

RESOURCE PLANNING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE
FOR THE MEETING OF 14 OCTOBER 2014

Report for Agenda Item No 6

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Dog Control Annual Report 2013/2014 (File D1/2)

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to acquaint Council of dog control activities during the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014.

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 2014.

1 The Number of Registered Dogs in the District

Class	2012/2013	2013/2014
Working	1527	1523
Rural Pet	2359	2349
Pet	5243	5122
Disability Assist	1	1
Total	9130	8995

2 The Number of Disqualified Owners

Period	2012/2013	2013/2014
Total	2	0

3 The Number of Dogs Classified as Dangerous

Period	2012/2013	2013/2014
Total	7	2

4 The Number of Dogs Classified as Menacing

Period	2012/2013	2013/2014
Total	20	2

5 The Number of Infringement Notices Issued

Infringement	2012/2013	2013/2014
Failure to Register Dog	340	74
Dog Not Under Control/Dog Wandering	56	27
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	1
Total	414	102

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

6 The Number and Nature of Dog Related Service Requests Received

Service Request	2012/2013	2013/2014
Barking Dog	424	403
Dog Wandering	386	446
Dog Found	446	496
Dog Lost	192	444
Unregistered Dog	55	21
Dog Rushing Person	103	113
Microchip Appointment	86	87
Dog Attacking Animal	46	45
Dog in Prohibited Area	17	69
Dog Adoption	25	33
Dog Attacking Person	43	37
Dog Fouling	15	19
Total	2013	2213

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

Prosecutions	2012/2013	2013/2014
Total	7	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.