



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 2017 to 30 June 2018.

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	2016/17	2017/18
Number of dogs registered by council	7,462	7,640

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

Category	2016/17	2017/18
Dangerous by owner conviction S31(1)(a)	1	3
Dangerous by sworn evidence S31(1)(b)	6	7
Dangerous by owner admitting in writing S31(1)(c)	6	3
Total Dangerous Dogs	13	13

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

Category	2016/17	2017/18
Menacing by behaviour S33A(1)(b)(i)	57	73
Menacing by breed characteristics S33A(1)(b)(ii)	6	14
Menacing by Schedule 4 breed or type S33C(1)	155	127
Total Menacing Dogs	218	214

Infringements Number of infringement notices issued:

Category	2016/17	2017/18
Infringement notices issued	26	704

* The increase in infringements has largely occurred as infringements have been issued to known owners who have failed to register their dog.

Classification of Dog Owners Number of classified dog owners

Category	2016/17	2017/18
Probationary Owners	6	0
Disqualified Owners	0	5

Prosecutions

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

Category	2016/17	2017/18
Prosecutions	1	2

Complaints

Number and nature of dog complaints received

Category	2016/17	2017/18
Public Safety related complaints		
Dog attack on people - minor	41	46
Dog attack on people - serious		4
Dog attack on other animals	74	78
Dog attack on stock	37	1
Dog worrying stock	7	10
Dog Chasing		6
Dog rushing	41	61
Aggressive dog behaviour other than rushing		18
Roaming dogs reported by public	704	720
Non-safety concerns		
Roaming dogs contained by public		535
People's dogs that are reported lost	112	296
Barking	390	522
Fouling	9	6
Bylaw breach		8
Unregistered dog		9
Welfare concerns		2
Miscellaneous	274	207
Licence/Permit		9
Information Requests	147	218
Total	2,293	2,756

* a review of the categories for complaints was undertaken during the year. The Department of Internal Affairs Enforcement guideline complaints categories have been adopted. 2016/17 categories have been matched as best as possible based on the new classification. Serious attacks are those that may require significant medical treatment. 2016/17 dog attacks have been unable to be distinguished between minor and serious.

Impounding and Rehoming

Category	2016/17	2017/18
Total Dogs Impounded	468	803
Dogs returned to owner	303	546
Dogs rehomed	52	46
Dogs surrendered to SPCA	24	15
Dogs euthanised	85	177
Dogs surrendered by owners		40
Other (death by natural causes etc)	4	3