this time things will be a little strange for the dog and it is important to understand that it may take a while for them to become fully bonded to you and be completely comfortable and familiar with your habits and routines. Bonding is essential especially for second-chance dogs. It can take 2-4 weeks before your new dog is able to completely accept and trust you and your family.

