

## ***INFORMATION AND STATISTICS ON COUNCILS DOG CONTROL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 1 JULY 2023 TO 30 JUNE 2024***

### **Dog Control in the South Wairarapa**

The district is situated in the southern part of Wairarapa and the southeastern most part of the North Island. It covers an area of 2,484 square kilometers. It is mainly a rural area, although it contains three small towns, Featherston, Martinborough and Greytown.

The Council employs two full-time Regulatory Officers who are responsible for carrying out day-to-day dog and animal control activities as well as bylaws compliance monitoring and enforcement.

Council works with local veterinarians, the SPCA and the Police, when carrying out its functions.

### **Dog Registration and Other Fees**

The registration fees for dogs were approved on 22 May 2024 and publicly notified.

An adjustment of 5% was made to all fees excluding impoundments, which remained the same as in previous years.

Council has maintained different registration categories and fees for urban and rural dogs as well as desexed or entire dogs. These categories generally reflect that rural dogs require less work for Council officers and desexed dogs are less likely to roam and display aggressive behaviours.

### **Control of Dogs Policy and Bylaw**

In 2023 a wider bylaw review for the non-consolidated bylaws took place in conjunction with reviewing the Control of Dogs Policy. This was adopted on the 27 September 2023 with one amendment.

The Control of Dogs Policy is next due for review 27 September 2028.

### **General**

Dog collars are available for purchase for all dog owners at Council's. Martinborough office, Featherston and Greytown service centers.

Bylaws Officers and management are now placing greater emphasis on impounding dogs. The fees associated with impoundment include a tiered impounding fee which escalates for subsequent impoundment.

## **GENERAL COMMENTS ON ANIMAL MANAGEMENT**

### **New Pound**

The new off grid Dog Pound has been operational since 29 May 2023.

During the reporting period the Dog Pound operated once at capacity for a period of 6 nights. The facility during this time continued to operate effectively to a high standard.

### Community education

The council has a key performance indicator in our dog control area that requires three community education sessions to be undertaken each year.

Officers are looking to do wider offerings of these education courses to businesses who may be involved with accessing private property (e.g. rental managers, tradespeople, meter readers)

### Dogs Prohibited, Leash Only and Dog Exercises Areas

Council's Bylaw sets out the areas which are "Dog Prohibited", "Leash Only" and "Dog Exercise Areas". Discrepancies in the by-law and the policy were rectified and reported on in the end of year report for 2023.

### Complaints Commentary

Number of complaints received.

Complaints	Numbers		
	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Barking / Whining	35	30	41
Aggressive behaviour / Rushing	14	8	3
Wandering/fouling/uncontrolled	121	73	83
Attack on Person	7	6	6
Attack on stock	1	4	6
Attack on Pet	12	5	3
Welfare concerns	4	4	0
Lost dogs	13	5	5
Found dogs (of which were lost)	2	4	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>152</b>

**DOG REGISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND SERVICE REQUEST STATISTICS FOR SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Dog Registration, Enforcement and Service Request Statistics	Numbers		
	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Number of dog owners	2086	2110	2117
Number of probationary owners	0	0	0
Number of disqualified owners	0	0	0
Number of registered dogs	3493	3388	3410
Number of rural dogs	2180	2184	2091
Number of urban dogs	1313	1333	1319
Number of dogs classified as dangerous under Section 31	2	2	1
Clause 1(a) due to owner conviction	1	1	1
Clause 1(b) due to sworn evidence	0	0	0
Clause 1(c) due to owner admittance	0	0	0
Number of dogs classified as menacing	29	26	25
Dogs classified as menacing under Section 33A <i>(Section 33A 1(b) - the territorial authority considers the dog may pose a threat to any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife).</i>	16	18	19
Dogs classified as menacing under Section 33C <i>(Section 33C (1) - the territorial authority has reasonable grounds to believe that the dog belongs wholly or predominantly to one or more breeds or types listed in Schedule 4 of the amendment Act 2004).</i>	10	7	6
Infringement notices issued	129	132	145
Failing to register	121	123	101
Failure to keep dog controlled or confined	0	0	0
Failure to keep dog under control	6	7	10
Failure to implant microchip transponder	0	0	34
Failure to comply with the effect of dangerous classification	0	0	0

Dog Registration, Enforcement and Service Request Statistics	Numbers		
	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Failure to comply with the effect of menacing classification	1	1	0
Failure to carry a leash	0	0	0
Failure to comply with Bylaw	1	0	0
Failure to undertake owner education programme or dog obedience course (or both)	0	0	0
Impounded dogs	26	28	37