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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: 2018/2019

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 a Dog Control Policy in 2009. The objectives of the policy include:

- To encourage responsible dog ownership
- To provide for Dog Access to Public areas
- To enforce dog owner obligations

This Policy is currently undergoing the special consultative procedure as part of its 10 year review.

Education

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

Dog Parks

The Council currently provide three dog parks.

Southbrook Dog Park - This 3-hectare 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 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 park was opened in early 2018 and covers approximately 2 hectares.

A further dog park is planned for Kaiapoi shortly. The dog parks have a Facebook community page www.facebook.com/RangioraDogParks/.

Dog Control on parks and reserves

To protect public safety and enjoyment, the Dog Control Bylaw 2009 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. This bylaw is currently being reviewed through the special consultative procedure as part of its 10 year statutory review.

Table 1: Annual Report for 2018/19 (Dog Control Act 1996 s10A)

| Reporting Requirement | 17/18 | 18/19 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| The number of registered dogs | 12214 | 12500 |
| The number of registered owners | 8010 | 8248 |
| 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> | 10 | 9 |
| 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. | 60 | 53 |
| The total number of complaints received for each Category: | | |
| Dog Attacks on People | 29 | 27 |
| Dog Rushing People | 42 | 82 |
| Dog Attacks on Stock | 35 | 37 |
| Dog Attacks on Dogs | 25 | 25 |
| Barking Dogs | 356 | 339 |
| Roaming Dogs | 248 | 231 |
| Dog Welfare Complaints | 26 | 31 |
| Unregistered Dogs resulting in infringements | 107 | 71 |
| Lost / Found | 917 | 850 |
| Callers requesting advice | 292 | 310 |
| TOTAL | 2077 | 2003 |
| The number of prosecutions undertaken. | 1 | 0 |
| The number of Infringement Notices issued. | 115 | 84 |

Yours faithfully



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