

Appendix One

The Kapiti Coast District Council Annual Report on Dog Control Policy and Practices 2022/23



1. Introduction

The Kapiti Coast District Council, as a territorial authority, must report annually on its dog control policy and practices. The purpose of this report is to provide the information required under section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996 (the Act) in relation to:

- a) Its dog control policy adopted under section 10; and
- b) Its dog control practices.

2. The Council's Dog Control Policy (the Policy)

2.1 The Policy:

The Kapiti Coast District Council adopted its Dog Control Policy on 14 March 2019. The Policy outlines how the Kapiti Coast District Council will address the requirements set out in section 10 of the Act. The Policy is enforceable through the 2019 Kapiti Coast District Council Dog Control Bylaw.

The objectives of the Policy are to:

1. Ensure all dogs in the District are kept under proper and appropriate control at all times.
2. Prohibit or restrict specific breeds of dogs which are known to be dangerous.
3. To eliminate or minimise the distress, danger and nuisance caused by dogs to the general public and their property and sensitive sites.
4. To ensure that the owners of dogs comply with their obligations under the Act.
5. To provide the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners.
6. To recognise good and responsible dog owners and to reward them by reduced fees; and to discourage poor dog ownership by applying penalty fees where appropriate;
7. To provide for the welfare of dogs by at least ensuring minimum standards of care are met.

3. Dog control practices:

3.1 The current operational structure of the team

The team is currently managed by a Team Leader with six full time employees. The service operates a full-service Monday to Sunday 7am to 7pm. Outside these hours the staff rotate through an on call after hour service for urgent service requests.

3.2 Graduated response model to prevent dog nuisance

The Public Spaces Animal Management Team continue to use a graduated response model to minimise and mitigate risk relating to known problematic dogs and their owners. This model ensures the team actively identify and proactively manage high-risk dogs and their owners. They actively engage with known

dog owners, proactively educate first and then ensure appropriate enforcement action is taken early to mitigate risk and prevent the ongoing escalation of issues. .

3.3 Process mapping

The Public Spaces Animal Management Team continue to review and develop processes and accompanying documents to ensure they deliver an effective, efficient, and robust service.

3.4 Improved online communications to educate dog owners.

The team continues to use **Mail chimp**, an electronic digital all-in-one email platform to send out information to dog owners especially when toxic algae is blooming, during higher-than-normal levels in local rivers and streams and to update dog owners when registration is due.

Dogs and Owners	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20
Total number of known dogs in the district as of 30 June	8650	8537	8367	8046
Total number of dogs registered in the district as of 30 June	8324	8262	8359	7783
Total number of known dog owners	6867	6783	6564	6294
Probationary owners in the district	1	1	2	1
Disqualified owners in the district	5	3	3	3
Total number of dogs that are classified as dangerous in the district	9	9	8	7
Total number of dogs that are classified as menacing in the district	114	117	119	117
Number and provision of dogs classified menacing by deed (s.33A) this financial year	13	15	10	27
Number and provision of dogs classified menacing by breed (s.33C) this financial year	4	4	2	14
Complaints	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20
Dog attack	98	104	105	118
Dog threatening	115	93	112	106
Dog wandering	405	535	498	491
Dog noise/barking	404	386	465	449
Dog fouling	11	9	21	20
Total complaint related service requests	1033	1127	1201	1184

Infringements issued	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20
Failure to comply with bark abatement notice	-	-	-	2
Wilful obstruction	-	-	-	1
Failure to implant a microchip	-	1	-	-
Failure to register dog	75	124	120	111
Failure to keep dog under control	21	60	50	53
Failure to keep dog controlled/confined	10	20	19	29
Failure to comply with the effects of classification	\$	3	2	1
Failure/refusal to supply information	-	-	-	-
Bylaw breach	-	-	-	1
Falsely notify death of a dog	-	-	-	-
Wilfully provides false particulars	-	-	-	1
Failure to advise change of address	-	-	-	2
Failure to advise change of ownership	-	-	1	1
Total Infringements	110	208	192	202
Prosecutions	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20
		0	0	0
Impound or relinquished outcomes	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20
Impounded dogs returned to owners	117	136	125	136
Rehomed by Council to new owners	7	6	4	11
Rehomed through rehome agency	2	10	3	
Euthanised -	17	5	3	
On trial or in shelter at time of report	10	6	4	
Not recorded	-	1	29	
Total Impounds	154	164	168	147