



Invercargill City Council

ANNUAL DOG CONTROL REPORT 2022/2023



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 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Policy and Practices

Council completed a review of the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw. The policy and bylaw came into effect on 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 Community Wellbeing 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 8am to 5pm. 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 total dog registration population as at 30 June 2022 was 9,351.

Dangerous and Menacing Dogs

Dogs classified as dangerous under section 31(1)	3
Dogs classified as menacing by deed under section 33A	76
Dogs classified as menacing by breed under section 33C	17
Total number of dangerous/menacing dogs	96

Probationary and Disqualified Dog Owners

As at 30 June 2023 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 314 impoundments for 2022/2023 year, of those 157 dogs were returned to their owners under the return home procedure for first offence. Nine released for second offence with impoundment fee and 17 rehomed through our approved rehoming agencies.

Infringements

Obstruction of officer or ranger – section 18	1
Fail to comply with classification as menacing – section 33E(1)	7
Fail to implant microchip – section 35A(6)	1
Fail to control dog in public – section 53(1)	5
Fail to register dog – section 42	42
Fail to keep dog controlled or confined on owners property – section 52A	28
Fail to supply proper care and attention – section 54(2)	1
Releasing dog from custody – section 72(2)	1
Total infringements	86
Infringements waived	4

Dog Complaints

Menacing/dog attacks	83
Rushing/intimidating	81
Wandering/lost/found	834
Barking	425
Neglect	28
Miscellaneous including animal offences, general complaints/enquiries and search warrants	739
Total complaints	2190

Dog Related Requests

Responsible dog owner applications	172
Multiple dog licence applications	23

Key Achievements

Preliminary work has been completed at the animal care facility for new laundry facilities and additional exercise areas.

