

Council Report

To:	Chief Executive	
From:	Manager Animal Education and Control	
Subject:	Animal Education and Control Dog Control Act 1996 Section 10A report	
Committee	N/A	
Date:	01/07/2018-30/06/2019	File Reference:

1.1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1.1 To seek adoption of the Territorial Authority report on dog control policies and practices, prior to being made publicly available.

1.2 Summary of Key Points

- 1.2.1 Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996 requires Territorial Authorities to report on dog related activity and policy annually.
- 1.2.2 On 4 May 2017 Council delegated power to the Chief Executive to receive future reports under Section 10A of the Dog Control Act.
- 1.2.3 The report covers the period of 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.
- 1.2.4 As at 30 June 2019 Hamilton had 12084 registered dogs.
- 1.2.5 Animal Education and Control Officers undertook 6371 service requests related to dogs for the period (Full summary of activity see appendix 1).
- 1.2.6 Hamilton City Councils Dog Control Policy was reviewed and adopted in 2015 and is due for review again in 2020.

1.3 Recommendation

- 1.3.1 That the Chief Executive as delegated by Council;
- Receives the report
 - Approves the report for publication in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996

1.4 Appendix

- 1.4.1 Appendix 1 - Summary of activity

2.0 Background

2.1 Legislative requirement

- 2.1.1 Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996 requires Territorial Authorities to report on dog related activity and policy annually.

- 2.1.2 Section 10A, subsection 1 requires Territorial Authorities to report on their dog control policy and activities annually. The report must be adopted by council and made publicly available.
- 2.1.3 Subsection 3 requires that notice of approval of the report must be published in a daily paper or other newspaper that has an equivalent circulation within the district or by any other means the territorial Authority thinks is desirable.
- 2.1.4 Subsection 4 requiring that within one month of adoption a copy of the report must also be submitted to the Secretary for Local Government was repealed on 21 March 2019, so a copy is no longer required to be sent to the Secretary for Local Government.

2.2 Council resolution

- 2.2.1 On 4 May 2017 Council passed a resolution to delegate to the Chief Executive the power to receive future reports pursuant to Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996 and to publish the reports as required under the Act.

2.3 Dog Control Policy

- 2.4 Hamilton City Council's [Dog Control Policy](#) was reviewed and updated through a public consultation process in 2015.

- 2.5 The updated Policy was approved by Council on 28 May 2015 and came into effect on 1 July 2015.

- 2.6 The Policy is available on the Councils website and is due for review again in 2020.

2.7 Summary of Activity

- 2.7.1 As at 30 June 2019 Hamilton had 12084 known dogs
- 2.7.2 AEC's staff undertook 6371 service requests related to dogs
- 2.7.3 Hamilton has 464 dogs registered as dangerous or menacing
- 2.7.4 There are 49 disqualified or probationary dog owners in Hamilton
(for full summary of activity see appendix 1)

Report approved for publication



(Chief Executive)

19/1/21

(Date)

Appendix 1

Summary of activity for the period 1/7/2018 to 30/6/2019

Number of dogs registered in Hamilton District 12084

Disqualified and Probationary owners	
Disqualified	47
Probationary	2
Total	49

Number of infringements issued for the period: 174

Number of prosecutions taken for the period: 1

Dangerous and menacing dog with classification under the Act		
Dangerous	31(1)(b) Sworn evidence	28
Dangerous	31(1)(c) Owner admits	1
Menacing	33A(1)(b)(i) Observed behaviour	262
Menacing	33C(1) Schedule 4 (breed/type)	173
	Total	466

Summary of dog related complaints for the period

General		
Description	Sub category description	number
Advice given		51
Behavioural assessment		444
Dog to sign over		94
Dog trap required		16
Education presentations		71
Fencing inspection required		48
Found dog		3
Lost dog		123
Microchipping		
Multiple dog permit		92
SPCA welfare call out		31
Vet runs	Adoption – de-sexing	15
	Sick / injured	5
Offences		
Description	Sub category description	number
Attack	Historic attack dog v animal	57
	Historic attack dog v person	55
	Urgent attack dog v animal	32
	Urgent attack dog v person	48
Barking		438
Defecate		6
Failure to keep control		133
Insufficient food/water/shelter		12
Dog offences - officer	Assist police	7
	Serve dog classification	17

	Serve owner classification	1
Offences detected by Officers	Cold calling	3
	Dangerous compliance	6
	Disqualified compliance	6
	Insufficient food/water/shelter	9
	Free to leave	8
	In a public place	292
	Menacing compliance	64
	Microchipping compliance	102
	Other	91
	Proactive park check	222
	Probationary compliance	2
	Unregistered dog	160
	Unregistered dog report compliance	676
	Urban patrols	189
	Rubbish patrol	107
Roaming	Free to leave	166
	Public place	2230
Rushing	Rushing animal	17
	Rushing animal (not urgent)	6
	Rushing person	74
	Rushing person (not urgent)	18
	Rushing vehicle	2
Unregistered dog		101
	Total (CARs)	6371