



Dog Control Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2015

1. Dog Control in the District

There were 1109 dogs registered in the Kaikoura District for the year ended 30 June 2015. The majority of the dogs in the district were working dogs in rural areas.

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

2. Dog Control Enforcement Practices

A total of 64 complaints were received during the year compared with 150 the previous year.

24 of these were for roaming dogs which were located; however there were a number of occasions where on arrival the dog could not be located. Due to the difficulty of finding roaming dogs the Dog Control Officer only attends calls for roaming dogs where the dog has been caught and tied up or the situation is deemed dangerous.

1 complaint was received regarding a dog attacking a person and the dog was destroyed.

4 complaints were received regarding dog bites, the dogs were not destroyed at the request of the complainants. One dog was classified as dangerous. An infringement was issued to all owners.

2 complaints were received regarding dogs attacking seals on the State Highway but the dogs were not able to be located.

1 complaint was received regarding a dog killing a goat. A fine was issued to the owner. 3 callouts were received regarding a dog killing chickens, an infringement notice was issued for this.

23 complaints were received regarding barking dogs. The Dog Control Officer continues to work with dog owners until the nuisance is abated.

5 complaints were received regarding dogs rushing and the Dog Control Officer has worked with the dog owners to ensure this does not occur in future.

4 dogs were removed from unfit owners and re-homed.

3. Dogs Prohibited, Leash Only and Dog Exercise Areas

There were no dogs found in the prohibited areas by the Dog Control Officer.

4. Dog Registration

Dog registration fees for the year ended 30 June 2015 changed slightly from the previous year. The Council offered a set rate for owners with three or more dogs. A discounted rate was offered to owners with responsible dog owner status and owners with dogs which were neutered or spayed.

Late fees were applied to owners who did not register their dog before 1 August 2014.

	All Prices Include GST
Standard Fee	\$50.00 per dog
Responsible Dog Owner Status	\$35.00 per dog
Neutered or Spayed Dogs	\$40.00 per dog
Menacing/Dangerous Dogs	\$80.00 per dog
Working Dogs (three or more)	\$95.00
Working Dogs (less than three)	\$35.00 per dog
Guide Dogs	-
<u>Late Registration Penalty</u> Each dog Three dogs or more (Working Dogs only)	 \$15.50 \$37.00
<u>Impoundment Fees</u> First Offence Second Offence Third Offence Daily Impoundment Fee	 \$50.00 \$100.00 \$150.00 \$20.00 per day
Licence Fee for keeping more than two dogs in a residential area (Kaikoura Township, Oaro, Goose Bay, Puketa, Hapuku, Rakautara, Clarence and Kekerengu)	\$40.00

5. Disqualified and Probationary Dog Owners

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

6. Menacing and Dangerous Dogs

At 30 June 2015 6 dogs in the Kaikoura District had been classified as menacing or dangerous.

7. Statistical Information

Category	As at 30 June 2015	For Period 1/07/2014-30/06/2015
1) Total #Registered Dogs	1109	
2) Total # Probationary Owners	Nil	Nil
3) Total # Disqualified Owners	Nil	Nil
4) Total # Dangerous Dogs	4	N/A
5) Total # Menacing Dogs	2	N/A
6) Total # infringement Notices		12
7) Total # Complaints/Calls Received		64
8) Total # Prosecutions Taken		Nil

8. General

The Dog Control Policy and Bylaw was reviewed during the year and came into effect on 1 July 2015. One change as a result of this process is the removal of responsible dog owner status.