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The Secretary for Local Government
Department of Internal Affairs
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Dear Secretary for Local Government

Waimakariri District Council: Annual Report on Dog Control 2020 /21

In accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996, Section 10A, the following is a copy of the annual report for Waimakariri District Council's dog control policy and practices.

Dog Control Policy

A 10 year review of the Waimakariri District Council Dog Control Bylaw was undertaken in November 2019, adopted by Council on the 3 December 2019 and came into force on the 16 December 2019. The objectives of the policy include:

- To encourage responsible dog ownership
- To provide for Dog Access to Public areas
- To enforce dog owner obligations
- To minimise any danger, distress or nuisance from dogs to the community

Education

The Waimakariri Animal Management Team delivers education to schools in the District encouraging safe practices around dogs, including bite prevention.

Dog Parks

The Council currently maintains four dog parks:

- **Kaiapoi Dog Park** – This dog park was opened in Kaiapoi in November 2019. The park has been built on previous red zone land and has an area of 2.2 hectares (1.6h for large dogs and 0.6h for small dogs). The park features a variety of mature trees, shrubs, water outlets and seating.
- **Southbrook Dog Park** - This 9540m² dog park was established in Southbrook Park, Rangiora, in 2010. Access to the park is either from Coronation Street or the Southbrook Park car park. The park features a pleasant walking circuit leading to a large fenced area where dogs can run and exercise. Information signs, water and seating are provided.
- **Millton Memorial Park Dog Park** - This dog park, at the corner of Millton Avenue and River Road, Rangiora, covers 2.6 hectares and was opened in 2015. The park features a 'large dog area' and 'small dog area'.
- **Gladstone Road Dog Park** – This dog park was opened in early 2018 and covers approximately 2 hectares.

The dog parks have a Facebook community page www.facebook.com/RangioraDogParks/.

Dog Control on parks and reserves

To protect public safety and enjoyment, the Dog Control Bylaw 2019 classifies the district's parks and reserves into three categories: Dog Prohibited Areas, Leash Control Areas and Under Control Areas.

The First Schedule of the bylaw lists all the district's reserves and their classifications. You can exercise your dog off the leash in Under Control Areas as long as you keep the dog under continuous supervision and control.

Reporting Requirement	2019/20	2020/21
The number of registered dogs	12619	12912
The number of registered owners	8319	8842
The number of probationary owners and disqualified owners	0	0
The number of dogs classified as dangerous (section 31).	7	6
The number of dogs classified as menacing (section 33).	44	30

Dog Attacks on People	19	27
Dog Rushing People	28	30
Dog Attacks on Stock	25	16
Dog Attacks on Dogs	30	51
Barking Dogs	328	408
Roaming Dogs	235	225
Dog Welfare Complaints	27	24
Unregistered Dogs resulting in infringements	95	103
Lost / Found	720	629
Callers requesting advice	214	263
TOTAL	1721	1776

The number of prosecutions undertaken.	1	0
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The number of Infringement Notices issued.	101	117
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Yours sincerely



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