

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

FOR THE MEETING OF 5 SEPTEMBER 2017

Report for Agenda Item No 8

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Dog Control Annual Report 2016 / 2017

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Council of dog control activities during the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.

Background

2. 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 (within one month of the Council adopting this report). This report is provided to satisfy that requirement.

Options

3. 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

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

Consultation

5. No consultation is proposed in respect of this report.

Dog Control Statistics

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

7. The following dog control data relates to the 12 month period ending 30 June 2016.

7.1. Number of Registered Dogs in the District

Class	2015/16	2016/17
Working	1,230	1,254
Rural Pet	2,231	2,267
Pet	5,136	5,092
Disability Assist	1	2
Total	8,652	8,615

(*Total does not include 62 menacing dogs and 8 dangerous dogs)

7.2. Number of Disqualified Owners

Period	2015/16	2016/17
Total	2	2

7.3. Number of Dogs Classified as Dangerous

Period	2015/16	2016/17
Total	7	8

7.4. Number of Dogs Classified as Menacing

Period	2015/16	2016/17
Total	47	62

7.5. Number of Infringement Notices Issued

Infringement	2015/16	2016/17
Failure to Register Dog	184	227
Dog Not Under Control/Dog Wandering	24	33
Dog in Prohibited Area	0	7
Failure to Comply with Micro-chipping Requirements	0	6
Failure to Advise of Change of Address	1	4
Failure to Advise of Change of Ownership	1	4
Non-Compliance with Fencing Order	0	0
Obstruction	0	1
Providing False Information	0	2
Failure to Comply with Classification	3	13
Fouling	0	0
No Leash	0	3
Failure to comply with Bylaw = Total of no leash and prohibited area	0	10
Total	213	300

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

7.6. Number and Nature of Dog Related Service Requests Received

Service Request	2015/2016	2016/2017
Barking Dog	450	381
Dog Wandering	407	378
Dog Found	370	321
Miscellaneous	N/A	N/A
Dog Lost	348	340
Unregistered Dog	17	23
Microchip Appointment	127	67
Dog Rushing Person	N/A	N/A
Dog Attacking Animal	98	90
Dog in Prohibited Area	39	22
Dog Adoption	43	79
Dog Rushing, Attacking & Biting Person	119	88
Dog Fouling	31	32
Total	2049	1,821

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.

7.7. Number of Prosecutions Undertaken

Prosecutions	2015/2016	2016/2017
Total	0	0

Recommendation

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