

Discounted Dog Obedience Training Program – Fact Sheet



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Frankston City Council has an incentive program to reward owners who undertake obedience training for their dogs. These owners are eligible for a 75% reimbursement of the fee for undertaking obedience training with an approved training organisation (conditions apply).

What do I need to do to qualify for the program?

The following criteria must be met in order to qualify for the program:

1. The obedience program must be conducted by a suitably qualified trainer who is a member of an approved training organisation
2. Your dog must be registered with Frankston City Council
3. Your dog must be desexed and microchipped
4. A completed application form must be provided to Council after the training has taken place
5. Reimbursement only applies for one course of training.

What is an approved obedience program?

An approved obedience program is carried out by an approved training organisation and assesses the dog's ability to:

1. Heel or walk with a handler
2. Socialise appropriately with other dogs
3. Stay on command (the 'stay test')
4. Come to the handler on command (the 'recall test')
5. Refrain from behaving aggressively

What is an approved training organisation?

The following organisations have been approved by the Minister for Agriculture as Approved Obedience Training Organisations in accordance with the requirements of the Domestic Animals Regulations 2015:

1. Australian Association of Professional Dog Trainers Inc
2. The Kintala Club
3. Dogs Victoria
4. Four Paws K9 Training
5. Delta Obedience Training Organisation

What is a suitably qualified trainer?

A qualified trainer is a current member of one of the organisations approved by the Minister (listed above). The trainer must have completed a training course approved by the Minister and administered by that organisation, to its satisfaction.

Why undertake obedience training?

Training your dog, particularly from an early age, will help it socialise with other animals and people. Training helps dogs learn some simple manners and household rules as well as basic commands such as sit, walk, come and drop.

Domestic Animals Regulations

Domestic Animals Regulations 2015

49. Obedience training

For the purposes of the Schedule to the Act, obedience training which complies with these Regulations is training of a dog that enables the dog to successfully complete:

An assessment program administered by the Victorian Canine Association Inc. which results in the award of an obedience title recognised by the Australian National Kennel Control; or

An assessment program approved by the Minister and conducted by a qualified dog trainer.

For the purposes of subregulation (1)(b) a qualified dog trainer is a person who:

Is a current member of an organisation approved by the Minister; and

Has completed to the satisfaction of that organisation a training course approved by the Minister and administered by that organisation.

For the purposes of sub-regulation (1)(b) the Minister may approve an assessment program if it provides for a dog to be assessed in the following skills:

- Heeling or walking with handler;
- Sociability with other dogs;
- Staying on command (known as a 'stay test');
- Coming to handler on command (known as a 'recall test');
- Absence of aggression towards humans or another animal.

For the purposes of sub regulation (2) (a), the Minister may approve an organisation for a period of up to 36 months if it satisfies the following criteria:

It is an organisation established for the purpose of representing the interests of other dog training organisations as well as individual dog trainers;

It provides training and education programs relating to dog training to its members;

It has prepared and distributed to its members a code of ethics relating to dog training that is endorsed by the organisation and is binding on its members.