

RESOURCE PLANNING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE
FOR THE MEETING OF 20 SEPTEMBER 2016

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Dog Control Annual Report 2015/2016

Purpose of Report

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

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

1 The Number of Registered Dogs in the District

Class	2014/15	2015/16
Working	1350	1230
Rural Pet	2268	2231
Pet	5186	5136
Disability Assist	1	1
Total	8805	8652*

(*Total includes 47 menacing dogs and 7 dangerous dogs)

2 The Number of Disqualified Owners

Period	2014/15	2015/16
Total	2	2

3 The Number of Dogs Classified as Dangerous

Period	2014/15	2015/16
Total	2	7

4 The Number of Dogs Classified as Menacing

Period	2014/15	2015/16
Total	20	47

5 The Number of Infringement Notices Issued

Infringement	2014/15	2015/16
Failure to Register Dog	110	184
Dog Not Under Control/Dog Wandering	7	24
Dog in Prohibited Area	0	0
Failure to Comply with Micro-chipping Requirements	0	0
Failure to Advise of Change of Address	0	1
Failure to Advise of Change of Ownership	0	1
Non-Compliance with Fencing Order	0	0
Obstruction	0	0
Providing False Information	0	1
Failure to Comply with Classification	0	3
Fouling	0	0
No Leash	0	0
Failure to comply with Bylaw	0	0
Total	117	214

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

6 The Number and Nature of Dog Related Service Requests Received

Service Request	2014/2015	2015/2016
Barking Dog	443	450
Dog Wandering	397	407
Dog Found	456	370
Miscellaneous	N/A	N/A
Dog Lost	365	348
Unregistered Dog	13	17
Microchip Appointment	69	127
Dog Rushing Person	N/A	N/A
Dog Attacking Animal	81	98
Dog in Prohibited Area	36	39
Dog Adoption	25	43
Dog Rushing, Attacking & biting Person	128	119
Dog Fouling	26	31
Total	2039	2049

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	2014/2015	2015/2016
Total	7	0

Recommendation

That the 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.