



Dog Control Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2016

1. Dog Control in the District

There were 1259 dogs registered in the Kaikoura District for the year ended 30 June 2016. The percentage is 60/40 registered as working dogs in the rural areas.

The Kaikoura District now has three Animal Control Officers two who work week on week off and one casual who deal with all complaints, impounding of dogs and infringing of dog owners as well as all Stock related issues and welfare issues (before SPCA).

2. Dog Control Enforcement Practices

A total of 206 complaints were received during the year compared with 64 the previous year.

81 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 Animal Control Officer only attends calls for roaming dogs where the dog has been caught and tied up or the situation is deemed dangerous.

2 complaints was received regarding dog attacks on/at people and one dog was destroyed and the other was from Christchurch so was handed to Christchurch Police and Animal Control there.

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

8 complaints was received regarding dogs killing sheep. One dog on two occasions and was put dog at owner's request, and they paid for the loss to farmer. The other 6 call outs were to the same property and the so called same dog. This took a lot of proving and investigating but finally caught the dog in action on video and owner then put dog down rather than go to court and did eventually pay the farmer for his loss.

3 complaints were made in regard to dogs killing chickens and cats. The owners were found and one owner volunteered to put their dog down the other two were issued infringements.

52 complaints were received regarding barking dogs. The Dog Control Officer continues to work with dog owners until the nuisance is abated. A lot of these are ongoing and we are still working with them. Some have been issued infringement notices others we are working with using bark collars, and education around bored pets.

11 complaints were received regarding dogs rushing and we are working with the dog owners to ensure this does not occur in future. Education to owner as to why this is happening and how we can ensure does not happen again (most have just been one off, and not really true rushing call outs by the public who rung.)

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

26 dogs were reported lost or missing, all which were found and returned by Animal Control or general public.

3. Dogs Prohibited, Leash Only and Dog Exercise Areas

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

4. Animal Welfare:

23 calls in regard to dog welfare in the Kaikoura Area were received. One resulted in a dog having to be destroyed as directed by the Blenheim SPCA. All others were dealt with through education and follow up visits by us or local vets or Ministry for Primary Industries staff.

4. Disqualified and Probationary Dog Owners

The Kaikoura District classified one dog owners as a probationary owner and disqualified one owner during the year.

5. Menacing and Dangerous Dogs

At 30 June 2016 11 dogs in the Kaikoura District had been classified as menacing or dangerous.

6. Statistical Information

Category	As at 30 June 2016	For Period 1/07/2015-30/06/2016
1) Total #Registered Dogs	1259	
2) Total # Probationary Owners	1	Nil
3) Total # Disqualified Owners	1	Nil
4) Total # Dangerous Dogs	6	4
5) Total # Menacing Dogs	5	2
6) Total # infringement Notices		12
7) Total # Complaints/Calls Received		246
8) Total # Prosecutions Taken		Nil

7. Dog Registration

Dog registration fees for the year were as follows. The Council offered a set rate for owners with three or more dogs. A discounted rate was offered to owners dogs with which were neutered or spayed.

	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) ¹	\$95.00
Working Dogs (less than three)	\$35.00 per dog
Guide Dogs	-
<u>Late Registration Penalty</u>	
Each dog	\$15.50
Three dogs or more (Working Dogs only)	\$37.00
<u>Impoundment Fees</u>	
First Offence	\$50.00
Second Offence	\$100.00
Third Offence	\$150.00
Daily Impoundment Fee	\$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

6. Late fees were applied to owners who did not register their dogs before 1 August 2015.

¹ Working Dogs are as defined in the Dog Control Act 1996