

**RESOURCE PLANNING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE**  
**FOR THE MEETING OF 17 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**Report for Agenda Item No 6**

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**Dog Control Annual Report 2014/2015 (File D1/2)**

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**Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to acquaint Council of dog control activities during the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015.

**Background**

Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996 (the Act) requires that Timaru District Council (TDC) provides specific information to the Secretary for Local Government by way of an annual report each financial year. This report is provided to satisfy that requirement.

**Options**

It is a statutory requirement for TDC to provide an annual report each financial year which must be publicly notified and forwarded to the Secretary for Local Government.

**Identification of Relevant Legislation, Council Policy and Plans**

- Dog Control Act 1996
- Timaru District Council Bylaw Chapter 6 - Control of Dogs
- Timaru District Council Policy Document - Dog Control

**Assessment of Significance**

This matter is not deemed significant under the Council's Significance Policy.

**Consultation**

No consultation is proposed in respect of this report.

**Dog Control Statistics**

The reporting mechanism of TDC's new data system has been programmed in line with the reporting requirements of Section 10A of the Act.

The following layout of statistical data and information provided will therefore differ from previous years but meets legislative requirements.

The following dog control data relates to the 12 month period ending 30 June 2015.

1 The Number of Registered Dogs in the District

<b>Class</b>	<b>2013/2014</b>	<b>2014/2015</b>
Working	1527	1350
Rural Pet	2359	2268
Pet	5243	5186
Disability Assist	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>9130</b>	<b>8805</b>

2 The Number of Disqualified Owners

<b>Period</b>	<b>2013/2014</b>	<b>2014/2015</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

3 The Number of Dogs Classified as Dangerous

<b>Period</b>	<b>2013/2014</b>	<b>2014/2015</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>

4 The Number of Dogs Classified as Menacing

<b>Period</b>	<b>2013/2014</b>	<b>2014/2015</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>

5 The Number of Infringement Notices Issued

<b>Infringement</b>	<b>2013/2014</b>	<b>2014/2015</b>
Failure to Register Dog	340	110
Dog Not Under Control/Dog Wandering	56	7
Dog in Prohibited Area	2	0
Failure to Comply with Micro-chipping Requirements	0	0
Failure to Advise of Change of Address	1	0
Failure to Advise of Change of Ownership	3	0
Non-Compliance with Fencing Order	0	0
Obstruction	0	0
Providing False Information	0	0
Failure to Comply with Classification	1	0
Fouling	0	0
No Leash	0	0
Failure to comply with Bylaw	11	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>117</b>

Note: The total number of infringement notices served excludes cancellations.

6 The Number and Nature of Dog Related Service Requests Received

<b>Service Request</b>	<b>2013/2014</b>	<b>2014/2015</b>
Barking Dog	424	443
Dog Wandering	386	397
Dog Found	446	456
Miscellaneous	175	N/A
Dog Lost	192	365
Unregistered Dog	55	13
Microchip Appointment	86	69
Dog Rushing Person	103	N/A
Dog Attacking Animal	46	81
Dog in Prohibited Area	17	36
Dog Adoption	25	25
Dog Rushing, Attacking & biting Person	43	128
Dog Fouling	15	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2039</b>

Note: The miscellaneous total accounts for non-specific general enquiries but still requiring follow-up action from Animal Control Officers, such as providing information on prohibited areas.

7 The Number of Prosecutions Undertaken

<b>Prosecutions</b>	<b>2013/2014</b>	<b>2013/2014</b>
Total	4	7

**Recommendation**

**That this Dog Control report be received and adopted and that, as required by the Act, the report be publicly notified and forwarded to the Secretary for Local Government.**