



AGENDA

Hearings Committee Meeting Monday, 4 August 2025

Date Monday, 4 August 2025

Time 2:00 pm

Location Council Chambers
District Council Building
2 King George Place
Timaru

File Reference 1775977

Timaru District Council

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Hearings Committee will be held in Council Chambers, District Council Building, 2 King George Place, Timaru, on Monday 4 August 2025, at 2:00 pm.

Hearings Committee Members

Clr Michelle Pye, Clr Peter Burt and Clr Owen Jackson

Quorum – no less than 2 members

Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968

Subcommittee members are reminded that if you have a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda, then you must declare this interest and refrain from discussing or voting on this item, and are advised to withdraw from the meeting table.

Paul Cooper
Group Manager Environmental Services

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5 Reports

5.1 Dog Control Act 1996 - Objection to Disqualification of owner - Suzanne Charles

Author: Joanne Hamilton, Team Leader Animal Control/Parking

Authoriser: Paul Cooper, Group Manager Environmental Services

Recommendation

That the Hearing Committee Panel, after considering the available evidence, makes a determination under the provisions of the Dog Control Act 1996 to either:

- (a) Rescind the Disqualification of Ownership; or
- (b) Uphold the Disqualification of Ownership.

Purpose of Report

- 1 This report relates to an objection received in writing from Suzanne Charles (also known as, Suzanne Pelvin); regarding the Notice of Disqualification from Dog Ownership dated 13 May 2025 and hand delivered to the dog owners' property.

Assessment of Significance

- 2 Councils' assessment of significance under its Significance and Engagement Policy is that this matter is of low significance.

Background

- 3 Timaru District Council Animal Control Officers were called to a wandering dog on the corner of Otipua Road and Richards Place, Timaru on 5 February 2024. The dog was picked up and impounded, the dog was not registered or microchipped. It was claimed by Suzanne Charles and subsequently identified as 'Nui' (**attachment 1 – table of all complaints, officers' notes and actions taken**).
- 4 On the 18 March 2024, Timaru District Council received a call regarding a wandering dog on Brenda Street Timaru. The dog was picked up and impounded and identified as Nui, who was claimed by Suzanne Charles.
- 5 On 7 May 2024 Timaru District Council Animal Control received a complaint about a dog from 3 Richards Place, Timaru that wanders every morning. An Animal Control Officer investigated the complaint, which resulted in a fencing order being issued to Suzanne Charles on 7 May 2024 (**attachment 2**).
- 6 On 12 June 2024 Timaru District Council Animal Control Officers received a complaint of a wandering dog on the corner of Otipua Road and Richards Place, Timaru. The dog was picked up and impounded. The dog was subsequently identified as Nui and Claimed by Suzanne Charles.
- 7 On 21 June 2024 Timaru District Council Animal Control Officers received a report of a dog harassing painters working on the corner of Otipua Road and Richards Place, Timaru, the

painters reported that the dog would growl if they went near it. When the Animal Control Officer arrived at the location, they were advised someone came and retrieved the dog and took it home. The Animal Control Officer issued a Notice of warning for this incident **(attachment 3)**. On the same day, another complaint was received regarding a wandering dog on Otipua Road, Timaru. The dog was picked up and impounded. The dog was subsequently identified as Nui and claimed by Suzanne Charles.

- 8 On 22 July 2024 Timaru District Council Animal Control Officers received a complaint regarding the dog from 3 Richards Place, Timaru wandering constantly, it was reported that the dog is aggressive towards people. On the 25th July an Animal Control Officer visited 3 Richards Place, Timaru and spoke with Suzanne advising of this complaint and that any further substantiated complaints would result in infringements being issued.
- 9 On 11 October 2024 Animal Control Officers visited 3 Richards Place during an un-registered dog audit and issued a Notice to Register Dog, advising the dog Nui needed to be registered by 5pm 25 October 2024 **(attachment 4)**. The dog remained un-registered after this date and an infringement notice was issued on 14 November 2024 **(attachment 5)**.
- 10 On 29 October 2024 Timaru District Council Animal Control Officers received a complaint that a large brown dog from 3 Richards Place, Timaru was out wandering that morning and again that afternoon at 3:40pm. The owner secured the dog before evidence of the wandering was obtained.
- 11 On 21 January 2025 Timaru District Council Animal Control Officers received a complaint regarding a dog wandering on the corner of Otipua Road and Angland Avenue, the complainant provided a photo she had taken **(attachment 6)**, Animal Control Officers identified that it was the Nui known to them as Nui from 3 Richards Place, Timaru. An infringement notice for this offence was issued on 4 February 2025 **(attachment 7)**.
- 12 On 27 January 2025 Timaru District Council Animal Control Officers received a complaint regarding a wandering dog on Richards Place, Timaru. The complainant reported that they told the dog to go home, and he barked, growled and move toward them. The complainant provided photographs; however, they were not able to positively identify the dog as Nui.
- 13 On 4 February 2025 Timaru District Council received a complaint regarding a wandering dog. Photographs were provided **(attachment 8 and attachment 9)**. An infringement notice was issued for this offence **(attachment 10)**.
- 14 On 14 February an email was sent to the Timaru District Council containing a photograph of a dog which Animal Control Officers identified as Nui from 3 Richards Place, Timaru **(attachment 11)**. Subsequently, an infringement notice was issued **(attachment 12)**.
- 15 On 3 March 2025 Timaru District Council Animal Control Officers Received a complaint of a dog wandering on the corner of Richards Place and Otipua Road Timaru, it was reported the dog was running in and out of traffic and the dog followed a red car onto Richards Place and was jumping up at the car while it was driving. The complainant was unable to get photographs to provide as evidence.
- 16 On 5 March 2025 a member of the public emailed photograph's of the dog "Nui" wandering **(attachment 13)** and a witness statement was provided **(attachment 14)**. An Infringement notice was issued on the 12 March 2025 **(attachment 15)**, however, it was later noticed there was a clerical error on this infringement notice, and it was replaced by Infringement 12195 **(attachment 16)**. On the same day a Probationary Owner Classification was issued **(attachment 17)**.

- 17 On 6 March 2025 Timaru District Council Animal Control Officers received a complaint of a dog wandering in and out of properties on Richards Place, Timaru. When Animal Control arrived, they did not locate a wandering dog but visited 3 Richards Place and spoke with Suzanne.
- 18 On 24 March 2025 Timaru District Council Animal Control Officers received a complaint regarding a wandering dog on the corner of Marsden Road and Otipua Road, Timaru. An Animal Control Officer tried contacting the complainant to get their statement to use as evidence, but they did not respond to any calls.
- 19 On 11 April 2025 Timaru District Council Animal Control Officers received a complaint of a dog wandering on the Corner of Otipua Road and Richards Place, Timaru. When the Animal Control Officer arrived, there was no dog located, but they went and spoke with Suzanne and advised that if evidence was provided and another infringement issued, she would be disqualified from owning dogs.
- 20 On 5 May 2025 Timaru District Council Animal Control Officers received a complaint regarding a wandering dog on the corner of Otipua Road and Richards Place, Timaru. When the Animal Control Officer arrived at the location they observed Nui being walked on a lead by his owner Suzanne.
- 21 On 13 May 2025 Timaru District Council Animal Control Officers received a complaint of the dog from 3 Richard Place, Timaru wandering. The complainant provided a photograph and a written statement (**attachment 18 and attachment 19**). An infringement was issued (**attachment 20**) and also a Disqualification of Dog Ownership Classification was issued (**attachment 21**), due to a clerical error, this Notice was replaced (**attachment 22**).
- 22 On 29 May 2025 Timaru District Council Animal Control Officers received a complaint that a dog rushed at a person on Richards Place, Timaru. Animal Control could not locate the dog.
- 23 On 4 June 2025 the dog owner had not complied with the disqualification issued on 4 June 2025, therefore, Nui was seized and impounded (**attachment 23**).
- 24 On 16 June 2025 Suzanne Charles (Pelvin) objected to the Disqualification from Dog Ownership Classification (**attachment 24**). Enforcement panel decision.

Discussion

- 25 Section 25 of the Dog Control Act 1996 states that a territorial authority must disqualify as person from being an owner of a dog if; the person commits 3 or more infringement offences within a 24-month period.
- 26 Section 25 (1A) stipulates that the territorial authority may use discretion and instead classify the person as a probationary owner under section 21 of the Dog Control Act 1996. In the first instance a probationary owner classification was issued, however after this was issued, a further three infringement offences were committed, therefore we had no further enforcement options available to us, with the Notice of Disqualification of owner being issued.
- 27 The Disqualification classification requirements were not met which led to the dog 'Nui' being seized and impounded. These continued breaches of the Act have left the community apprehensive and indicates a pattern of negligence where the owner has not met their obligations of dog ownership under the Dog Control Act 1996.
- 28 Reviewing the history of Suzanne's dog ownership, a previous dog that she owned was impounded twice in 2023 and she also received a written warning due to a complaint received regarding the dog rushing a member of the public. The dog was rehomed shortly after these incidences took place.

Relevant Legislation, Council Policy and Plans

- Section 5, Dog Control Act 1996 – Obligations of dog owners
- Section 21, Dog Control Act 1996 – Classification of probationary owners
- Section 23, Dog Control Act 1996 – Probationary owners
- Section 24, Dog Control Act 1996 – Probationary owners to dispose of unregistered dogs
- Section 25, Dog Control Act 1996 – Disqualification of owners
- Section 26, Dog Control Act 1996 – Objection to disqualification
- Section 28, Dog Control Act 1996 – Effect of disqualification
- Section 42, Dog Control Act 1996 – Offence of failing to register dog
- Section 52, Dog Control Act 1996 – Control of dogs generally
- Section 52A, Dog Control Act 1996 – Control of dog on owner's property
- Section 53, Dog Control Act 1996 – Offence of Failing to keep dog under control

Financial and Funding Implications

- 29 Councils' assessment of financial and funding implications policy is not applicable in this instance.

Attachments

1. Attachment 1 - Time Line of Offences - Nui 3 Richards Place
2. Attachment 2 - Fencing Order - 3 Richards Place Timaru - SJ Charles - Dog "Nui"
3. Attachment 3 - Notice of Warning - SJ Charles - 3 Richards Place, Timaru - Dog "Nui"
4. Attachment 4 - Notice to Register Dog - SJ Charles - 3 Richards Place, Timaru - Dog "Nui"
5. Attachment 5 - Infringement Notice 12014 - Animal Infringement Notice - SJ Charles
6. Attachment 6 - Evidential Photograph of dog "Nui" 3 Richards Place, Timaru
7. Attachment 7 - Infringement Notice 12229 - SJ Charles 3 Richards Place, Timaru - Dog "Nui" Failure to keep dog controlled or confined
8. Attachment 8 - Evidential Photograph of dog "Nui" 3 Richards Place, Timaru
9. Attachment 9 - Evidential Photograph of dog "Nui" 3 Richards Place, Timaru
10. Attachment 10 - Infringement Notice 12228 SJ Charles 3 Richards Place, Timaru - Dog "Nui" Failure to keep dog controlled or confined
11. Attachment 11 - Evidential Photograph of dog "Nui" 3 Richards Place, Timaru - Redacted
12. Attachment 12 - Infringement Notice 12245 SJ Charles 3 Richards - Dog "Nui" Failure to keep dog controlled or confined
13. Attachment 13 - Evidential Photograph of dog "Nui" 3 Richards Place, Timaru
14. Attachment 14 - Witness Statement regarding "Nui" - wandering at large - Redacted
15. Attachment 15 - Withdrawn Infringement Notice 11870 SJ Charles 3 Richards Place Timaru
16. Attachment 16 - Re-issued Infringement Notice 12195 SJ Charles 3 Richards Place Timaru - Dog "Nui" Failure to keep dog controlled or confined
17. Attachment 17 - Probationary Owner Classification SJ Charles 3 Richards Place Timaru
18. Attachment 18 - Evidential Photograph of dog "Nui" 3 Richards Place Kensington Timaru - Redacted
19. Attachment 19 - Witness Statement regarding "Nui" wandering at large - Redacted
20. Attachment 20 - Infringement Notice 12190 SJ Charles 3 Richards Place Timaru - Dog "Nui" Failure to keep dog controlled or confined

21. Attachment 21 - Notice of Disqualification from Dog Ownership Classification SJ Charles 3 Richards Place Timaru
22. Attachment 22 - Re-issue of Notice of Disqualification from Dog Ownership Classification SJ Charles 3 Richards Place Timaru
23. Attachment 23 - Notice of Seizure of Dog - Nui 3 Richards Place Timaru
24. Attachment 24 - Summary of objection to Disqualification of dog owner - SJ Charles 3 Richards Place Timaru - 16 June 2025
25. Dog Control Act 1996 - Section 23 - Probationary owners
26. Dog Control Act 1996 - Section 24 - Probationary owners to dispose of unregistered dogs
27. Dog Control Act 1996 - Section 25 Disqualification of owner
28. Dog Control Act 1996 - Section 26 Objection to disqualification
29. Dog Control Act 1996 - Section 28 Effect of disqualification
30. Dog Control Act 1996 - Section 42 - Offence of failing to register dog
31. Dog Control Act 1996 - Section 52 - Control of dogs generally
32. Dog Control Act 1996 - Section 52A - Control of dog on owners property
33. Dog Control Act 1996 - Section 53 - Offence of failing to keep dog under control
34. Objector - Suzanne Charles - Photos of new kennel, run and fencing installed at 3 Richards Place, Timaru

Date/Time of complaint	Description of complaint	Officers Notes	Outcome
5 February 2024 CRM - 171285/2024	Found a puppy on the road at the corner of Richard's Place and Otipua Road	Collected from caller and impounded. Spoke to owner who advised will pick up in morning.	Nui Impounded
18 March 2024 CRM - 173521/2024	Brenda St Timaru - found brown med/lg dog. Followed them home.	Dog impounded	Nui Impounded
7 May 2024 CRM - 175701/2024	Wandering dog on Richards Place Kensington, out wandering every morning and has no road sense – Dog is from 3 Richards Place.	Have rang owner of dog and left message on her phone to make contact with me. (KL Dick - 07/05/2024) The property has sufficient fencing out the back and they have made an attempt to put up a front fence. Still no contact with owner but have had no further wandering complaints	Fencing order issued 7/5/2024
12 June 2024 CRM - 177224/2024	Cnr Richards Place and Otipua Road – brown Pitbull type dog loose. May have come from second house on the west side of Richards Place.	Dog picked up on Richards Place and Impounded.	Nui Impounded
21 June 2024 CRM - 177634/2024	Brown Coloured dog could be a lab/staffy cross. Annoying the painters that are trying to paint the fence. It is pulling at the drop sheets and ripping them. Dog growls when they go near.	14:56 onsite and spoke to the painter who advised someone had come and picked up the dog and had taken him home.	Warning Issued 24/7/24

21 June 2024 CRM - 177658/2024	3 Richards Place Timaru – Rottweiler type dog has wandered from 3 Richards Place to ____ Otipua Road. People were scared to get out of vehicle.	Dog picked up and impounded.	Nui Impounded 4:13pm
22 July 2024 CRM – 178989/2024	3 Richards Place Timaru (2 nd Flat on right as you enter Richards Place) – large brown dog wanders constantly. If you try shoo the dog away it will lunge/attack you. Fencing and gate inadequate.	Wednesday 24/07/2024 I issued a warning for wandering from a photo from another complainant that came in on 21 June 2024. Thursday 25/07/2024 I visited and spoke to the dog owner Suzanne and hand delivered the warning. I advised her that any more reports of wandering will end up in infringements. Friday 26/07/2024 at 10:07am I rang the complainant and left a message advising of the outcome.	Warning issued and spoke to owner.
11 October 2024	Un-registered dog audit	Delivered Notice – To pay registration by 25 October 2024. Dog not registered.	Notice to register issued. Infringed for failing to register dog 14/11/24 IN12014.
29 October 2024 CRM – 183547/2024	3 Richards Place – large brown dog from this address out this morning and out again at 3:40pm – owner was heard calling it back in.		Owner secured dog before our attendance
21 January 2025 CRM - 187360/2025	Dog nuisance - The street corner of Otipua Road & Angland Avenue - Please keep this anonymous as I have	Photos provided	Infringed on 4/2/25 IN12229

	heard this owner might retaliate for reporting this dog in my community. I have seen this large brown dog roaming on 3 separate occasions the last 3 months, sighted this photo earlier today around 8:20PM		
27 January 2025 CRM – 187650/2025	Dog from 3 Richards Place out late last night. Complainant told Nui to go home and he barked, growled and kept coming toward her.	Photos provided but not clear enough to identify dog.	No action taken.
4 February 2025 CRM – 188138/2025		Photos provided	Infringed 4/2/2025 IN12228
14 February 2025 Email received		Photos provided	Infringed 17/2/25 IN12245
3 March 2025 CRM – 189421/2025	Brown Short haired dog from cnr Richards Place/Otipua Road Timaru – seen out on Otipua Road stopping traffic. Has gone back now. Followed red car onto Richards place and was jumping up at the car.	Spoke to complainant, dog was already home. Advised evidence needed.	Advised evidence needed.
5 March 2025	Email received from member of public	Photographs and statement provided as evidence off offence	Infringement issued 12/3/2025 IN11870 <i>(Replaced with 12195 due to clerical error)</i> Probationary owner paperwork issued 12/3/2025
6 March 2025 CRM – 189578/2025	Dog wandering in and out of properties in Richards Place. Possibly Pitbull or	Dog was home on arrival	Spoke to owner

	Rotty. The dog lives up the street and is always out of the property.		
24 March 2025 CRM – 190492/2025	Cnr Otupua/Marsden Road. The dog lives on Richards Place and is a brown Bull Mastiff – wandering on Otupua Road while walking my 6 month old puppy it came up and started circling us, it would not leave us alone. The owners were trying to catch it and put a chain around its neck dog became very aggressive once it saw the chain and bit the lady on the hand, then later bit the man who was bleeding quite bad. 2 people stopped in a 4x4 vehicle and tried to get me and my dog in their car but the other dog jumped in. We closed the door and I left to get away and then the lady(owner) opened the door and her dog ran after me again. The people in the 4x4 then approached me and told me to get in and took me home. This dog is a danger to the public and other animals. Can no longer walk in the area. SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE.	Complainant coming in friday at 2.30 to make a statement. i had tried contacting complainant all week. (KJ MacGregor - 27/03/2025) complainant never showed and won't take my calls. I can't do anything about it if I don't have a statement as there is no proof of it being Nui. (KJ MacGregor - 31/03/2025)	No action taken due to lack of evidence.
11 April 2025 CRM 191323/2025	Cnr Otupua Road and Richards Place	AN57715 Nui. When ACO arrived,	Spoke to owner

	Timaru – choc lab wandering	complainant was gone. Spoke to a lady that was out front of her section who said she knew the dog well. Spoke to Nui's owner and explained that if we got one more photo proving Nui was out that we would disqualify and then be taking Nui.	
5 May 2025 CRM - 192278/2025	Dog wandering at bottom end of Otupua Road Timaru near Richards Place. Big brown dog.	05/05/2025 at 11:25am I arrived in the area and found the dog Nui, AN57715, on leash walking with his owner. We talked about the fact that the dog is not registered and what the cost would be, she advised she will be registering the dog this afternoon.	Spoke to owner
13 May 2025 CRM – 192671/2025	Dog from 3 Richards Place out again wandering	Photo Provided. 12/05/2025 at 2:48pm I arrived at Richards Place and did not find the dog out wandering. the complainant came up to me and advised that the dog was back at the property. I asked if was available to supply a statement. was available now and followed me back to the council and submitted a statement. A review of the history of the dog from 3 Richards Place, Nui, and its owner, SJ Charles,	Infringement issued 13/5/25 IN12190 and owner issued disqualification paperwork 13/5/25, <i>(re-issued due to clerical error 21/07/2025)</i>

		<p>indicates that on February 4, 2025, the owner was designated as a probationary owner under Section 21 of the Dog Control Act 1996, due to three infringements within 24 months. Since February 4, has incurred two additional infringements under Section 52A for 'failure to control dog.' Following this new complaint, I will be issuing another infringement under this section. Additionally, I will be recommending a dog disqualification under Section 25 of the Dog Control Act 1996. 13/05/2025 I arrived onsite at 3 Richards Place with Jo Hamilton, team leader, No one was home, and I left the paperwork in the letter box.</p> <p>04/06/2025 The dog was seized under section 28 of the dog control act 1996.</p> <p>05/06/2025 I rang and advised the complainant of the outcome of his complaint.</p>	
28 May 2025 CRM – 193397/2025	Richards Place – large dog wandering. Rushed at a person on a bike and chased them onto their property.	29/05/2025 at 3:10pm I arrived at the address, no sign of the dog out roaming.	Dog not located.

4 June 2025	Dog owner not compliant with Disqualification of Owner Classification	Seized and impounded Nui.	Dog impounded.
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7 May 2024

SJ Charles
3 Richards Place
Kensington
Timaru 7910

Dear Sir / Madam

Animal Control / Fencing Order

Failing to keep your dog under control, confined, within your own property has resulted in Council placing a Fencing Order on this property under the Timaru District Council Bylaw 611. By doing this, this should eliminate any future problems in relation to your dog being able to leave the premises freely.

611 Dogs becoming a nuisance or injurious to health.

611.1 *Where any Council Officer considers on reasonable grounds if the keeping of any dog on a premises is, or likely to become, a nuisance or injurious or hazardous to health, property or safety, the Dog Control Officer or Dog Ranger may, by notice in writing, require the owner or occupier of the premises, within the time specified in such notice, not being less than 14 days, to do all or any of the following:*

- a) To reduce the number of dogs kept on the premises;*
- b) To alter, reconstruct or otherwise improve the accommodation for dogs;*
- c) To require such dogs to be tied up or otherwise confined;*
- d) To take other such precautions as may be considered necessary.*

Where fences already exist in respect of the Owner's property the Officer may require such upgrading or alteration as is necessary in his/her opinion to achieve the effective containment of a dog within a property.

613 *Any Person who fails to comply with a decision given by an Officer under the provisions of Clause 611.1 hereof, requiring that Person to construct or repair a fence shall have committed an offence against this chapter of the bylaw.*

The current fencing needs to be checked for the following:

- Holes where the dog may escape (dirt/grass around fencing).
- Sufficient height to keep the dog confined within your property.

- Free access to front door.
- A self closing or padlocked gate, to ensure the gate cannot be left open.

Until these fencing requirements have been met it is advisable to have the dog constrained on your property to ensure the dog cannot wander at large. Failure to do so could result in instant infringements and impounding of your dog, at your expense.

An inspection will be carried out on your property after 21 May 2024 to ensure the property complies with the Fencing Order requirements outlined above. Failing to meet these requirements may result in the dog being seized and impounded at your expense.

If you have any questions or if you require me to call and check the progress, or offer advice please feel free to contact me at any time on (03) 687 7200.

Yours faithfully



Karina Dick
Animal Control Officer

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Notice of warning in respect of alleged offence

Pursuant to the Dog Control Act 1996 and the Timaru District Consolidated Bylaw 2018

To: SJ Charles

Address: 3 Richards Place Kensington Timaru 7910

Date issued: 24/07/2024

Time issued: 10:00am

Dog name: Nui

Registration no:

Sex: Male

Age: 0

Breed: Rottweiler

Colour: Brown

■ The Timaru District Council Animal Control Unit has investigated a complaint:

Dated 21/06/2024 alleging that:

Details of the offence: Your dog, Nui, was witnessed by a member of the public out wandering at large and was not contained to your property.

I bring to your attention: **Section 52 of the Dog Control Act 1996**

You are therefore requested to undertake the following immediately of receiving this notice: Keep you dog contained to your property.

I wish to bring to your attention, that if you commit a further offence of the type specified above, the Council will consider issuing you an infringement notice or taking legal action against you for that offence.

If you consider the above information is incorrect and you wish to discuss it further, or if you require some assistance, please contact us.

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Dog Control Act 1996

Section 2. Interpretation

public place—

- a) means a place that, at any material time, is open to or is being used by the public, whether free or on payment of a charge, and whether any owner or occupier of the place is lawfully entitled to exclude or eject any person from that place; and
- b) includes any aircraft, hovercraft, ship or ferry or other vessel, train, or vehicle carrying or available to carry passengers for reward.

Section 52. Control of dogs generally

- 1) The owner of any dog shall keep that dog under control at all times.
- 2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a dog shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be not under control—
 - a) if it is found at large on any land or premises other than a public place or a private way without the consent (express or implied) of the occupier or person in charge of that land or those premises; or
 - b) if it is found at large in any public place or in any private way in contravention of any regulation or bylaw.
- 3) Where a dog is not under control in terms of subsection (2), the dog control officer or dog ranger may seize the dog and cause it to be returned to its owner or impounded.

Section 55. Barking dogs

Where a dog control officer or dog ranger has received a complaint and has reasonable grounds for believing that a nuisance is being created by the persistent and loud barking or howling of any dog, the dog control officer or dog ranger may—

- a) enter at any reasonable time upon the land or premises, other than a dwellinghouse, on which the dog is kept, to inspect the conditions under which the dog is kept; and
- b) whether or not the dog control officer or dog ranger makes such entry, give the owner of the dog a written notice requiring that person to make such reasonable provision on the property to abate the nuisance as shall be specified in the notice or, if considered necessary, to remove the dog from the land or premises.

Timaru District Council Consolidated Bylaw 2018

PART 2: CONTROL OF DOGS

601. General controls

- 601.1. In any public place not specified in Schedule 1, 2, or 3 of this chapter of the bylaw, the owner of any dog or person being in possession of any dog shall keep that dog under effective control at all times.
- 601.2. Without limiting the generality of Subsection 601.1, a dog shall for the purposes of this chapter of the bylaw be deemed not under control if it is found wandering freely at large in any public place or private way in contravention of this chapter of the bylaw.
- 602. Access through prohibited public places
- 602.1. Where the only pedestrian access to either the owner's residence, or a veterinary surgery, or a registered food business able to have dogs in its customer area, is through a prohibited public place, specified in Schedule 1 of this chapter, then the owner may lead the dog through the prohibited public place provided that:
 - a) the owner and dog take the most direct route across the prohibited public place; and
 - b) the dog is controlled on a leash;
 - c) the owner does not stop in the prohibited place.
- 602.2. Where a footpath / walkway passes through a prohibited public place, e.g. external eating area of a food premise and there is no alternative route, owners are allowed to continue through the prohibited place, provided their dog is controlled by a leash and the owner does not stop in the area.

603. Leash control areas and leash control occasions

- 603.1. Every dog shall be kept under continuous leash control while that dog is in a dog on leash area, specified in Schedule 2 of this chapter of the bylaw. NB: For clarification, the owner of a dog may temporarily leave their dog alone in a dog on leash area, provided they ensure the dog is left securely tethered / tied up and welfare issues such as the provision of water are also addressed.
- 603.2. Every dog shall be kept under continuous leash control on occasions when it is likely to injure, endanger, or cause distress to any stock (includes horses), poultry, domestic animal or protected wildlife.
- 603.3. Dogs that have been classified as dangerous dogs or menacing dogs under the Act must be leashed and also muzzled when in public and the owners of any such dangerous and menacing dogs must advise anyone to whom they lend the dog of those requirements when in public.

604. Dog exercise areas

- 604.1. Dogs are permitted to be exercised off leash in those dog exercise areas specified in Schedule 3 of this chapter of the bylaw, including on all walkways and tracks within the exercise area, provided that the dog is under effective control at all times.
- 604.2. A dog which is not able to be kept under effective control at all times shall be kept under control by way of a leash.
- 604.3. Dogs classified as dangerous or menacing are permitted to be exercised off leash in exercise areas provided they are muzzled and under effective control at all times.
- 604.4. A full definition of 'under effective control' can be found in clause 600 of this chapter of the bylaw.

PART 3: KEEPING OF DOGS

607. Limitation on number of dogs on premises

- 607.1. No owner or occupier of any residentially zoned property within Timaru District shall allow or cause to remain or keep on such premises for any period exceeding fourteen days, three or more dogs (other than working dogs) over the age of three months (whether or not such dogs are registered) unless such owner or occupier shall be the holder of a licence for such purpose from the Council.

608. Bitch in season to be confined

- 608.1. The owner of any bitch shall keep the dog confined but adequately exercised while such dog is in season.

609. Responsibility to remove faeces

- 609.1. The owner of any dog that defecates in a public place, or on land or premises other than that occupied by the owner, shall immediately remove the faeces and attend to its prompt and appropriate disposal in a way that does not cause a nuisance.

610. Diseased dogs

- 610.1. The owner of any dog suffering from an infectious disease or condition shall not take that dog into any public place or allow that dog to wander free.

611. Dogs becoming a nuisance or injurious to health

- 611.1. If the keeping of any dog or dogs on a premises is, or is likely to become, a nuisance or injurious or hazardous to health, property or safety, the Dog Control Officer or Dog Ranger may, by notice in writing, require the owner or occupier of the premises, within the time specified in such notice, not being less than 14 days, to do all or any of the following:
 - a) To reduce the number of dogs kept on the premises;
 - b) To alter, reconstruct or otherwise improve the accommodation for dogs;
 - c) To require such dogs to be tied up or otherwise confined; (d) To take other such precautions as may be considered necessary.

PART 4: OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

613. Enforcement protocol

The Council recognises that the majority of dog owners in the district are responsible and has therefore adopted the following enforcement protocol:

- 613.1. A person shall only be issued with a written warning in the first instance for a breach of any provision of this chapter of the bylaw, providing that the incident does not involve:
 - injury or distress to a person or animal
 - a health issue, i.e. non removal of dog faeces.
- 613.2. Where records disclose a written warning for the same offence has previously been issued to a dog owner, the offence may be dealt with by way of an infringement notice.
- 613.3. Where legal proceedings are instigated, the person will be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$20,000 as provided for by the Local Government Act 2002.

SECOND SCHEDULE BYLAW POLICY

Dog on leash areas

The following are public places in which dogs are to be kept on a leash:

- a) All streets, roads, footpaths and berms within the district except those within prohibited areas or dog exercise areas.
- b) All parks, reserves and walkways within the district except those within prohibited areas or dog exercise areas.
- c) The non-playing or non-training surface and associated spectator areas of any sports ground or sports field owned or controlled by the Council.
- d) All cemeteries.
- e) All airports and associated buildings.
- f) Temuka CBD area in King Street from Wood Street to Fraser Street and including the Town Square.
- g) Geraldine CBD area.
- h) Pleasant Point CBD area.
- i) Picnic areas: Owners of dogs are permitted to have their dogs with them in picnic areas provided their dog is kept under effective control on a leash and the normal requirements for the immediate removal of dog faeces are observed. A picnic area in terms of this paragraph is defined as an area where Council has provided tables for the purpose of outdoor dining.

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Timaru District Council
2 King George Place, Timaru
Ph: 03 687 7200 (DOC #901047)



NOTICE TO REGISTER DOG

OWNER:

NAME: S Charles
First Names Surname
ADDRESS: 3 Richards Place
D.O.B. [REDACTED] HOME PH:
CELL PH [REDACTED] WORK PH:

DOG DETAILS:

DOG NAME: Nui COLOUR: Brown
BREED: Rottweiler
For online registration - OWNER ID: 377660 ANIMAL ID: 57715
AGE: 0 years 11 months
☒ MALE / FEMALE ☒ DESEXED: Yes / No
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MICROCHIP

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FURTHER NOTES:

No one home
NDD checked Infringed 14/11/2024
To pay online visit - www.timaru.govt.nz/pay-online

Under the Dog Control Act 1996 all dogs over the age of 3 MONTHS must be registered with the Local Authority. It is an offence to keep a dog older than 3 months which is unregistered. Any unregistered dog found on a property can be seized and impounded and an infringement fee of \$300.00 may be issued.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER THE ABOVE DOG WITH THE TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL

BY 5PM ON THE 25 DAY OF October 2024

M Te
Signature Animal Control Officer Signature Dog owner

Dated: 11-10-24

INFRINGEMENT NOTICE

(Issued under the authority of Section 66 of the Dog Control Act 1996)

NOTICE NUMBER 12014

Suzanne Joy Charles

3 Richards Place
Kensington
Timaru 7910

Date of Birth	
Gender	Female
Occupation	
Telephone No:	
Dog Name	Nui
Collar, Disc or Label	
Dog Breed:	Rottweiler
Dog Sex:	Male
Dog Colour:	Brown,

THE INFORMANT SHOWN BELOW ALLEGES THAT YOU COMMITTED AN INFRINGEMENT OFFENCE

ON : 14 November 2024 at 8:38:00 am AT: Richards Place Kensington Timaru

FOR Failing to Register Dog

THIS OFFENCE IS ONE AGAINST Section 42 - failure to register a dog
INFRINGEMENT FEE: \$300.00

NAME OR NUMBER, IF ANY, OF OFFICER WHO ISSUED NOTICE : Enforcement Officer 48

BEING: ☒ An infringement offence specified in the first Schedule to Dog Control Act 1996

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO Offence (where applicable)

Failure to register a dog. The dog is a brown Rottweiler type breed. Council records show the dog's name is Nui.

Payment of Infringement Fee

The infringement fee is payable to the territorial authority within **28 days** after (date this notice is delivered personally or served by post) 12/12/2024

The infringement fee is payable at one of the following:

Timaru District Council
2 King George Place
Timaru

Temuka Service Centre
72-74 King Street
Temuka

Geraldine Service Centre
82 Talbot Street
Geraldine

Bank Account Details for Direct Credit Payment
BNZ Timaru: 02-0888-0269159-00
Please quote reference IN & " Notice Number" (eg 136375) & Surname

Or posted to Timaru District Council, PO Box 522, Timaru 7940

Enforcement Officer 48

Date: 14 November 2024

INFORMANT:

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL,
2 KING GEORGE PLACE, TIMARU, NZ 7910 or
PO BOX 522, TIMARU, NZ 7940

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SUMMARY OF RIGHTS

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- you own the dog, OR
- you have the dog in your possession (otherwise than for a period not exceeding 72 hours for the purpose of preventing the dog causing injury, or damage, or distress, or for the sole purpose of restoring a lost dog to its owner); OR
- you are the parent or guardian of a person under 16 who is the owner of the dog and who is a member of your household living with and dependent on you.

Payments

2. If you pay the fee for the offence within 28 days of the issue of this notice, there will be no further enforcement action against you for the offence. Payment may be made at the places shown on the front page of this notice.

Defences

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you should write to the (Timaru District Council) at the address shown on the front page of this notice. Any such letter should be personally signed.

5. You have a right to a court hearing. If you deny liability for the offence and request a court hearing, the (Timaru District Council) will then, serve you with a notice of hearing setting out the place and time at which the matter will be heard by the court (unless it decides not to start court proceedings).

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Note: All payments, queries, and correspondence regarding this infringement notice must be directed to the Timaru District Council at the address shown on the front of this notice. When writing, please include the date of the alleged infringement offence, the infringement notice number, and your address for replies.

Consequences of Liability for Classification as a Disqualified Owner or a Probationary Owner

If you commit 3 or more infringement offences (not relating to a single incident or occasion) over a period of 24 months, the Timaru District Council must disqualify you from owning a dog unless the circumstances of the offence or offences warrant you being classified as a probationary owner.

You will be treated as having committed an infringement offence if you –

- Have been ordered to pay a fine and costs under section 78A (1) of the Summary Proceedings Act 1957, or are treated as having been so ordered under section 21(5) of that Act; or
- Pay the infringement fee specified in the infringement notice.

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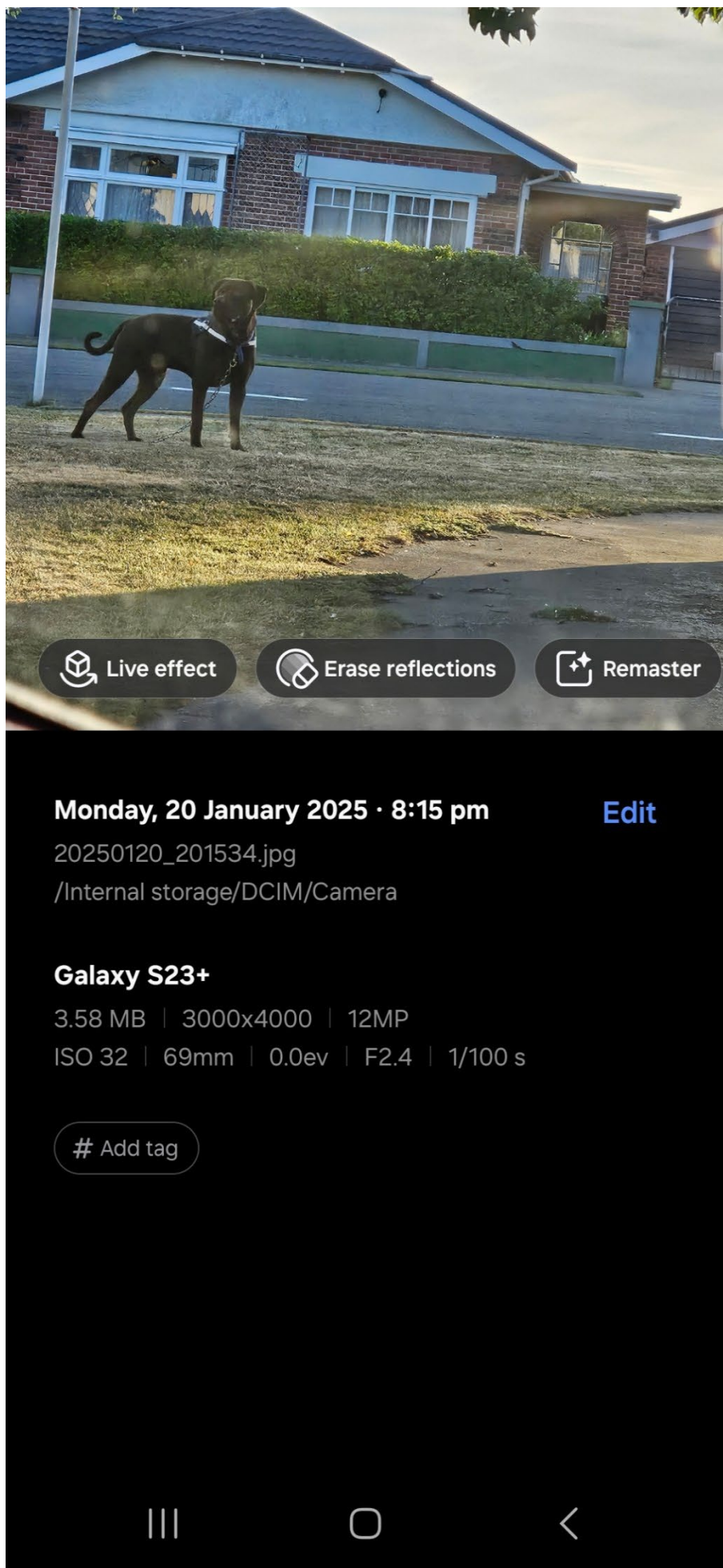
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INFRINGEMENT NOTICE

(Issued under the authority of Section 66 of the Dog Control Act 1996)

NOTICE NUMBER 12229

Suzanne Joy Charles

3 Richards Place
Kensington
Timaru 7910

Date of Birth	
Gender	Female
Occupation	
Telephone No:	
Dog Name	Nui
Collar, Disc or Label	
Dog Breed:	Rottweiler
Dog Sex:	Male
Dog Colour:	Brown,

THE INFORMANT SHOWN BELOW ALLEGES THAT YOU COMMITTED AN INFRINGEMENT OFFENCE

ON : 20 January 2025 at 8:15:00 am AT: Richards Place Kensington Timaru

FOR Owner Fails to Control Dog

THIS OFFENCE IS ONE AGAINST Section 52A - failure to keep dog controlled or confined
INFRINGEMENT FEE: \$200.00

NAME OR NUMBER, IF ANY, OF OFFICER WHO ISSUED NOTICE : Enforcement Officer 58

BEING: ☒ An infringement offence specified in the first Schedule to Dog Control Act 1996

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO Offence (where applicable)

Failure to keep dog controlled of confined. The dog is a Brown Rottweiler type dog. Council records show the dogs name is Nui.

Payment of Infringement Fee

The infringement fee is payable to the territorial authority within **28 days** after (date this notice is delivered personally or served by post) 4 March 2025

The infringement fee is payable at one of the following:

Timaru District Council
2 King George Place
Timaru

Temuka Service Centre
72-74 King Street
Temuka

Geraldine Service Centre
82 Talbot Street
Geraldine

Bank Account Details for Direct Credit Payment
BNZ Timaru: 02-0888-0269159-00
Please quote reference IN & " Notice Number" (eg 136375) & Surname

Or posted to Timaru District Council, PO Box 522, Timaru 7940

Enforcement Officer 58

Date: 4 February 2025

INFORMANT:

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL,
2 KING GEORGE PLACE, TIMARU, NZ 7910 or
PO BOX 522, TIMARU, NZ 7940

IMPORTANT

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SUMMARY OF RIGHTS

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- you own the dog, OR
- you have the dog in your possession (otherwise than for a period not exceeding 72 hours for the purpose of preventing the dog causing injury, or damage, or distress, or for the sole purpose of restoring a lost dog to its owner); OR
- you are the parent or guardian of a person under 16 who is the owner of the dog and who is a member of your household living with and dependent on you.

Payments

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Defences

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Next Steps

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Consequences of Liability for Classification as a Disqualified Owner or a Probationary Owner

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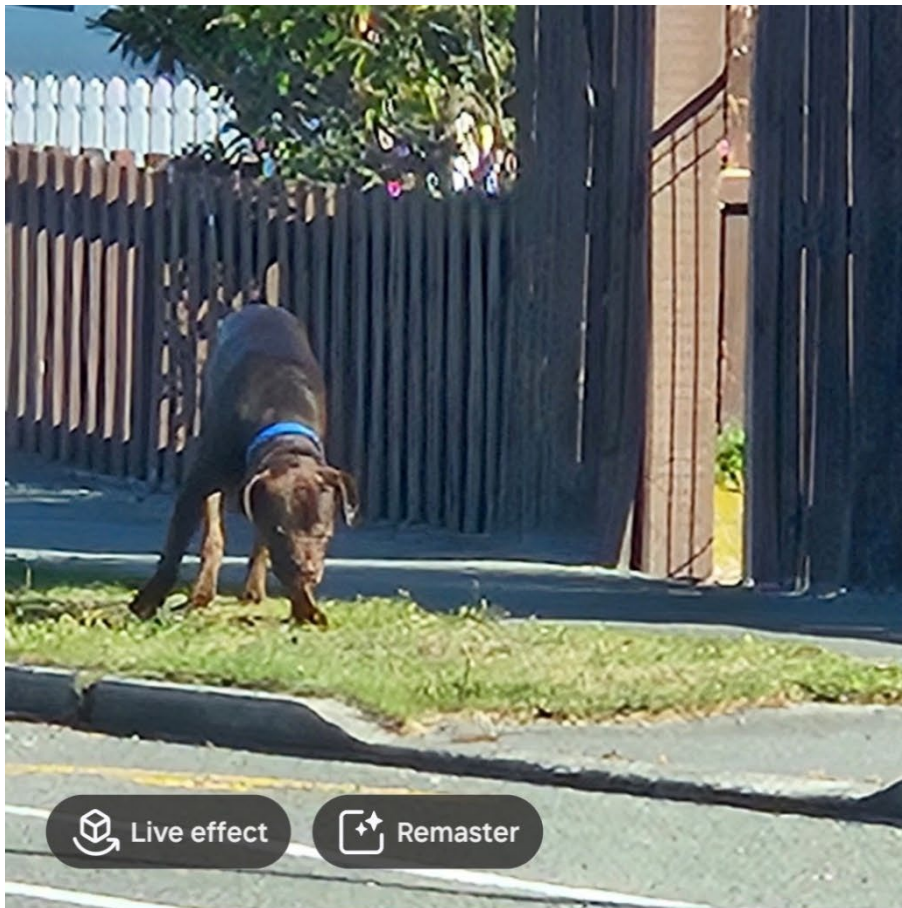
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INFRINGEMENT NOTICE

(Issued under the authority of Section 66 of the Dog Control Act 1996)

NOTICE NUMBER 12228

Suzanne Joy Charles

3 Richards Place
Kensington
Timaru 7910

Date of Birth [REDACTED]
Gender Female
Occupation
Telephone No:
Dog Name Nui
Collar, Disc or Label
Dog Breed: Rottweiler
Dog Sex: Male
Dog Colour: Brown,

THE INFORMANT SHOWN BELOW ALLEGES THAT YOU COMMITTED AN INFRINGEMENT OFFENCE

ON : 4 February 2025 at 6:24:00 pm AT: Otipua Road Kensington Timaru

FOR Owner Fails to Control Dog

THIS OFFENCE IS ONE AGAINST Section 52A - failure to keep dog controlled or confined
INFRINGEMENT FEE: \$200.00

NAME OR NUMBER, IF ANY, OF OFFICER WHO ISSUED NOTICE : Enforcement Officer 58

BEING: ☒ An infringement offence specified in the first Schedule to Dog Control Act 1996

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO Offence (where applicable)

Failure to keep dog controlled or confined. The dog is a Brown Rottweiler type dog. Council records show the dogs name is Nui

Payment of Infringement Fee

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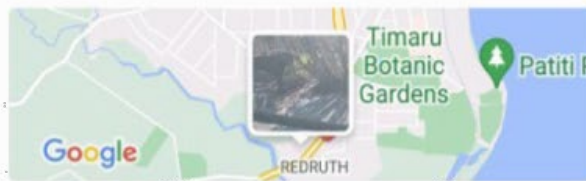
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INFRINGEMENT NOTICE

(Issued under the authority of Section 66 of the Dog Control Act 1996)

NOTICE NUMBER 12245

Suzanne Joy Charles

3 Richards Place
Kensington
Timaru 7910

Date of Birth	
Gender	Female
Occupation	
Telephone No:	
Dog Name	Nui
Collar, Disc or Label	
Dog Breed:	Rottweiler
Dog Sex:	Male
Dog Colour:	Brown,

THE INFORMANT SHOWN BELOW ALLEGES THAT YOU COMMITTED AN INFRINGEMENT OFFENCE

ON : 14 February 2025 at 6:06:00 pm AT: Richards Place Kensington Timaru

FOR Owner Fails to Control Dog

THIS OFFENCE IS ONE AGAINST Section 52A - failure to keep dog controlled or confined
INFRINGEMENT FEE: \$200.00

NAME OR NUMBER, IF ANY, OF OFFICER WHO ISSUED NOTICE : Enforcement Officer 58

BEING: ☒ An infringement offence specified in the first Schedule to Dog Control Act 1996

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO Offence (where applicable)

Failure to keep dog controlled or confined. The dog is a brown, Rottweiler type dog. Council records show the dogs name is Nui

Payment of Infringement Fee

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Timaru District Council
2 King George Place
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Temuka

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Geraldine

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Or posted to Timaru District Council, PO Box 522, Timaru 7940

Enforcement Officer 58

Date: 17 February 2025

INFORMANT:

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Time and Date of Statement: 5pm on 13 July 2025

Statement of: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

This statement is being written on a voluntary basis and I am not obliged to say anything but anything I do say may be used as evidence.

Date of incident: 4th March 2025

Time of incident: 5.58pm

Location of incident: 7 Otipua Road, Timaru

When I got home from work just before 6pm on the 4th March 2025, I saw the large brown dog that I recognized from Richards Place roaming the street down past the Tongan church in Otipua Road. It went into someones property, at number 7 Otipua Road. By then the dog owners must have realized it was missing and a woman I have never seen before was searching for it (was not the usual blonde woman that usually gets the dog). She must have seen it on 7 Otipua Road and went onto the property to get the dog. By the time I got through to someone in afterhours at the council, she already had him on a harness and was taking him home to Richards Place but took him off the harness again before they even reached Richards Place.

My photos are not very clear but this is not the first time I have encountered this dog roaming our area and I am 100% certain that it is the same dog from the house in Richards Place. I have seen it nearly hit by a car many times, I have seen it bail up a cyclist, chase a jogger and just escape and roam the streets and enter other peoples properties.

I confirm the truth and accuracy of this statement with knowledge that it is to be used in court proceedings. I am aware that it is an offence to make a statement that is known by me to be false or intended by me to mislead.

Signature: [REDACTED]

Date: 13/7/2025

RECEIVED
14 JUL 2025
BY: _____

INFRINGEMENT NOTICE

(Issued under the authority of Section 66 of the Dog Control Act 1996)

NOTICE NUMBER 11870

Suzanne Joy Charles 3 Richards Place Kensington Timaru 7910	Date of Birth Gender Occupation Telephone No: Dog Name Collar, Disc or Label Dog Breed: Dog Sex: Dog Colour:	 Female Nui Rottweiler Male Brown,
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THE INFORMANT SHOWN BELOW ALLEGES THAT YOU COMMITTED AN INFRINGEMENT OFFENCE

ON : 12 March 2025 at 12:32:00 pm AT: Otipua Road Timaru

FOR Owner Fails to Control Dog

THIS OFFENCE IS ONE AGAINST Section 52A - failure to keep dog controlled or confined
INFRINGEMENT FEE: \$200.00

NAME OR NUMBER, IF ANY, OF OFFICER WHO ISSUED NOTICE : Enforcement Officer 55

BEING: ☒ An infringement offence specified in the first Schedule to Dog Control Act 1996

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO Offence (where applicable)

Owner Fails to Control Dog Section 52A Failure to keep dog controlled or confined. The dog is a Brown Rottweiler type breed dog. Council records show the dogs name is Nui.

Payment of Infringement Fee

The infringement fee is payable to the territorial authority within **28 days** after (date this notice is delivered personally or served by post) 9th of April 2025

The infringement fee is payable at one of the following:

Timaru District Council	Temuka Service Centre	Geraldine Service Centre
2 King George Place	72-74 King Street	82 Talbot Street
Timaru	Temuka	Geraldine

Bank Account Details for Direct Credit Payment
BNZ Timaru: 02-0888-0269159-00
Please quote reference IN & " Notice Number" (eg 136375) & Surname

Or posted to Timaru District Council, PO Box 522, Timaru 7940

Enforcement Officer 55

Date: 12 March 2025

INFORMANT:

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL,
2 KING GEORGE PLACE, TIMARU, NZ 7910 or
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INFRINGEMENT NOTICE

(Issued under the authority of Section 66 of the Dog Control Act 1996)

NOTICE NUMBER 12195

Suzanne Joy Charles

3 Richards Place
Kensington
Timaru 7910

Date of Birth [REDACTED]
Gender Female
Occupation
Telephone No:
Dog Name Nui
Collar, Disc or Label
Dog Breed: Rottweiler
Dog Sex: Male
Dog Colour: Brown,

THE INFORMANT SHOWN BELOW ALLEGES THAT YOU COMMITTED AN INFRINGEMENT OFFENCE

ON : 4 March 2025 at 5:58:00 pm AT: Otipua Road Kensington Timaru

FOR Owner Fails to Control Dog

THIS OFFENCE IS ONE AGAINST Section 52A - failure to keep dog controlled or confined
INFRINGEMENT FEE: \$200.00

NAME OR NUMBER, IF ANY, OF OFFICER WHO ISSUED NOTICE : Enforcement Officer 48

BEING: ☒ An infringement offence specified in the first Schedule to Dog Control Act 1996

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO Offence (where applicable)

Failure to keep dog controlled or confined. The dog is a brown Rottweiler type breed. Council records show the dog's name is Nui.

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Enforcement Officer 48

Date: 14 July 2025

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Notice of Classification as a Probationary Dog Owner

Section 21, Dog Control Act 1996

To: Suzanne Joy Charles

Address: 1-3 Richards Place Kensington,
Timaru 7910

This is to notify you that you have been classified as a probationary owner under Section 21 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

This follows:

- Three or more infringement offences having been committed by you within a continuous period of twenty-four months, namely:
 1. on 14 November 2024 an infringement notice was issued to you for an offence of Failing to Register a Dog that was committed on 14 November 2024.
 2. On 4 February 2025 an infringement notice was issued to you for an offence of Owner Fails to Control Dog that was committed on the 20 January 2025.
 3. On 4 February 2025 an infringement notice was issued to you for an offence of Owner failing to Control Dog that was committed on 4 February 2025.

The classification will apply until 4 February 2027 unless earlier terminated by the Timaru District Council.

A summary of the effect of the classification and your right to object is provided overleaf.

Jo Hamilton

Team Leader Animal Control and Parking

Dated: 12 March 2025

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**Effect of Classification a Probationary Owner
Sections 23 and 24, Dog Control Act**

During the classification period, you may not become the registered owner of any dog which is not presently registered by you.

You are required within 14 days of the date of this notice to dispose of every unregistered dog owned by you.

Full details of the effect of classification as a probationary owner are provided in the Dog Control Act.

**Disqualification of Probationary Owner from Dog Ownership
Sections 25 and 28, Dog Control Act**

If, while classified as a probationary owner, you commit certain offences relating to dog control or cruelty to dogs, you may be disqualified from owning any dog for a period of up to 5 years.

This could occur, as a probationary owner, you:

- Are convicted of an offence (other than an infringement offence) under the Dog Control Act 1996; or
- Are convicted of an offence of cruelty to any dog under the Animals Protection Act 1960; or
- Are convicted of an offence under the Conservation Act 1987 or the National Parks Act 1980 in relation to dogs on conservation land or in a national park; or
- Commit three infringement offences under the Dog Control act 1996.

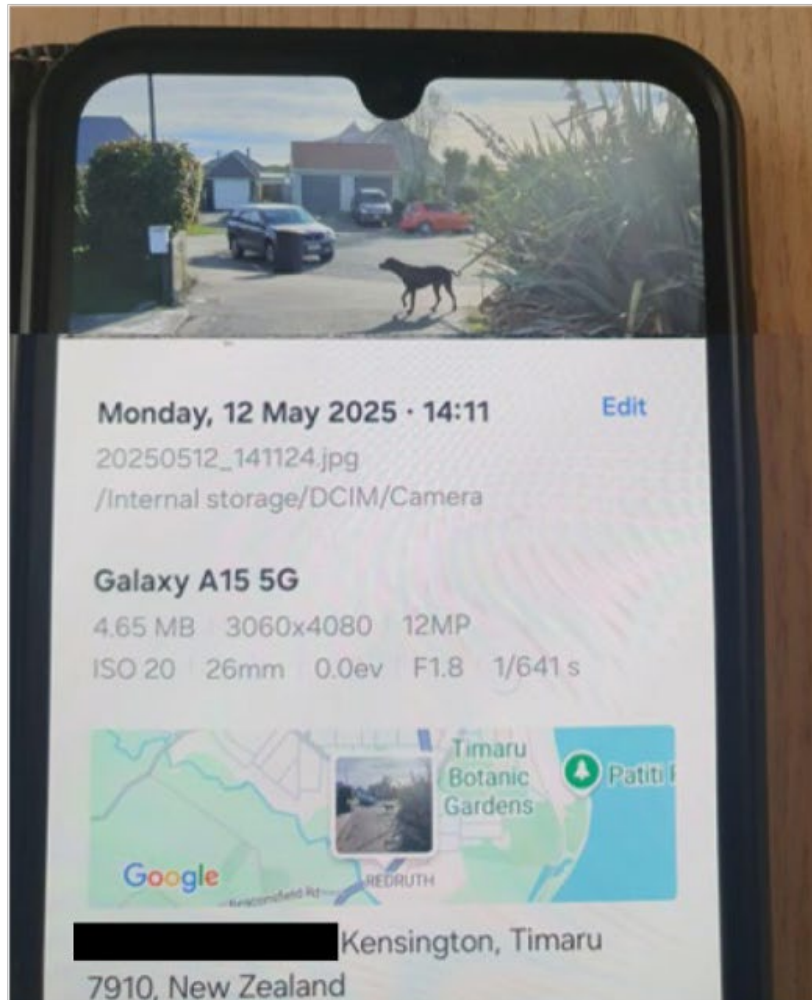
If disqualified, you will be required to dispose of every dog owned (and not to any person residing at the same address), and will not be permitted to own or have possession, even temporarily, of any dog during the disqualification period.

**Right of Objection
Section 22, Dog Control Act**

You may object to classification as a probationary owner by lodging a written objection with the Timaru District Council setting out the grounds on which you object. You are entitled to be heard in support of the objection and will be notified of the time and place when your objection will be heard. No objection can be lodged within 12 months of the hearing of any previous objection to the same classification. If an objection is lodged within 14 days after the date of this notice, the requirement to dispose of every unregistered dog owned by you will be suspended until the territorial authority has determined the objection.

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Evidential Photograph of dog "Nui" of 3 Richards Place Timaru





STATEMENT

Section 82 Criminal Procedure Act 2011

Statement of [REDACTED]

Date of birth [REDACTED]

Date statement taken: 12/04/2025

Time: 3:02pm

Location: Timaru District Council

[REDACTED] state On Monday 12th May 2025 at 2:11pm. I was exiting my driveway when I saw the large brown dog from 3 Richards Place out wandering on the footpath outside my drive, I took a photo of the dog and have supplied it to the Timaru District Council. I could hear the owner of the dog yelling at him to come back. The house the dog lives at is approximately 50 meters from the drive.

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Signature: [REDACTED] Date: 12/5/25

Date statement finished: 3 12/05/2025 Time: 3:12 pm

Statement taken and signature witnessed by:

Name: Bryan Ross

Signature: [Signature] Date: 12/05/2025 Time: 3:12 pm

COMPLIANCE OFFICER

RM851138447

INFRINGEMENT NOTICE

(Issued under the authority of Section 66 of the Dog Control Act 1996)

NOTICE NUMBER 12190

Suzanne Joy Charles

3 Richards Place
Kensington
Timaru 7910

Date of Birth [REDACTED]
Gender Female
Occupation
Telephone No:
Dog Name Nui
Collar, Disc or Label 10657
Dog Breed: Rottweiler
Dog Sex: Male
Dog Colour: Brown,

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ON : 12 May 2025 at 2:11:00 pm AT: Richards Place Kensington Timaru

FOR Owner Fails to Control Dog

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BEING: ☒ An infringement offence specified in the first Schedule to Dog Control Act 1996

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5. You have a right to a court hearing. If you deny liability for the offence and request a court hearing, the (Timaru District Council) will then, serve you with a notice of hearing setting out the place and time at which the matter will be heard by the court (unless it decides not to start court proceedings).

NOTE: that if the court finds you guilty of the offence, costs will be imposed in addition of any penalty.

6. If you admit the offence but want the court consider your submissions, as to penalty or otherwise, you should in your letter –
 - (a) ask for a hearing; AND
 - (b) admit the offence; AND
 - (c) set out the written submissions you wish to be considered by the court.

The (Timaru District Council) will then file your letter with the court (unless it decides not to commence court proceedings).

There is no provision for an oral hearing before the court if you follow this course of action.

NOTE: that costs will be imposed in addition to any penalty.

Next Steps

7. If you do not request a hearing and you do not pay the infringement fee or the amount of the infringement fee remaining unpaid within 28 days after the service of this notice, you will served with a reminder notice (unless the (Timaru District Council) decides otherwise).

8. If you do not pay the infringement fee and do not request a hearing within 28 days after being served with the reminder notice, or provide particulars of the reminder notice for filing, the (Timaru District Council) may file the reminder notice in the court and you will become liable to pay costs in addition to the infringement fee under section 21(5) of the Summary Proceedings Act 1957.

Note: All payments, queries, and correspondence regarding this infringement notice must be directed to the Timaru District Council at the address shown on the front of this notice. When writing, please include the date of the alleged infringement offence, the infringement notice number, and your address for replies.

Consequences of Liability for Classification as a Disqualified Owner or a Probationary Owner

If you commit 3 or more infringement offences (not relating to a single incident or occasion) over a period of 24 months, the Timaru District Council must disqualify you from owning a dog unless the circumstances of the offence or offences warrant you being classified as a probationary owner.

You will be treated as having committed an infringement offence if you –

- Have been ordered to pay a fine and costs under section 78A (1) of the Summary Proceedings Act 1957, or are treated as having been so ordered under section 21(5) of that Act; or
- Pay the infringement fee specified in the infringement notice.

Probationary ownership starts from the date of the third infringement offence in the 24 month period. Unless terminated earlier by the Timaru District Council, probationary ownership runs for a period of 24 months.

Disqualification as a dog owner starts from the date of the third infringement offence in the 24 month period. The length of disqualification is determined by the Timaru District Council but may be no longer than 5 years.

There may be some circumstances where the Timaru District Council does not disqualify you from being a dog owner or classify you as a probationary owner.

Consequences of Classification as a Probationary Owner or Disqualified Owner

During the period a dog owner is classified as a probationary owner, the person

- Must not be or become the registered owner of any dog except a dog that the person was the registered owner of at the time of the third infringement offence; and
- Must dispose of every unregistered dog the person owns.

During the period that a person is classified as a disqualified owner, the person

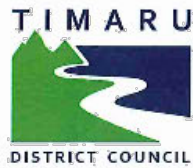
- Must not own or become the owner of any dog; and
- Must dispose of all dogs the person owns; and
- May have possession of a dog only for certain purposes (eg returning a lost dog to the territorial authority).

A person may object to being classified as a probationary or disqualified owner by lodging a written objection with the Timaru District Council. There is a further right of appeal to a District Court, if a disqualified person is dissatisfied with the decision of the Timaru District Council on his or her objection.

Full details of classification as a probationary owner or a disqualified owner, and the effects of those classifications, are provided in the Dog Control Act 1996.

Note: Full details of your rights and obligations are in Section 66 of the Dog Control Act 1996 and Section 21(10) of the Summary Proceedings Act 1957.

All queries and all correspondence regarding this infringement notice must be directed to the (Timaru District Council) at the address shown.



Notice of Disqualification from Dog Ownership

Section 25, Dog Control Act 1996

To: Suzanne Joy Charles

Address: 3 Richards Place Kensington Timaru 7910

This is to notify you that you have been disqualified under Section 25 of the Dog Control Act 1996 from owning any dog.

This follows:

- Three or more infringement offences (not relating to a single incident or occasion) having been committed by you, within a continuous period of twenty-four months, namely:
 1. On 17/02/2025 an infringement notice was issued to you for an offence of 'Failure to control or confine a dog' that was committed on 14/02/2025.
 2. On 12/03/2025 an infringement notice was issued to you for an offence of 'Failure to control or confine a dog' that was committed on 12/03/2025.
 3. On 13/05/2025 an infringement notice was issued to you for an offence of 'Failure to control or confine a dog' that was committed on 12/05/2025.

The disqualification will apply from 13/05/2025 until 13/05/2027.

A summary of the effect of the disqualification and your right to object is provided overleaf.

Jo Hamilton
Team Leader Animal Control and Parking

13 May 2025

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Effect of Disqualification

Section 28, Dog Control Act

You are required to dispose of every dog owned by you within 14 days of the date of this notice;

However you may not dispose of a dog:

- to a person who resides at the same address as you; or
- in a way that constitutes an offence against the Dog Control Act 1996 or any other Act.

You must not become the owner, even on a temporary basis, of any dog while you are disqualified. You may have possession of a dog only for the purpose of:

- preventing it from causing injury, damage or distress; or
- returning, within 72 hours, a lost dog to a territorial authority for the purpose of restoring the dog to its owner.

You will commit an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3000 if you:

- fail to dispose of every dog owned by you within 14 days of this notice; or
- at any time while disqualified, become the owner of any dog; or
- dispose of a dog owned by you:
 - to a person who resides at the same address as you; or
 - in a manner that constitutes an offence against the Dog Control Act 1996 or any other Act.

If you are convicted of the first or second of these offences your period of disqualification may be further extended.

You will also commit an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3000 if you dispose or give custody or possession of a dog to a person knowing that person to be disqualified from ownership under Section 25 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

Full details of the effect disqualification are provided in the Dog Control Act 1996.

Right of Objection to Disqualification

Section 26, Dog Control Act

You may object to the disqualification by lodging a written objection with the Timaru District Council setting out the grounds on which you object. You are entitled to be heard in support of your objection and will be notified of the time and place when your objection will be heard. No objection can be lodged within 12 months of the hearing of any previous objection to the disqualification. If an objection is lodged within 14 days after the date of this notice, the requirement to dispose of every dog owned by you will be suspended until the Timaru District Council has determined the objection.

There is a further right of appeal to a District Court if you are dissatisfied with the decision of the Timaru District Council on your objection.

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Notice of Disqualification from Dog Ownership

Section 25, Dog Control Act 1996

To: SJ Charles

Address: 3 Richards Place Kensington Timaru 7910

This is to notify you that you have been disqualified under Section 25 of the Dog Control Act 1996 from owning any dog.

This follows:

- Three or more infringement offences (not relating to a single incident or occasion) having been committed by you, within a continuous period of twenty-four months, namely:
 1. On 17 February 2025 an infringement notice was issued to you for an offence of "Failure to keep dog controlled or confined" that was committed on 14 February 2025;
 2. On 13 May 2025 an infringement notice was issued to you for an offence of "Failure to keep dog controlled or confined" that was committed on 12 May 2025;
 3. On 14 July 2025 an infringement notice was issued to you for an offence of "Failure to keep dog controlled or confined" that was committed on 4 March 2025.

The disqualification will apply from 13 May 2025 until 13 May 2027.

A summary of the effect of the disqualification and your right to object is provided overleaf.

Jo Hamilton

Team Leader Animal Control and Parking

15 July 2025

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Effect of Disqualification

Section 28, Dog Control Act

You are required to dispose of every dog owned by you within 14 days of the date of this notice.

However you may not dispose of a dog:

- to a person who resides at the same address as you; or
- in a way that constitutes an offence against the Dog Control Act 1996 or any other Act.

You must not become the owner, even on a temporary basis, of any dog while you are disqualified. You may have possession of a dog only for the purpose of:

- preventing it from causing injury, damage or distress; or
- returning, within 72 hours, a lost dog to a territorial authority for the purpose of restoring the dog to its owner.

You will commit an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3000 if you:

- fail to dispose of every dog owned by you within 14 days of this notice; or
- at any time while disqualified, become the owner of any dog; or
- dispose of a dog owned by you:
 - to a person who resides at the same address as you; or
 - in a manner that constitutes an offence against the Dog Control Act 1996 or any other Act.

If you are convicted of the first or second of these offences your period of disqualification may be further extended.

You will also commit an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3000 if you dispose or give custody or possession of a dog to a person knowing that person to be disqualified from ownership under Section 25 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

Full details of the effect disqualification are provided in the Dog Control Act 1996.

Right of Objection to Disqualification

Section 26, Dog Control Act

You may object to the disqualification by lodging a written objection with the Timaru District Council setting out the grounds on which you object. You are entitled to be heard in support of your objection and will be notified of the time and place when your objection will be heard. No objection can be lodged within 12 months of the hearing of any previous objection to the disqualification. If an objection is lodged within 14 days after the date of this notice, the requirement to dispose of every dog owned by you will be suspended until the Timaru District Council has determined the objection.

There is a further right of appeal to a District Court if you are dissatisfied with the decision of the Timaru District Council on your objection.

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Timaru District Council
DOG IMPOUNDING REGISTER

3627

DESCRIPTION OF DOG

Breed: Rottweiler cross Colour: Brown
ID Marks: _____
Age: 1y 7m Sex: M/F Name: Nui Disc No: _____
Photographed: Yes / No Animal ID: 57715 Microchip No: 99100300276932

IMPOUNDING DETAILS

Date: 4/6/25 Time: 4.01pm Officer: SS
Place Found: seized from 3 Richards Place Timaru
under section 28.

OWNER DETAILS (if known)

Name: Suzanne Charles (Disqualified) Owner No: 377660
Address: 3 Richards place Timaru
Date of Birth: _____ Telephone No: _____

OFFICE

Computer impound entry no: 4126 CRM No: _____
(Enter on data base for pound)

COSTS

Registration fee if unregistered
Impounding - 1st/2nd or 3rd +
Seizure Fee
Sustenance _____ days at 18
Out of hours
Microchip
Destruction - Sign over vet treatment

225 -
115 -
60 -

Infringement No. _____
Infringement Fee. _____
Time of Release _____
Date Released / Destroyed _____

TOTAL

RELEASE/DISPOSAL OF DOG

Collected Sold Destroyed (Ring Option)
Removed from Pound _____ (Initial)

Notes do not release to
owner Suzanne Charles

To: Name: _____
Address: _____
Receipt No: _____ OR Arrangement No: _____ Adoption Sheet No: _____

CORPORATE PRINT - 10C284

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL - ANIMAL CONTROL

3627

INTERIM RECEIPT ONLY (Impounding fees)

Received the sum of _____ dollars and _____ cents (\$ _____)

Officer

An official receipt from the Timaru District Council will be forwarded to you in due course.

Notice of Search and/or Seizure and Removal or Impounding of a Dog

The Dog Control Act 1996 and Search and Surveillance Act 2012

2 King George Place (PO Box 522), Timaru 7940, Ph: 03 687 7200, Fax: 03 687 7209

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Date: 04/06/12

Notice No:

Details if known:

Time search commenced: 15.17 am / pm Time search ended: 15.36 am / pm

Person/Owner

Present during inspection: ☒ Yes / No

Full name:

Suzanne Jay Charles

Address:

3 Richards Place, Kingsington, Timaru

Date of birth:

Phone: Home:

Work:

Cell:

This notice is to advise you that a

Brown Rottweiler type dog named Nui
(description of dog)

has been uplifted from:

PART A - THE DOG WAS UPLIFTED UNDER THE SECTION OF THE DOG CONTROL ACT INDICATED BY A ✓	
<input type="checkbox"/> s.15(1)(c)	Dog with insufficient food, water or shelter. Reasonable cause to suspect insufficient food, water or shelter in next 24 hours.
<input type="checkbox"/> s.19(3)(d)	Failure or refusal to provide information or willfully providing false information.
<input type="checkbox"/> s.20	Offence against a bylaw of the Timaru District Council 2013.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> s.28(7)	Failure to comply with effects of dog owner disqualification.
<input type="checkbox"/> s.32(5)(a)	Failure to comply with dangerous dog requirements.
<input type="checkbox"/> s.33EC(2)(a)	Failure to comply with menacing dog requirements.
<input type="checkbox"/> s.42(2)(a)	Unregistered dog.
<input type="checkbox"/> s.52(3A)	Unrestrained dog returned to owners' property.
<input type="checkbox"/> s.52A(4)(a)	Failure to keep dog controlled or confined.
<input type="checkbox"/> s.56(2)	Removal of barking dog causing distress following further complaint.
<input type="checkbox"/> s.57(5)(a)	Dog has attacked person, stock, poultry, animal or protected wildlife.
<input type="checkbox"/> s.57A(3)	Dog has rushed or startled person, animal or rushed vehicle in a public place.
<input type="checkbox"/> s.60	Seizure of dog running at large among stock or poultry.
<input type="checkbox"/> s.64(2)	Failed to comply with Court order for the dogs destruction.
<input type="checkbox"/> s.72A(a)	Dog unlawfully released from custody.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Section	

Seizure Fee \$ 60
Poundage Fee \$ 115
Microchip Fee \$
Sustenance Fee \$ 18 per day
Registration Fee \$ 225

OWNER - For the purposes of the Dog Control Act 1996, you are the owner of a dog if:

- you own the dog; or
- you have the dog in your possession (otherwise than for a period not exceeding 72 hours for the purpose of preventing the dog causing injury, or damage, or distress, or for the sole purpose of restoring a lost dog to its owner); or
- you are the parent or guardian of a person under 16 who is the owner of the dog and who is a member of your household living with and dependant on you.

POWER OF ENTRY - Where a Dog Control Officer has good cause to suspect that an offence has been committed, he / she, and all persons called to his or her assistance, may enter at any reasonable time onto the land or premises to seize or take custody of any dog.

PART B RELEASE DETAILS	
15(1)(c)	Will be released if Council is satisfied that the dog will receive sufficient food, water or shelter and on payment of all fees within seven (7) days from the date of this notice. Note: if Council decides not to release the dog you will be issued with a further notice for which you have a right to appeal.
19(3)(d)	Released on proof of ownership and payment of all fees within seven (7) days from the date of this notice.
20	Offence against a Bylaw of the Timaru District Council 2013.
28(7)	May be released, at Councils' discretion to a person who does not reside at your address and on payment of any fees deemed appropriate.
32(5)(a)	Will be released if Council is satisfied that the owner will comply with the dangerous dog requirements and on payment of all sustenance fees.
33EC(2)(a)	Will be released if Council is satisfied that the owner will comply with the menacing dog requirements and on payment of all fees within seven (7) days from the date of this notice. Note: if Council decides not to release your dog you will be issued with a further notice for which you have a right to appeal.
42(2)(a), 52(3A), 52A(4)(a)	Will be released on payment of all fees within seven (7) days from the date of this notice.
56(2)	Will be released if Council is satisfied that the barking nuisance will not resume and on payment of all sustenance fees. Note: you have a right to appeal to the District Court against the refusal to release the dog. Unless returned, the dog will be kept in custody until such time as Council is satisfied that: - proper provision in relation to the dog (as specified in the notice issued under section 55 of the Dog Control Act 1996) has been made on the property; or - the owner has made arrangements for the dog to be kept on a property other than the property from which it has been removed.
57(5)(a), 57A(3)	Will be released if Council is satisfied that the dog will not threaten any person, stock, poultry, animal or protected wildlife, and on payment of all fees within seven (7) days from the date of this notice.
60	Seizure of dog running at large among stock or poultry.
64(2)	Will not be released. The owner will be liable for seizure, destruction and disposal costs.
72A(a)	Will be released under the conditions associated with the initial impounding (incurring additional seizure fee).
Other Section	

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - If any fees are not paid, the territorial authority may dispose of the dog by means of sale, destruction, or otherwise and that disposal will not relieve you of liability for payment of the fees.

Delivery Method	Normal mail	Registered Mail	In Person	Hand Delivery
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Address served (if different from above):

Signed:

For further information please phone:

687 7200

**Objection - Notice of Classification of Disqualification of Dog Owner -
SJ Charles 3 Richards Place Timaru**

On 16 June 2025, Timaru District Council received a written objection to Disqualification of dog owner from Suzanne J Charles 3 Richards Place, Timaru. This objection detailed the Suzanne's position on the proposed disqualification. Given the personal nature of this objection, it has not been published and has been withheld under s 7(1) and (2)(a) of the Local Government Information Meetings Act . The full written objection is available to the Hearings Panel for consideration under a public excluded report.



New Zealand Legislation

Dog Control Act 1996

If you need more information about this Act, please contact the administering agency: **Department of Internal Affairs**

23 Probationary owners

- (1) Classification as a probationary owner shall, unless earlier terminated by the territorial authority, continue until 24 months after the date of the offence or, as the case may be, the date of the third infringement offence, in respect of which the classification was made.
- (2) No person who is for the time being classified as a probationary owner shall be capable of being the registered owner of any dog unless that person was the registered owner of that dog on the date of the offence or, as the case may be, the date of the third infringement offence, in respect of which the classification was made.
- (3) *[Repealed]*
- (4) *[Repealed]*
- (5) *[Repealed]*
- (6) *[Repealed]*
- (7) *[Repealed]*

Section 23(3): repealed, on 1 December 2003, by [section 12](#) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 119).

Section 23(4): repealed, on 1 December 2003, by [section 12](#) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 119).

Section 23(5): repealed, on 1 December 2003, by [section 12](#) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 119).

Section 23(6): repealed, on 1 December 2003, by [section 12](#) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 119).

Section 23(7): repealed, on 1 December 2003, by [section 12](#) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 119).



New Zealand Legislation

Dog Control Act 1996

If you need more information about this Act, please contact the administering agency: **Department of Internal Affairs**

24 Obligation of probationary owners to dispose of unregistered dogs

- (1) Where any person is classified as a probationary owner, that person shall, within 14 days after the date on which the notice of classification is, under [section 21\(4\)](#), given to that person, dispose of every unregistered dog owned by that person.
- (2) Every dog disposed of under this Act shall be disposed of in a manner that does not constitute an offence against this or any other Act.
- (3) Where any person lodges, within 14 days after the date on which the notice under [section 21\(4\)](#) is given to that person, an objection under [section 22](#), subsection (1) applies in relation to that person as if the period within which that person is required by that subsection to dispose of every unregistered dog owned by that person ends on the 14th day after the date on which the notice under [section 22\(4\)](#) is given to that person.
- (4) Where any person is given a notice under [section 21\(4\)](#) at a time at which that person is keeping an unregistered dog in contravention of [section 42\(1\)](#),
 - (a) it shall not be an offence against [section 42\(1\)](#) for that person to keep that unregistered dog until the expiration of any period allowed by this section for the disposal by that person of that unregistered dog; and
 - (b) nothing in [section 42\(2\)](#) authorises the seizure and impounding of that unregistered dog at any time while that dog is still being kept by that person and any period allowed by this section for the disposal by that person of that unregistered dog has not expired.
- (5) Every person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 who
 - (a) fails to comply with subsection (1); or
 - (b) fails, in disposing of a dog under subsection (1), to comply with subsection (2); or
 - (c) at any time while classified as a probationary owner becomes the registered owner of a dog (unless the person was the registered owner of the dog on the date of the offence or the date of the third infringement offence in respect of which the classification was made under [section 21](#)); or
 - (d) disposes or gives custody or possession of any dog to any person, knowing that the person is disqualified under [section 25](#).

Section 24(5): added, on 7 July 2004, by [section 6](#) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2004 (2004 No 61).

Section 24(5): amended, on 1 July 2013, by [section 413](#) of the Criminal Procedure Act 2011 (2011 No 81).

New Zealand Legislation

Dog Control Act 1996

If you need more information about this Act, please contact the administering agency: **Department of Internal Affairs**

- Warning: Some amendments have not yet been incorporated

Disqualification of owners

25 Disqualification of owners

- (1) A territorial authority must disqualify a person from being an owner of a dog if—
 - (a) the person commits 3 or more infringement offences (not relating to a single incident or occasion) within a continuous period of 24 months; or
 - (b) the person is convicted of an offence (not being an infringement offence) against this Act; or
 - (c) the person is convicted of an offence against Part 1 or Part 2 of the Animal Welfare Act 1999, section 26ZZP of the Conservation Act 1987, or section 56I of the National Parks Act 1980.
- (1A) Subsection (1) does not apply if the territorial authority is satisfied that the circumstances of the offence or offences are such that—
 - (a) disqualification is not warranted; or
 - (b) the territorial authority will instead classify the person as a probationary owner under section 21.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a), a person must be treated as having committed an infringement offence if—
 - (a) that person has been ordered to pay a fine and costs under section 375 of the Criminal Procedure Act 2011, or is deemed to have been so ordered under section 21(5) of the Summary Proceedings Act 1957; or
 - (b) the infringement fee specified on the infringement notice in respect of the offence issued to the person under section 66 has been paid.
- (3) A disqualification under subsection (1) continues in force for a period specified by the territorial authority not exceeding 5 years from the date of the third infringement offence or offences (as the case may be) in respect of which the person is disqualified.
- (4) If a person is disqualified under subsection (1), the territorial authority must, as soon as practicable, give written notice in the prescribed form to the person of that decision.

Section 25: substituted, on 1 December 2003, by section 14 of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 119).

Section 25(1): amended, on 7 July 2004, by section 7(1) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2004 (2004 No 61).

Section 25(1A): inserted, on 7 July 2004, by section 7(2) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2004 (2004 No 61).

Section 25(2)(a): replaced, on 1 July 2013, by section 413 of the Criminal Procedure Act 2011 (2011 No 81).

New Zealand Legislation
Dog Control Act 1996

If you need more information about this Act, please contact the administering agency: **Department of Internal Affairs**

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26 Objection to disqualification

- (1) Every person disqualified under section 25—
 - (a) may object to the disqualification by lodging with the territorial authority a written objection to the disqualification; and
 - (b) shall be entitled to be heard in support of the objection.
- (2) An objection under this section may be lodged at any time but no objection shall be lodged within 12 months of the hearing of any previous objection to the disqualification.
- (3) In considering any objection under this section, the territorial authority shall have regard to—
 - (a) the circumstances and nature of the offence or offences in respect of which the person was disqualified; and
 - (b) the competency of the person objecting in terms of responsible dog ownership; and
 - (c) any steps taken by the owner to prevent further offences; and
 - (d) the matters advanced in support of the objection; and
 - (e) any other relevant matters.
- (4) In determining any objection, the territorial authority may uphold, bring forward the date of termination, or immediately terminate the disqualification of any person and shall give written notice of its decision, the reasons for it, and the right of appeal under section 27 to the objector.

New Zealand Legislation

Dog Control Act 1996

If you need more information about this Act, please contact the administering agency: **Department of Internal Affairs**

- Warning: Some amendments have not yet been incorporated

28 Effect of disqualification

- (1) Subject to this section, if a person is disqualified from owning a dog under section 25 the person must,—
 - (a) within 14 days of the date on which notice of the decision is given to the person, dispose of every dog owned by the person; and
 - (b) not subsequently be in possession of a dog at any time, except for the purpose of—
 - (i) preventing a dog from causing injury, damage, or distress; or
 - (ii) returning, within 72 hours, a lost dog to the territorial authority for the purpose of restoring the dog to its owner.
- (2) Every dog disposed of under subsection (1)(a)—
 - (a) shall be disposed of in a manner that does not constitute an offence against this or any other Act; and
 - (b) shall not be disposed of to any person who resides at the same address as the person disqualified.
- (3) Where any person has, within 14 days after the date on which the notice of disqualification under section 25(4) is given to that person, lodged an objection under section 26, subsection (1) of this section shall apply in relation to that person as if the reference in that subsection to section 25(4) were a reference to section 26(4).
- (4) Where any person has, within 14 days after the date on which the notice under section 26(4) is given to that person in respect of an objection to which subsection (3) of this section refers, lodged an appeal under section 27, subsection (1) of this section shall apply in relation to that person as if the reference in that subsection to the date on which the notice under section 25(4) was given to that person were a reference to the date of the decision of the District Court on that appeal.
- (5) Every person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 who—
 - (a) fails to comply with subsection (1); or
 - (b) fails, in disposing of a dog under subsection (1), to comply with subsection (2); or
 - (c) at any time while disqualified under section 25, becomes the owner of any dog in terms of this Act; or
 - (d) disposes or gives custody or possession of any dog to any person, knowing that person to be disqualified under section 25.
- (6) Where any person is convicted of an offence against paragraph (a) or paragraph (c) of subsection (5), the territorial authority may extend the period of disqualification of that person until a date not later than 5 years after the date on which the offence occurred.
- (7) Where any person fails to comply with subsection (1), any dog control officer may seize any dog owned by that person and, for that purpose, may, at any reasonable time, with all persons he or she calls to his or her assistance, enter onto the land or premises, including any dwellinghouse, of the owner of the dog.

Section 28(1): substituted, on 1 December 2003, by section 15(1) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 119).

Section 28(2): amended, on 1 December 2003, by section 15(2) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 119).

Section 28(3): amended, on 1 December 2003, by section 15(3) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 119).

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Dog Control Act 1996 No 13 (as at 30 November 2022), Public Act 28 Effect of disqualification – New Zealand Legislation

Section 28(4): amended, on 1 March 2017, by section 261 of the District Court Act 2016 (2016 No 49).

Section 28(4): amended, on 1 December 2003, by section 15(4) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 119).

Section 28(5): amended, on 1 July 2013, by section 413 of the Criminal Procedure Act 2011 (2011 No 8).

Section 28(5): amended, on 1 December 2003, by section 15(5) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 119).



New Zealand Legislation Dog Control Act 1996

If you need more information about this Act, please contact the administering agency: Department of Internal Affairs

42 Offence of failing to register dog

- (1) Every person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 who is the owner of a dog of a greater age than 3 months unless the dog is registered under this Act for the current registration year.
- (2) If a territorial authority has reasonable grounds to believe that a person has failed to comply with subsection (1), a dog control officer or dog ranger may—
 - (a) seize and impound the dog; and
 - (b) for the purposes of paragraph (a), enter, at any reasonable time, any land or premises (except a dwellinghouse) occupied by the owner of the dog.
- (3) This section does not apply to any person operating a pound or facility, or having custody of an unregistered dog for the purposes of—
 - (a) impounding the dog under this Act; or
 - (b) confining the dog in a transitional facility or containment facility approved under [section 39](#) of the Biosecurity Act 1993; or
 - (c) keeping the dog in the custody of a society established to prevent cruelty to animals pending the dog's—
 - (i) recovery by its owner; or
 - (ii) disposal to a new owner.
- (4) However,—
 - (a) a person to whom subsection (3)(a) applies must not dispose of a dog other than in accordance with [section 69A](#); and
 - (b) a person to whom subsection (3)(b) or subsection (3)(c) applies must not dispose of a dog (other than by destroying it), unless the dog is first registered under this Act.

Compare: 1982 No 42 s 39

Section 42: substituted, on 1 December 2003, by [section 26](#) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 119).

Section 42(1): amended, on 1 July 2013, by [section 413](#) of the Criminal Procedure Act 2011 (2011 No 81).

Section 42(1): amended, on 28 June 2006, by [section 21](#) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2006 (2006 No 23).

Section 42(3): substituted, on 7 July 2004, by [section 18](#) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2004 (2004 No 61).

Section 42(4): added, on 7 July 2004, by [section 18](#) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2004 (2004 No 61).

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Obligations of owner

52 Control of dogs generally

- (1) The owner of any dog shall keep that dog under control at all times.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a dog shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be not under control—
 - (a) if it is found at large on any land or premises other than a public place or a private way without the consent (express or implied) of the occupier or person in charge of that land or those premises; or
 - (b) if it is found at large in any public place or in any private way in contravention of any secondary legislation.
- (3) Where a dog is not under control in terms of subsection (2), the dog control officer or dog ranger may seize the dog and cause it to be returned to its owner or impounded.
- (3A) A dog control officer or dog ranger in fresh pursuit of a dog that has been not under control in terms of subsection (2) may, at any reasonable time, enter on any land or premises (except a dwellinghouse) to seize and impound a dog if—
 - (a) the dog is identified by the dog control officer or dog ranger; and
 - (b) the dog is not under the control of any person or otherwise constrained; and
 - (c) no person, other than a person under the age of 16 years, is present.
- (4) Where, in the opinion of—
 - (a) the occupier of any land or premises, or of any other person acting with the authority of such occupier (whether express or implied); or
 - (b) any person in any public place or in any private way,—
 a dog is likely to cause annoyance or distress to any person or animal or damage to any property on the land or premises or in any public place or in any private way, the occupier or person may seize the dog and cause the dog to be returned to its owner, or to be delivered into the custody of a dog control officer or dog ranger.
- (5) Nothing in subsection (4) authorises any person to seize any dog that is under the direct control of any other person.
- (6) Where a dog is, under subsection (4), delivered into the custody of a dog control officer or dog ranger, the dog control officer or dog ranger may cause the dog to be returned to its owner or impounded.
- (7) Except as provided in subsection (3A), nothing in this section shall authorise a dog control officer or dog ranger to enter upon any land or premises other than a public place or a private way for the purposes of this section without the consent (express or implied) of the occupier or person for the time being in apparent charge of that land or those premises.

Compare: 1982 No 42 s 52

Section 52 heading: amended, on 1 December 2003, by [section 31\(1\)](#) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 119).

Section 52(2)(b): amended, on 28 October 2021, by [section 3](#) of the Secondary Legislation Act 2021 (2021 No 7).

Section 52(3A): inserted, on 1 December 2003, by [section 31\(2\)](#) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 119).

Section 52(7): amended, on 1 December 2003, by [section 31\(3\)](#) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 119).

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52A Control of dog on owner's property

- (1) This section applies when a dog is on land or premises occupied by its owner.
- (2) The owner of a dog must, at all times, ensure that either
 - (a) the dog is under the direct control of a person; or
 - (b) the dog is confined within the land or premises in such a manner that it cannot freely leave the land or premises.
- (3) Every person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 who fails to comply with subsection (2).
- (4) If a person fails to comply with subsection (2), a dog control officer or dog ranger may—
 - (a) seize and impound the dog; and
 - (b) for the purposes of paragraph (a), enter, at any reasonable time, the land or premises (except a dwellinghouse) owned or occupied by the owner of the dog.

Section 52A: inserted, on 1 June 2004, by [section 32](#) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 119).

Section 52A(3): amended, on 1 July 2013, by [section 413](#) of the Criminal Procedure Act 2011 (2011 No 81).



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53 Offence of failing to keep dog under control

- (1) Every person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 who, being the owner of a dog, fails to keep that dog under control.
- (2) Notwithstanding section 52(2)(b), an owner of a dog does not commit an offence against subsection (1) by reason only of the dog being found at large in a public place in contravention of any secondary legislation.

Section 53(1) amended, on 1 July 2013, by section 413 of the Criminal Procedure Act 2011 (2011 No 84).

Section 53(1) amended, on 1 December 2003, by section 33 of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 119).

Section 53(2) amended, on 28 October 2021, by section 3 of the Secondary Legislation Act 2021 (2021 No 7).

Photos taken at 3 Richards Place at 2.45pm Tuesday 29 July 2025

Dog kennel and run



Fencing







Fencing from the street view



6 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

7 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

8 Exclusion of the Public

Recommendation

That the public be excluded from—

- *(a)the whole of the proceedings of this meeting; or
- *(b)the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely,—

9.1 Dog Control Act 1996 - Objection to Disqualification of owner - Suzanne Charles

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Plain English Reason
9.1 - Dog Control Act 1996 - Objection to Disqualification of owner - Suzanne Charles	s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	To protect a person's privacy, including the privacy of deceased persons

*I also move that [name of person or persons] be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of [specify]. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because [specify]

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*Delete if inapplicable.

Note

Section 48(4) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides as follows:

- “(4)Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution (or copies thereof)—
 - (a)shall be available to any member of the public who is present; and

- (b)shall form part of the minutes of the local authority.”

9 Public Excluded Reports

10 Readmittance of the Public