

58. Library Exchanges

1. Books for exchange forwarded between subscribers and recognised circulating libraries will be carried at one-half parcels rates, with a minimum charge of 25c per package, under the following conditions:

- The sender's name must be shown on each parcel.
- A declaration must be given on the consignment note that the package contains books, or other articles specially authorised by the General Manager.
- A clear indication of the contents must be given on each package.

2. The provisions of paragraph 1 of this section will be applicable in other cases authorised by the General Manager.

3. The terminal charge specified in paragraph 2 of section 55 will not apply to parcels forwarded under this section. Consignees must take delivery at destination station.

59. Homing-pigeons

1. Homing-pigeons sent to a station to be liberated for a race or liberated for training will, on production of a certificate as per paragraph 3 hereof, be charged as follows:

By goods trains	Class C rates and conditions.
By express or passenger trains	Ordinary parcels rates, computed on the separate weight of each container.

2. The terminal charge as provided in section 55, paragraph 2, will not be enforced and consignments conveyed under the provisions of this section will not be delivered by the Department.

3. **Certificate**—To obtain the benefits of this section, a certificate in the following form from the secretary of the club to which the owners belong must be produced:

I hereby certify that the pigeons to the number of.....consigned from.....to.....on.....are the property of members of.....Club, and are being forwarded to.....for the purpose of competing in a race [or training].

4. **Empty Boxes, etc.**—The empty hampers and boxes will be returned free to the sending station.

5. **General**—Pigeons not coming within the provisions of this section will be charged at the appropriate rates for "birds", *vide* section 54 (parcels consignments), or at class C rates and conditions (goods consignments).

60. Dogs

1. **Charges**—The charges for dogs, will be as follows:

(a) **Dogs, Tethered (Each):**

Kilometres Not Exceeding	\$	Kilometres Not Exceeding	\$	Kilometres Not Exceeding	\$
45	0.60	405	4.30	805	6.75
85	1.00	485	4.85	890	7.40
165	2.00	565	5.25	Over 890	8.35
245	2.95	645	5.90		—
325	3.80	725	6.30	—	—

(b) **Dogs in hampers, crates or boxes:**

Parcels rates plus 25%.

In the case of dogs unaccompanied by a passenger the terminal charge at the stations specified in section 55, paragraph 2, will be additional to the charges computed at parcels rates.

(c) Guide dogs (accompanying blind persons possessing Royal NZ Foundation for the Blind permits for guide dogs) will be conveyed free of charge.

2. **Delivery**—Passengers or consignees must take delivery of dogs immediately on arrival of the train at the destination station, failing which the dogs will be held by the department at the sole risk and responsibility of the owner. A charge of \$1.00 per day or portion of a day will be made for each animal which is not taken delivery of immediately on arrival at the destination station. In addition to this charge owners will require to pay any charge that may have been incurred for food, veterinary charges, and the like.

3. **General Conditions**—Dogs must bear a label showing distinctly the name and full address of the consignee and the destination station, and, except when accompanying passengers, must be delivered to the department and consigned not less than 30 minutes before the due time of departure of the train by which they are to be forwarded.

4. The department reserves the right to require that any dog presented for carriage by rail shall be efficiently muzzled or confined in a cage, box, or other suitable receptacle so as to prevent such dog from biting any person. The department will not be liable for the loss of any dog if such loss arises directly or indirectly from any tendency on the part of such dog to bite any person.

5. Dogs not secured in hampers, crates, or boxes must be provided with efficient chains and collars, or other suitable means of tether. Dogs in hampers, crates, or boxes must be properly secured so as to prevent damage to other goods.

6. Passengers accompanied by dogs must obtain a dog ticket at least 15 minutes before the due time of departure of the train, excepting when the journey is commenced from a station at which there are no booking facilities, when the passenger will obtain a dog ticket from the guard of the train. The ticket must be given up at the end of the journey before the dog is delivered. Owners must see their dogs safely placed in the train.

7. Dogs accompanying passengers on inter-island journeys will require to be consigned through the Parcels Branch.

8. With the exception of guide dogs accompanying blind persons, dogs will be conveyed by express or passenger trains only when there is sufficient space or facilities in the guard's van for their accommodation.

9. The department will not be liable for loss when a dog, whether accompanied by a passenger or consigned, escapes through the slipping of the collar or the breakage of the chain, collar, or such other means of tether by which it is secured unless the dog is carried at railway risk as provided in section 110.

10. Dogs (except guide dogs accompanying blind persons) will not be allowed in carriages.