

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: **01/07/2019-30/06/2020** 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 2019 to 30 June 2020.
- 1.2.4 As at 30 June 2020 Hamilton had 12070 known dogs.
- 1.2.5 Animal Education and Control Officers undertook 5410 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 was due for review again in 2020, this will move to align with the Dog Control bylaw and Animal Nuisance by law in 2023

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.

2.2 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 submit the reports to the Secretary for Local Government and publish the reports as required under the Act.

2.2.2 The requirement to submit annual reports to the Secretary for Local Government was repealed on 21 March 2019.

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 was due for review again in 2020 at the same time as the bylaw. Legal advice noted the Dog Control Bylaw should now be on a 10 year review cycle and the policy review would align to this. The bylaw and policy will be reviewed in 2023 as we align their review cycle to match the Animal Nuisance bylaw.

2.7 Summary of Activity

2.7.1 As at 30 June 2020 Hamilton had 12070 registered dogs

2.7.2 AEC staff undertook 5410 service requests related to dogs

2.7.3 Hamilton has 378 dogs registered as dangerous or menacing

2.7.4 There are 34 disqualified or probationary dog owners in Hamilton
(for full summary of activity see appendix 1)

Report approved for publication



(Acting Chief Executive)

19/1/21
(Date)

Appendix 1

Summary of activity for the period 1/7/2019 to 30/6/2020

Number of dogs registered in Hamilton District 12073

Disqualified and Probationary owners	
Disqualified	33
Probationary	1
Total	34

Number of infringements issued for the period: 141

Number of prosecutions taken for the period: 2

Dangerous and menacing dog with classification under the Act		
Dangerous	31(1)(b) Sworn evidence	20
Dangerous	31(1)(c) Owner admits	1
Menacing	33A(1)(b)(i) Observed behaviour	223
Menacing	33C(1) Schedule 4 (breed/type)	134
	Total	380

Summary of dog related complaints for the period

General		
Description	Sub category description	number
Enquiry		20
Advice given		13
Behavioural assessment		281
Dog to sign over		101
Dog trap required		12
Education presentations		26
Fencing inspection required		66
Found dog		0
Lost dog		110
Microchipping		
Multiple dog permit		17
SPCA welfare call out		30
Vet runs	Adoption – de-sexing	25
	Sick / injured	6
Offences		
Description	Sub category description	number
Attack	Historic attack dog v animal	60
	Historic attack dog v person	49
	Urgent attack dog v animal	61
	Urgent attack dog v person	54
	Serious injury	1
Barking		273
Defecate		4
Failure to keep control		101
Insufficient food/water/shelter		2

Dog offences – officer assist	Assist police	20
	Assist other organisation	3
	Serve de-sexing requirements	1
	Serve dog classification	38
	Serve owner classification	13
Offences detected by Officers	Cold calling	10
	Dangerous compliance	1
	Disqualified compliance	5
	Insufficient food/water/shelter	26
	Free to leave	6
	In a public place	213
	Menacing compliance	14
	Microchipping compliance	19
	Other	25
	Proactive park checks	125
	Probationary compliance	
	Unregistered dog	131
	Unregistered dog report compliance	740
	Urban patrols	152
	Rubbish patrol	142
Roaming	Free to leave	111
	Public place	2118
Rushing	Rushing animal	7
	Rushing animal (not urgent)	13
	Rushing person	67
	Rushing person (not urgent)	24
	Rushing vehicle	2
Unregistered dog		62
	Total (CARs)	5410