

Training Concession

As a responsible dog owner, you will receive a registration rebate if your dog is trained.

Trained and socialized dogs cause councils and the public far less concern than dogs which are untrained and do not know how to behave around other dogs and people. In recognition of this, councils must provide a dog registration fee rebate for dogs that have been trained.

The Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 provides that councils must provide this rebate if a dog has passed a training test determined by the Dog and Cat Management Board. The amount by which the dog's registration fee will be reduced varies between councils.

To be eligible for the training rebate, the dog owner must produce evidence that their dog, if under 12 months of age, has attended a puppy pre-school or that it meets the training criteria set by the Board. The training criteria is as follows:

- Stay exercise for ten seconds
- Walk at heel for a distance of five metres
- Recall to handler from a distance of one metre within three commands
- Sit* within three commands
- Is not aggressive when two metres from a dog that is sitting quietly with its handler.

* sit can be substituted by down or stand In any exercise If the dog is unable to or uncomfortable sitting, either because of their physical build or due to prior training (eg show dogs stand for examination rather than sit.)

All Dogs SA Obedience Clubs and Delta accredited trainers can certify that a dog has met this standard and will issue training rebate certificates. Council officers may also issue these certificates or authorize other obedience trainers to issue them on their behalf.

The benefits of having a well trained and socialised dog extend far beyond simply receiving cheaper registration. Your dog will be a better companion for you and your family and will be welcome in public and a pleasure to the community.

To locate your closest accredited training provider visit www.GoodDogSA.com