

Fee Changes for 2025/26

Why are Dogs West's fees changing?

Each year, Dogs West reviews its fees to ensure the organisation remains financially sustainable and can continue delivering high-quality services to members.

Fee changes are influenced by:

- Rising costs of services and utilities
- Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- Wage Price Index (WPI)
- General inflation and economic conditions
- Interest rate impacts on operations
- Increases to Dogs Australia fees

Our goal is to remain cost-neutral at a minimum, while continuing to invest in better services and support for members.

How are fee changes calculated?

Fee adjustments are based on:

- Actual income and expenditure from the previous financial year
- Forecasted cost increases
- Expected member numbers and service demand

This process helps us fairly distribute costs while planning responsibly for the future.

Some Good News

Dogs West achieved several financial sustainability goals in 2024/25, including:

- Securing new partnerships
- Implementing cost-saving initiatives

As a result, most fee increases have been kept to a minimum. Increases linked to Dogs Australia fees have only been applied at the level passed on to us.

Key Fee & Charge Changes for 2025/26

1. Establishment Fee

- Was: \$60
- Now: \$35
- Now includes Juniors and Handlers
- Reflects minimum setup costs and simplifies membership processing

2. Late Fees

- Most late fees now standardised at \$55
- Late Transfer Fee remains at \$35 per month
- Encourages timely submissions and creates consistency

3. Sanctioned Event Levy (With Lighting) – New

This Levy will replace the fixed sanctioned event lighting fee.

- New fee structure for events requiring lighting
- Replaces previous fixed lighting fee
- Balances club affordability with Dogs West's lighting costs

4. Canine News Advertising

- Advertising schedule simplified
- Some pricing reductions
- Club Notices now strictly for meeting announcements
- Event Notices pricing consistent

- Changes improve clarity and reduce costs for clubs

5. Ground Hire & Lighting – Restructure

- Ground Hire with lighting corrects hire fees of facility users to recoup costs for both grounds and lighting
- Fees now include both lighting and ground hire
- Fees reflect seasonally adjusted lighting use
- Lighting time is automatically calculated based on booking times, no lighting forms are required.

Lighting Times by Season:

Season	Lighting Applies Before	Lighting Applies After
Summer	5:30 AM	7:30 PM
Autumn	6:00 AM	6:30 PM
Winter	6:45 AM	5:30 PM
Spring	6:00 AM	6:30 PM

6. New Fees for 2025/26

Fee Description	Amount	Notes
Escalation Fee	\$80.00	NEW – For paperwork errors leading to compliance action
Pre-Event Storage Fee	\$35.00/day	NEW – Up to 30 days. Supports clubs with unexpected deliveries. Subject to space availability
Event Notices	\$50.00	NEW – Applies to all event advertising
Club Notices (Meetings)	Free	Free for meeting announcements only

These new fees reflect the administrative resources required and aim to encourage accuracy and proactive planning.

7. Non-Member Fees

Fees for commercial or non-member use (e.g. venue hire, advertising) are available:

- On the Dogs West website
- Or by request

8. New Semen Use Fee

To better reflect the administrative effort involved, a new **Semen Use Fee** will apply when submitting a Certificate of Use for frozen semen.

From 1 July 2025, a \$35 fee will be charged per Certificate of Use lodged.

- If the certificate is submitted by the **inseminating veterinarian directly to Dogs West** (e.g. Kudah Vet), an invoice will be issued by our accounts team to the relevant breeder or semen owner.
- This certificate must be lodged **within 10 days of insemination**, as per Section R of the Dogs West Regulations.
- If not lodged within 10 days, it **must still be submitted** at the time of litter registration.

It remains the **breeder's responsibility** to ensure the Certificate of Use is provided and the applicable fee is paid. Litter applications missing either the certificate or payment will be returned, and **an Incorrect Paperwork Fee may also apply**.

For details, refer to:

- **Section R7 of the Dogs West Regulations**
- The current **Litter Registration Form** available on our website

What else is being done to manage costs?

Dogs West is actively working to minimise cost pressures by:

- Renegotiating supplier contracts to ensure best value
- Reducing printing and postage through:
 - Online forms and digital tools
 - Digital membership cards
 - Achieved over \$15,000 in savings in 2024/25
 - Further savings expected in 2025/26 through additional digitisation projects

New Income Streams Being Explored (2025/26)

- Product research for e-commerce opportunities
- New sponsorship partnerships
- Additional regular facility hirers