



Invercargill City Council
Annual Report Dog Control
2023-2024

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 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Policies and Practices

The Dog Control Policy and Bylaw were reviewed and came into effect on 1 September 2022.

Animal Services

The Animal Services Team is based within the Consenting and Environment Group and reports to the Community Wellbeing and Regulatory 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. Collection of impounded dogs outside of standard hours can be arranged in certain circumstances.

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.

Registration fees for the 2023/2024 year:

Registration Description	\$
Responsible Owner – Not Desexed	\$71.00
Responsible Owner – Desexed	\$51.00
Menacing/Dangerous	\$156.00
Standard – Not Desexed	\$104.00
Standard – Desexed	\$89.00
Working Dog	\$35.00
Multiple Dogs (Five or more, responsible dog owners and working dogs)	\$310.00
Responsible Menacing (Breed only)	\$85.00

Dog Registration

Total number of dogs registered as at 30 June 2024	8565
Total number of known dogs as at 30 June 2024	9082
Percentage of dogs registered as at 30 June 2024	94%
Total number of dogs registered during the year	9303
Total number of known dogs for the registration year	9956
Percentage of dogs registered during the year	93%

Dangerous and Menacing Dogs

Dogs classified as dangerous under section 31(1)	6
Dogs classified as menacing by deed under section 33A	56
Dogs classified as menacing by breed under section 33C	25
Total number of dangerous/menacing dogs	87

Probationary and Disqualified Dog Owners

Probationary Owners	0
Disqualified Owners	16

Prosecutions

There were no prosecutions for the period of this report.

Impoundments

Total impoundments	298
First Offence Returned Home	108
Rehomed	21

Infringements

S19	Fail or refuse to provide information	2
S19A	Fail to supply information about dog	1
S32(2)	Fail to comply with classification as Dangerous	1
S33EC	Fail to comply with classification as Menacing	7
S36A	Fail to implant microchip	2
S41A	Falsely notifying death of dog	1
S42	Fail to register dog	144
S52A/B	Fail to keep dog controlled or confined	53
S53	Fail to control dog	6
S54	Fail to supply proper care and attention	2
S55	Fail to comply with barking abatement notice	1
	Total infringements	220
	Infringements waived	25

Complaints

Dog attacks	86
Rushing/intimidating	98
Wandering	577
Lost/Found	229
Barking	331
Neglect	27
Miscellaneous complaints and enquiries	677
Total complaints	2025

Dog Related Requests

Responsible dog owner applications	109
Multiple dog licence applications	7
Registration related requests	774
Total requests	809

Hearings

One hearing relating to objection to disqualification from dog ownership. The Hearing Panel upheld the staff decision.

Key Achievements

Completion of Animal Care Facility upgrades:

- New laundry facilities with the installation of a commercial washing machine and dryer
- Additional exercise yards increasing the number of exercise to four.