



Dog Control Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2006

1. Dog Control in the District

There were 996 dogs registered in the Kaikoura District for the year ended 30 June 2006. The majority of the dogs in the district are working dogs in rural areas.

The Kaikoura District has one Animal Control Officer who deals with all complaints, impounding of dogs and infringing of dog owners.

2. Dog Control Enforcement Practices

The majority of complaints received over the year were related to dogs roaming unaccompanied by the owner, twenty seven were of this nature and a patrol was sent to the area and attempts were made to locate the dog, of these complaints three dogs were impounded, nine were located and returned to the owner when they had been just outside the address or reported to Dog Control as missing. A further thirteen dogs were reunited with their owner's by the owner advising Dog Control that their dog was missing and calls being received advising of the dog being found and directly contacting the owner.

Fifteen complaints were received with regards to barking dogs, most of these were dealt with by the Dog Control Officer visiting the address and working with the owner as to the ways to prevent the dog from barking. One complaint resulted in the dog being surrendered and destroyed. Two further dogs were relocated as a result.

Four complaints were received about a dog being aggressive while being walked in a public place, one of which was attacked and needed vet attention. The offender in this matter was served with menacing dog papers and warned about control of his dog.

Six complaints were received about dogs, in private property, rushing at passing people. Both dealt with by the owners being informed of their obligations under the act and further monitoring of the situation.

One complaint was received in regard to a dog attacking stock. Dog Control attended and the owner was warned because the complainant would not pursue the complaint and did not want any more action taken.

3. Dogs Prohibited, Leash Only and Dog Exercise Areas

Three people were spoken to regarding having dogs at prohibited areas and one because their dog was unleashed in the main street.

4. Dog Registration

Dog registration fees for the year ended 30 June 2006 remained the same as the previous year. The Council offers a set rate for owners with three or more dogs. A discounted rate is offered to owners with responsible dog owner status and owners with dogs which are neutered or spayed.

Late fees were applied to owners who did not register their dog before 1 August 2006.

5. Disqualified and Probationary Dog Owners

The Kaikoura District Council did not classify any dog owners as probationary or disqualified during the year.

6. Menacing and Dangerous Dogs

At 30 June 2006 four dogs in the Kaikoura District had been classified as menacing or dangerous. Dogs registered as one of the listed breeds under the Dog Control Act 1996 will be classified as Menacing or Dangerous.

Statistical Information:

Category	As at 30 June 2006	For Period 1/07/2005-30/06/2006
1) Total #Registered Dogs	996	
2) Total # Probationary Owners	Nil	Nil
3) Total # Disqualified Owners	Nil	Nil
4) Total # Dangerous Dogs	Nil	Nil
5) Total # Menacing Dogs	4	4
6) Total # infringement Notices		6
7) Total # Complaints Received		53
8) Total # Prosecutions Taken		Nil