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The Secretary for Local Government  
Department of Internal Affairs  
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Dear Sir

## **WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT ON DOG CONTROL: 2019/2020**

In accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996, Section 10A, the following is a copy of the annual report for Waimakariri District Council's dog control policy and practices.

### **Dog Control Policy**

Waimakariri District Council (The Council) adopted the current Dog Control Bylaw in 2019. The objectives of the policy include:

- To encourage responsible dog ownership
- To provide for Dog Access to Public areas
- To enforce dog owner obligations
- To minimise any danger, distress or nuisance from dogs to the community

This Bylaw (10 year review) was undertaken in November 2019, adopted by Council on the 3 December 2019 and came into force on the 16 December 2019.

### **Education**

Animal Control delivers education to schools in the District encouraging safe practices around dogs, including bite prevention.

### **Dog Parks**

The Council currently provides four dog parks.

**Southbrook Dog Park** - This 9540m<sup>2</sup> dog park was established in Southbrook Park, Rangiora, in 2010. Access to the park is either from Coronation Street or the Southbrook Park car park. The park features a pleasant walking circuit leading to a large fenced area where dogs can run and exercise. Information signs, water and seating are provided.

**Millton Memorial Park Dog Park** - This dog park, at the corner of Millton Avenue and River Road, Rangiora, covers 2.6 hectares and was opened in 2015. The park features a 'large dog area' and 'small dog area'.

**Gladstone Road Dog Park** – This dog park was opened in early 2018 and covers approximately 2 hectares.

**Kaiapoi Dog Park** - An additional dog park was opened in Kaiapoi in November 2019. The park has been built on previous red zone land and has an area of 2.2 hectares (1.6h for large dogs and 0.6h for small dogs). The park features a variety of mature trees, shrubs, water outlets and seating.

The dog parks have a Facebook community page [www.facebook.com/RangioraDogParks/](https://www.facebook.com/RangioraDogParks/).

### Dog Control on parks and reserves

To protect public safety and enjoyment, the Dog Control Bylaw 2019 classifies the district's parks and reserves into three categories: Dog Prohibited Areas, Leash Control Areas and Under Control Areas. The First Schedule of the bylaw lists all the district's reserves and their classifications. You can exercise your dog off the leash in Under Control Areas as long as you keep the dog under continuous supervision and control.

**Table 1: Annual Report for 2019/20 (Dog Control Act 1996 s10A)**

Reporting Requirement	18/19	19/20
The number of registered dogs	12500	12619
The number of registered owners	8248	8319
The number of probationary owners and disqualified owners	0	0
The number of dogs classified as dangerous (section 31). Note these dogs were all classified under s31(1)(b) <i>"Any dog which the territorial authority has, on the basis of sworn evidence attesting to aggressive behaviour by the dog on one or more occasions, reasonable grounds to believe constitutes a threat to the safety of any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife;"</i>	9	7
The number of dogs classified as menacing (section 33). Note some of these dogs are required to be classified pursuant to Section 33E where the Act deems this type of dog (American Pit Bull Terrier) to be menacing.	53	44
<b>The total number of complaints received for each Category:</b>		
Dog Attacks on People	27	19
Dog Rushing People	82	28
Dog Attacks on Stock	37	25
Dog Attacks on Dogs	25	30
Barking Dogs	339	328
Roaming Dogs	231	235
Dog Welfare Complaints	31	27
Unregistered Dogs resulting in infringements	71	95
Lost / Found	850	720
Callers requesting advice	310	214
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>1721</b>
The number of prosecutions undertaken.	0	1
The number of Infringement Notices issued.	84	101

Yours faithfully



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