



# ANNUAL DOG CONTROL *report*



**NAPIER**  
CITY COUNCIL  
*Te Kaunihera o Ahuriri*

# 1. Introduction

The Napier City Council, as a territorial authority, is required to manage and enforce provisions pursuant to the Dog Control Act 1996 (the Act) and subsequent amendments in 2003, 2004, 2006 and 2010. Section 10A of the Act requires the Council to report annually to the Secretary of Local Government on its Dog Control Policy and practices.

**This report fulfils this statutory requirement for the dog registration years:**

- 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.

## 2. The Council's Dog Control Policy and Practices

### 2.1 Policy objectives

The council adopted the Dog Control Policy in 2014.

The objectives of the policy are to:

- provide clear guidance to the public and staff in the administration of the Dog Control Act 1996,
- provide a safe and healthy environment for citizens and visitors,
- minimise dog attacks by appropriate enforcement of the policy, bylaw and Act, and
- ensure dogs kept under human care are well cared for.

The Council adopted the Napier City Council Animal Control Bylaw in 2014. The objectives of the bylaw are to:

- enhance the safety of the public and children by minimising the distress, nuisance and intimidation caused by dogs to the community
- avoid the inherent danger of uncontrolled dogs in public places

### 3. Dog Control Statistics

The information provided below sets out the statistical information required by Section 10(A)(2) of the Act.

#### Number of Registered Dogs

Category	2015/16	2016/17
Number of dogs registered by council	7,905	7,462

#### Dangerous and Menacing Dogs Number of dogs classified as dangerous (Section 31)

Category	2015/16	2016/17
Dangerous by owner conviction S31(1)(a)	1	1
Dangerous by sworn evidence S31(1)(b)	6	6
Dangerous by owner admitting in writing S31(1)(c)	2	6
<b>Total Dangerous Dogs</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>

#### Number of dogs classified as menacing (Section 33A and 33C)

Category	2015/16	2016/17
Menacing by behaviour S33A(1)(b)(i)	62	57
Menacing by breed characteristics S33A(1)(b)(ii)	7	6
Menacing by Schedule 4 breed or type S33C(1)	129	155
<b>Total Menacing Dogs</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>218</b>

#### Infringements Number of infringement notices issued:

Category	2015/16	2016/17
Infringement notices issued	23*	26

\* The reduction in infringements has occurred due to a change of procedure, working with owners to comply with the Act and allowing owners 14 days to register dogs. This approach has reduced the number of infringements and increased the number of dogs registered.

#### Classification of Dog Owners Number of classified dog owners

Category	2015/16	2016/17
Probationary Owners	13	6
Disqualified Owners	2	0

## Prosecutions

### Number of prosecutions taken for offences under the Dog Control Act 1996

Category	2015/16	2016/17
Prosecutions	0	1

## Complaints

### Number and nature of dog complaints received

Category	2015/16	2016/17
Roaming	638	704
Impounding or Returned to owner	495	457
Requests for Information	451	139
Barking Dogs	429	390
General Enquiries	272	274
Lost Dogs	173	112
Attacks on Animals or Poultry	69	74
Rushing or Chasing	61	41
Other Stock	53	37
Attacks on people	29	41
Worrying Stock	24	7
Property Visit Requests	17	8
Fouling	7	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2718</b>	<b>2293</b>

## Impounding and Rehoming

Category	2015/16	2016/17
Total Dogs Impounded	495	468
Dogs returned to owner	328	303
Dogs rehomed	50	52
Dogs surrendered to SPCA	38	24
Dogs euthanised	78	85
Other (death by natural causes etc)	1	4