

Clutha District Council

Dog Control Policy and Practices Report 2023/2024

Dog Control Policy

Council's Dog Control Policy and Bylaw was last reviewed in 2022

Dog Control Practices

Council employs two Animal Control Officers – each Officer has an Animal Control Vehicle, one full-time Animal Control Support Officer and an afterhours Contractor (South Otago Security Services who has one vehicle and 2 staff that cover out of hours)

The Animal Control Unit has a close working relationship with key stakeholders in the community including local veterinarians, NZ Police, SPCA and Dog Rescue Dunedin.

Council provides a 24 hour, seven days a week Dog Control Service.

Animal Control Officers work between the hours 8.30 am to 5 pm, five days a week.

Over the last 12 months, the unit has responded to 456 complaints. Complaints included aggression, attacking, barking, wandering dogs and dogs that were “contained” by members of the public. Of the total number of complaints, 202 were in relation to wandering dogs and 116 were in relation to barking. All complaints were followed through to completion.

In addition, 62 dogs were impounded over the review period. 43 dogs were claimed by their owners and 12 dogs were rehomed. 5 dogs were euthanised, 2 of these were classified as dangerous or menacing and were not suitable for rehoming.

In the course of enforcing dog control legislation and polices, 86 infringement notices were issued to dog owners. No owners were prosecuted for breaches of the Dog Control Act over the last 12-month period.

Fees for the 2023/2024 financial year were as follows:

Registration

- Urban - \$90
- Rural - Non-Working \$63
- - Working \$45
- Responsible Dog Owner \$63

Impounding Fees

- First Offence \$70
- Second Offence \$105
- Third Offence \$150
- Sustenance \$16.50 per day
- Euthanasia (Actual Cost)
- Microchipping \$32 per dog

Dog Control Statics

The following dog control statistics are provided pursuant to section 10(2) of the Dog Control Act 1996:

Number of Registered Dogs in the territorial Authority District (sec 10(2)(a))		6565	
Number of Unregistered Dogs in the territorial Authority District		72	
Number of Probationary Owners and Disqualified Owners in the territorial authority district (se 20(2)(b))		1	
		New Additions 2024	Total amount of dogs 2023-2024

Number of Dogs in the territorial authority district classified Dangerous under section 31 and the relevant classification under which the classification is made (sec 10(2)(c))	Section 31(1)(a)	1	1
	Section 31(1)(b)	1	2
	Section 31(1)(c)	0	0
Number of Dogs in the territorial authority classified as Menacing under section 33A or section 33C and the relevant provision under which the classification was made (sec 10(2)(d))	Section 33A(1)(b)(i)	1	17
	Section 33A(1)(b)(ii)	1	2
	Section 33C(1)	4	19
Number of Infringement Notice issued by the territorial authority (Sec 33EC (1))		3	
Number of Infringement Notice issued by the territorial authority (Sec 52A)		6	
Number of Infringement Notice issued by the territorial authority (Sec 42)		76	
Number of Infringement Notices were waived		11	
Number of Infringement Notice issues by the territorial authority (sec 10(2)(d))	TOTAL	86	
Number of Dog Related Complaints received by the territorial authority in the previous year and the nature of those complaints (Sec 10(2)(f))	Dogs/Aggression	36	
	Dogs/Barking	116	
	Dogs/Biting Domestic Animals	10	
	Dogs/Biting Livestock	10	
	Dogs/Biting Humans	9	
	Dogs/Fouling	15	
	Dogs/more than 2 Dogs	2	
	Dogs/Wandering	202	
	Dogs/Welfare	20	
Lost Dog Notification	36		
	TOTAL	456	

Number of dogs reunited		43
Number of dogs Rehomed		12
Number of dogs Euthanised		5
Number of dogs stolen		2
Number of dogs Impounded	TOTAL	62
Number of Prosecutions taken by the territorial authority under this Dog Control Act 1996 sec 10(2)(g))		0
Number of Neutered Dog on-time registration fees and neutered dog late registration fees		Stats not available
Total Number of Dogs Microchipped		2322 (non-working dogs)
Last review of the Dog Control Policy.		1 October 2022
Date it is due to review next		Date has not been set yet