

Terms of Reference for the Rehoming and Euthanasia of Dogs Advisory Panel
INVERCARGILL CITY COUNCIL – REHOMING AND EUTHANASIA OF DOGS REVIEW
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ADVISORY PANEL

Reporting To:	Regulatory Services, Invercargill City Council.
Facilitator and media contact:	Cr Rebecca Amundsen, Chair of Regulatory Services.
Constitution:	Six members of the public appointed by Council.
Meeting Frequency:	As required.
Anticipated Time:	Anticipated to be a total of 20-25 hours between November 2017 and February 2018.
	Recommendations presented to Regulatory Services Committee of the Invercargill City Council on 27 February 2018.

Terms of Reference Summary: To gain an understanding of Council's responsibilities for the rehoming and euthanasia of dogs from Council's Animal Care facility, develop and consider options for this service and consult residents of the district on these matters.

To form a view on the most appropriate method(s) for the Invercargill City Council to rehome and euthanise dogs.

Tasks

1. To understand Council's responsibilities under the Local Government Act 2002, the Dog Control Act 1996, the 2016 Review of Dog Control Regime, animal welfare responsibilities and Council's Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.
2. To investigate rehoming and euthanasia options and meet with organisations/businesses who may be able to provide rehoming and euthanasia services.
3. To advise on a community consultation and communication plan that will inform the community of the review and the options and obtain widespread public input.
4. To assist with undertaking the community consultation phase.
5. To report to the Regulatory Services Committee, Invercargill City Council on:
 - The rehoming and euthanasia options that were developed.
 - The feedback and results of the community consultation.
 - The option preferred by the Advisory Panel for the rehoming and euthanasia of dogs from the Council Animal Care facility.

Make Up of the Advisory Group

Six persons plus one member of the Council will be appointed to the Advisory Group. The group will be assisted by Council staff. In addition to persons with the right skills and experience, the Council will seek to appoint a mix of people so that as many key areas as possible are represented, including broad geographic representation, a range of age groups,

a mix of gender, Maori, other ethnic groups, dog ownership and knowledge of dog behaviour and welfare.

Person Specification

Some or all of the following:

1. A demonstrated knowledge of local communities, their concerns and interests with respect to dog behaviour, welfare and ownership responsibilities.
2. Willingness to observe dog rehoming practices and euthanasia options.
3. An ability to understand complex information and develop reasoned and principled arguments.
4. An ability to work with a diverse group of individuals without prejudice and bring an open mind to new ideas.
5. An ability to critique, probe and develop reasoned and principled argument.
6. A willingness to take part in the public consultation programme.

Remuneration

\$1,200 flat fee per panel member.

Estimated Time Involvement

Pre meeting background reading	3 hours
Development of Options, 2 -3 meetings	6 hours
Public consultation, 3 - 4 meetings each	10 hours
Development of report to Regulatory Services Committee of Council and attendance at that meeting	6 hours