



Invercargill City Council

ANNUAL DOG CONTROL REPORT



2021/2022

Introduction

As a Territorial Authority, the Invercargill City Council is required to manage and enforce the Dog Control Act 1996 (the Act). Under Section 10A of the Act, Council must provide an Annual Report that sets out activities that have been undertaken in relation to our dog control policy and practices.

This report fulfils this statutory requirement for the dog registration year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

Policy and Practices

Council is currently consulting on the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw. The changes generally relate to clarification of existing points and ensuring consistency between policy and the bylaw. It is anticipated the policy and bylaw will be active for 1 September 2022.

Animal Services

The Animal Services Team is based within the Customer and Environment Group and reports via the Activity Report to the Performance Policy and Partnerships Committee.

The team consists of a Team Leader and four Animal Control Officers. Administration support is provided by Environmental Support Officers in the Environmental Services team.

Animal Care Facility

The Animal Care Facility is open to the public to allow collection of impounded dogs by prior arrangement. If collections are required outside of these hours this can be done by prior arrangement.

Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday 8.00am to 5.00pm.

After hours coverage is provided by Amourguard.

Registration Fees

Registration fees are set by Council to provide the service. We currently have four dog owner classifications. These are:

- Working Dog
- Standard Dog
- Responsible Dog
- Menacing/Dangerous Dog.

Dog owners that meet the requirements of a responsible dog owner receive a discounted registration fee. A discounted registration fee is also available for de-sexed dogs.

Dog Registration

The dog registration population as at 30 June 2022 was 9,095.

Dangerous and Menacing Dogs

Dogs classified as dangerous under section 31(1)	4
Dogs classified as menacing by deed under section 33A	101
Dogs classified as menacing by breed under section 33C	14
Total number of dangerous/menacing dogs	119

Probationary and Disqualified Dog Owners

As at 30 June 2022 there are no dog owners classified as probationary and 11 classified as disqualified.

Prosecutions

There were no prosecutions for the period of this report.

Impoundments

There were 270 impoundments for 2021/2022 year, of those 99 dogs were returned to their owners under the return home procedure for first offence. 129 released for 2nd offence with impoundment fee and 29 rehomed through our approved rehoming agencies.

Infringements

Fail to supply information about dog – section 19A(2)	1
Obstruction of officer or ranger – section 18	1
Fail or refuse to provide information – section 19(2)	1
Fail to comply with classification as dangerous – section 32(2)	1
Fail to comply with classification as menacing – section 33E(1)	7
Fail to control dog in public – section 53(1)	7
Fail to comply with bylaw – section 20(5)	1
Fail to register dog – section 42	20
Fail to keep dog controlled or confined on owners property – section 52A	24
Total infringements	63
Infringement waived	8

Dog Complaints

Menacing/dog attacks	61
Rushing/intimidating	71
Wandering/lost/found	992
Barking	362
Neglect	19
Miscellaneous including animal offences, general complaints and search warrants	407
Total complaints	1,912

Dog Related Requests

Responsible dog owner applications	61
Multiple dog licence applications	19

Key Achievements

Animal Care Facility

The new exercise areas have been completed and are well utilised when we have dogs at the facility.

