

Background information for the Dog Rehoming and Euthanasia survey

Role of the Advisory Panel

An independent Community Advisory Panel was established in 2017 following the decision of Council to immediately suspend the use of captive bolt as a method of euthanasia for dogs at the Invercargill Animal Care Facility. The Panel is investigating methods of rehoming and euthanasia for dogs in the Invercargill City Council area, and will present a recommendation and report back to Council on members' views. Since the Panel was established, the members have met with various groups and dog experts from throughout Southland and New Zealand, and visited other dog-related facilities and services in Southland. The Panel is now employing various methods of engaging with the wider Invercargill and Bluff communities, including via survey, to better understand what residents would like to see in any future dog rehoming or euthanasia policies.

Invercargill City Council Dog Statistics as at January 2018

Total dogs (estimate): 9357

Registered dogs: 8621

Unregistered dogs (estimate): 736

Classified Dangerous dogs: 2

Classified Menacing dogs: 140

Invercargill City Council Impoundment Totals

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Released	398	762	643	491
Rehomed	70	81	46	70
Euthanasia	155	207	102	53
Infringed		10	50	1
Released+Infringed				7
In rehoming process				6
Total	623	1060	841	628

The Invercargill City Council has certain powers and responsibilities that it is required to fulfil which are set out in legislation like the Dog Control Act and Animal Welfare Act. If you wish to review this legislation here are the links:

Dog Control Act – requirements under the Act

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1996/0013/latest/DLM374410.html>

Animal Welfare Act 1999

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1999/0142/56.0/DLM49664.html>

Current funding of Animal Services at Invercargill City Council

Under the Dog control Act all money received and retained by a territorial authority (the Council) under the Act can only be used for dog control activities.

Animal Services does include other animals such as sheep, goats etc and the service is funded by 10-25% general rates. (As per the Long-Term Plan)

The Council's dog registration and animal control fees on the Council's website: visit this page <https://icc.govt.nz/fees-finder/> then click on the Animal Services link.