

I HAVE NOTICED...

a wandering dog...

Dog owners must make sure that their dog is under control at all times. They can do this by keeping the dog within their property which is fully fenced, keeping the dog tied up or in a kennel on the property, or being with the dog on the property. In most areas of Invercargill a dog must be on a lead when out walking.

A wandering dog behaves differently in unfamiliar places, and is more likely to attack and bite. It could be injured, sometimes in a traffic accident which is a danger both to the dog and the driver of the vehicle. If a dog wanders among stock, it runs the risk of being shot.

For these reasons, we ask our Animal Control Officers to pick up any dogs they see on the streets, or when they receive reports of a wandering dog.



Phone us on **211 1777** if you see a wandering dog. The person you speak with will take some details, and pass on your complaint to an investigating officer. You can also **email us on service@icc.govt.nz** and we will contact you as soon as we can.

We will always try to respond as quickly as possible, and we will come immediately if the wandering dog:

- Is attacking or biting
- Is rushing at people
- Is in distress or in immediate danger

Sometimes you may be able to secure the dog in a safe place so that we can collect it, but your safety always comes first so take care.

Our Animal Control Officers are available during the day, and outside working hours we have an Animal Control Ranger who will respond to call outs if it is an emergency. Phone **211 1777** at any time.

