

RESOURCE PLANNING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE
FOR THE MEETING OF 13 OCTOBER 2015

Report for Agenda Item No 6

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

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

Class	2013/2014	2014/2015
Working	1523	1350
Rural Pet	2349	2268
Pet	5122	5186
Disability Assist	1	1
Total	8995	8805

2 The Number of Disqualified Owners

Period	2013/2014	2014/2015
Total	2	0

3 The Number of Dogs Classified as Dangerous

Period	2013/2014	2014/2015
Total	2	2

4 The Number of Dogs Classified as Menacing

Period	2013/2014	2014/2015
Total	20	16

5 The Number of Infringement Notices Issued

Infringement	2013/2014	2014/2015
Failure to Register Dog	74	110
Dog Not Under Control/Dog Wandering	27	7
Dog in Prohibited Area	0	0
Failure to Comply with Micro-chipping Requirements	0	0
Failure to Advise of Change of Address	0	0
Failure to Advise of Change of Ownership	0	0
Non-Compliance with Fencing Order	0	0
Obstruction	0	0
Providing False Information	0	0
Failure to Comply with Classification	0	0
Fouling	0	0
No Leash	0	0
Failure to comply with Bylaw	1	0
Total	102	117

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

6 The Number and Nature of Dog Related Service Requests Received

Service Request	2013/2014	2014/2015
Barking Dog	403	443
Dog Wandering	446	397
Dog Found	496	456
Dog Lost	444	365
Unregistered Dog	21	13
Dog Rushing Person	113	N/A
Microchip Appointment	87	69
Dog Attacking Animal	45	81
Dog in Prohibited Area	69	36
Dog Adoption	33	25
Dog Attacking/Rushing Person	113 + 37 = 150	128
Dog Fouling	19	26
Total	2213	2039

Note: The “Dog Rushing Person” category has been combined with “Dog Attacking Person” for the 2014/15 year reporting period onward. The new category is called “Dog Attacking/Rushing Person.”

7 The Number of Prosecutions Undertaken

Prosecutions	2013/2014	2014/2015
Total	0	0

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.