
15. Policy and Practices 2018/19 - Section 10A Requirement Dog Control Act 1996

Reference / Te Tohutoro: 19/1089516

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1. Purpose of Report / Te Pūtake Pūrongo

- 1.1 This report is required to be submitted by each Territorial Authority to Local Government annually under Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996. The report covers Policy and Practices delivered for the reporting period year ending 30 June 2019.

2. Executive Summary / Te Whakarāpopoto Matua

- 2.1 This report is for information purposes and supports the requirements of section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996, relating to the Councils administration of its dog control policy and practices by providing information in respect of the 2018/19 Dog Registration period relating to:
 - 2.1.1 the number of dogs registered in the territorial authority, and
 - 2.1.2 the number of probationary and disqualified owners within the territorial authority, and
 - 2.1.3 the number of dogs classified as dangerous and menacing within the territorial authority, and
 - 2.1.4 the number of infringement notices issued, and
 - 2.1.5 the number of complaints for the year, and
 - 2.1.6 the number of prosecutions taken by the Council.
- 2.2 The Council are required to give public notice of the report and to make this report publicly available.

3. Staff Recommendations / Ngā Tūtohu

That the Council:

1. [Receive the information in this report.](#)
2. [Adopt the 2018/19 Annual report to Local Government, as set out in section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996.](#)

4. Context / Background / Te Horopaki

Decision Making Authority / Te Mana Whakatau

- 4.1 Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996, requires the Territorial authority to report on dog control policy and practices.
 - 1) A territorial authority must, in respect of each financial year, report on the administration of—
 - a) its dog control policy adopted under [section 10](#); and
 - b) its dog control practices.

- 2) The report must include, in respect of each financial year, information relating to—
 - a) the number of registered dogs in the territorial authority district;
 - b) the number of probationary owners and disqualified owners in the territorial authority district;
 - c) the number of dogs in the territorial authority district classified as dangerous under [section 31](#) and the relevant provision under which the classification is made;
 - d) the number of dogs in the territorial authority district classified as menacing under [section 33A](#) or [section 33C](#) and the relevant provision under which the classification is made;
 - e) the number of infringement notices issued by the territorial authority;
 - f) the number of dog related complaints received by the territorial authority in the previous year and the nature of those complaints;
 - g) the number of prosecutions taken by the territorial authority under this Act.
- 3) The territorial authority must give public notice of the report—
 - a) by means of a notice published in—
 - i. 1 or more daily newspapers circulating in the territorial authority district; or
 - ii. 1 or more other newspapers that have at least an equivalent circulation in that district to the daily newspapers circulating in that district; and
 - b) by any means that the territorial authority thinks desirable in the circumstances.
- 4) The territorial authority must also, within 1 month after adopting the report, send a copy of it to the Secretary for Local Government.

Christchurch City Council's Policies (Section 10A (1a))

- 4.2 The Council adopted the "Control of Dogs" Policy ("the policy") in September 2016. The Policy has provisions relating to the control of dogs in public places, which are enforceable under the Christchurch City Council Dog Control Bylaw 2016.
- 4.3 The objectives of the policy are to:
 - set the framework for Dog Registration Fees and Classification of Owners;
 - identify mechanisms for promoting responsible dog ownership and interaction with dogs;
 - set the framework for Issuing of Infringement notices and Impounding of Dogs;
 - specify the requirement for neutering of dogs classified as dangerous or menacing; (sections 32(1) (c) and 33E (b));
 - provide adequate opportunities to fulfil the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners;
 - set the framework for categories of Dog Control;
 - Notify areas where specific dog control status has been designated for reasons such as public health, safety and hygiene and protection of wildlife, animals and stock;
 - Identify the matters to be covered by bylaws.

Christchurch City Council's Practices (Section 10A (1b))

- 4.4 To satisfy the requirements of section 10A of the Dog control Act 1996, the following information is provided.
- 4.5 Dog Registration
- 4.5.1 The total number of dogs recorded on the Council's dog registration database for the period was 39,127 compared to 38,500 last year.
- 4.6 Probationary and Disqualified Owners
- 4.6.1 The Council recorded 9 owners as probationary and 1 owner as disqualified over the period.
- 4.7 Dangerous Dog Classifications
- 4.7.1 The Council classified 4 dogs as dangerous under section 31 of the Dog control Act 1996, adjusting the total number of dogs on the dangerous dog register to 55.
- 4.8 Menacing Dog Classifications
- 4.8.1 The Council has two separate menacing dog classifications:
- Section 33A (1) (b) (i) of the Dog control Act 1996, provides for dogs to be classified as menacing (based on the dogs aggressive behaviour). For the period 50 new dogs were classified as menacing, adjusting the total number of dogs classified in this category on the Council's register to 241.
 - Section 33C of the Dog Control Act 1996, provides for dogs to be classified as menacing (based on the dogs breed or breed type). For the period 20 new dogs were classified as menacing, adjusting the total number of dogs classified in this category on the Council's register to 147.
- 4.9 Infringement Notices Issued
- 4.9.1 The Council issued 1,609 infringement notices for breaches against the Dog Control Act 1996.
- 4.10 Dog related complaints
- 4.10.1 The Council investigated 575 priority one complaints (dogs attacking persons, stock, poultry, domestic animals and protected wildlife or traffic hazards relating to wandering stock on roads).
- 4.10.2 The Council received 8355 complaints relating to dogs barking, wandering, fouling rushing, dog attacks on domestic animals and unregistered dogs.
- 4.11 Prosecutions
- 4.11.1 The Council took 1 prosecution resulting in a conviction where the dog owner was disqualified from owning dogs for four years.

4.12 Statistical Summary

Total number of registered dogs	39,127
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Total number of probationary owners	9
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Total number of disqualified owners	1
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Total number of dogs classified as dangerous (live records only)	
S.31 (1)(a) Section 57A conviction	
S.31 (1)(b) Sworn evidence	4 out of 55
S.31 (1)(c) Owner admits in writing	

Total number of live dogs classified as menacing	
S.33A Observed or reported behaviour (deed)	50 out of 241
S.33A Breed characteristics (breed)	20 out of 147
S.33C Dogs listed in schedule four.	

Number of infringement notices issued (not waived or cancelled)	1,609
Number of dog related complaints -	
Dog attacks on people	134
Dog attacks, rushing, intimidating people, stock, poultry, domestic animals, protected animals	229
Dog rushing	212
Dogs that barked, roamed or fouled (covers self-generated bylaw, roaming dogs and miscellaneous matters)	8,355
Number of prosecutions taken	1

Attachments / Ngā Tāpirihanga

There are no attachments to this report.

Confirmation of Statutory Compliance / Te Whakatūrutanga ā-Ture

Compliance with Statutory Decision-making Requirements (ss 76 - 81 Local Government Act 2002).

(a) This report contains:

- (i) sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
- (ii) adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons bearing in mind any proposed or previous community engagement.

(b) The information reflects the level of significance of the matters covered by the report, as determined in accordance with the Council's significance and engagement policy.

Signatories / Ngā Kaiwaitohu

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