



KAWERAU DISTRICT COUNCIL

DOG CONTROL – POLICY AND PRACTICES REPORT

1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022

INTRODUCTION

Kawerau District Council ('KDC') is required under section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996 to publicly report for each financial year, on:

- The administration of the KDC's dog control policy and practices; and
- Provide statistical information regarding the number of registered dogs, complaints received, infringements issued, prosecutions and the number of probationary or disqualified owners, and the number of dogs classified as either dangerous or menacing.

This report has been prepared to fulfil the statutory requirements for the 2021/2022 dog registration year.

PART 1 – ADMINISTRATION OF POLICY AND DOG CONTROL PRACTICES

1) Dog Control in the District

The Kawerau District Council had 1488 dogs registered at 30 June 2022. Most of the dogs are urban pets with some hunting dogs. There were 4 currently registered rural working dogs in the District; Kawerau is a compact, predominantly urban territory with only one substantial farm property flanking the north-west and south-west boundaries.

Council's dog control service provides 24/7 coverage to deal with dog attacks, roaming, barking and other complaints.

Council employs two dog rangers to monitor and enforce the provisions of the DCA and the Bylaw. These two positions report to the Dog Control Officer (DCO).

All afterhours including weekends, patrol and fieldwork is undertaken by contract.

The aim is to maintain effective complaint/incident response, and high level of attention to systems and data management.

Council seeks to foster good working relationships with local veterinarians and the SPCA and networks well with other councils in the Bay of Plenty region and beyond. An excellent relationship

has also been established with Ministry of Primary Industries in introducing processes for animal welfare management during emergency response.

2) Dog Control Enforcement Practices

All complaints are dealt with fairly, and in accordance with the DCA and Council's Dog Control Bylaw. Infringement notices are issued only where continued non-compliance occurs following a verbal warning, written warning or where a serious offence e.g. rushing incident occurs.

3) Policy & Bylaw Updates

Both the Dog Control Policy and the Dog Control Bylaw 2019 were reviewed early 2019 and became effective from 1 March 2019.

4) Dogs Prohibited, Leash Only and Dog Exercise Areas

The District is fortunate in having a number of varied locations where owners may freely exercise their dogs (providing they be under control and not causing annoyance to others). The exercise areas are all sign-posted and are used daily by members of the public. Feedback from dog owners on the use of these areas continues to be positive.

The dog prohibited areas and dog exercise areas are monitored on a daily basis by both the in-house and contract dog rangers.

The following places are designated by Council as dog exercise areas:

- All public reserves situated beside waterways and measuring at least one chain (20 metres) wide, including:
 - Keith McKenzie Park
 - Prideaux Park (except marked playing fields)
 - Stoneham Walk
 - Pat Baker Reserve
 - Roy Weston Walk
 - Tarawera Park (except marked playing fields)
 - Lyn Hartley Reserve
 - Firmin Field, and
 - Boyce Park.
- Monika Lanham Reserve
- Hilldale Reserve (except the children's playground)
- Stoneham Park
- Delamere Drive Reserve (the neighbourhood reserve between Delamere Drive, Valley Road and Ryder Place).

Where any organised activity is being undertaken on playing fields and reserves, including specified dog exercise areas, dogs must be restrained as if in a public place.

An annual audit of signage is undertaken each year in the designated dog exercise areas. At present “dog exercise area” and “Dogs must be controlled at all times” signs are installed.

5) Dog Registration and Other Fees

Council fees (inclusive of GST) for the 2021/2022 year were:

Registration Fees

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| Sterilised Dog | \$35.00 |
| Non Sterilised Dog | \$70.00 |

Impounding Fees

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| First Impounding | \$80.00 |
| Second Impounding | \$110.00 |
| Third and subsequent | \$140.00 |
| Sustenance Fee (per day or part thereof) | \$10.00 |
| Seizure Fee | \$80.00 |



Dog owners who had registered their dog the previous year, but did not register their dog in the current year were issued an infringement notice with a 14-day diversion option, with the application of penalty (50%). The infringement notice was withdrawn if payment was made within the 14-day diversion period.

Where unregistered dogs are identified during daily patrols, incident responses or other notifications, these are generally seized and impounded and written notice given to the owner.

6) Dog Education

Public Displays

A dog attack prevention display was set up in the main foyer, which showed ways of keeping ourselves safe around dogs and the damage dogs can do when they attack both humans and other animals.

Educational Information

Council provided a copy of its Dog Control Bylaw 2019 to every dog owner along with his or her registration renewal notice.

Council also has a range of educational brochures available at all times from the Office:

- Neutering – The benefits of de-sexing
- Humane Society of New Zealand Inc – Application for assistance from the spay/neuter Fund
- SPCA NZ – Dog and Puppy Care
- My Safety Around Dogs
- Keeping Our Children Safe Around Dogs – English
- Taku Haumarū Me Te Kuri – Te Reo Māori
- Colouring-in and Activity Book for children
- Kawerau District Council Policy on Dogs
- Kawerau District Council Dog Control Bylaw 2019

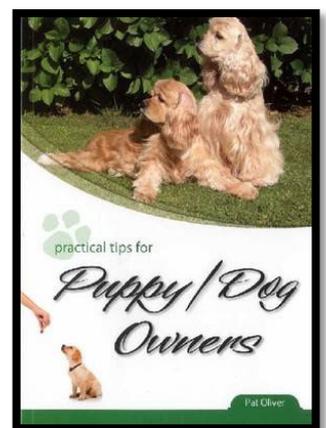
Information on Council's Website:

- Dog Registration
- Responsible Dog Ownership
- Dog Policies and Regulations
- Dog Exercise Areas
- Dog Impounding
- Reporting Cruelty to Dogs
- Adopt a Dog
- Dog Health and Vaccination
- Dog Exercise Park Etiquette
- De-Sex your dog
- Animals – Planning for Emergencies
- Complaints

Information Book for Dogs Classified As Dangerous

A copy of the author Pat Oliver's Manual entitled "Practical tips for puppy/dog Owners" is available to give to all dog owners which dogs are classified as dangerous.

Pat Oliver has more than 25 years' experience as a professional dog trainer; this book provides excellent basic training, obedience, nutrition and maintenance advice with easy to follow directions for dog training. Both owner and dog will benefit from the information Pat Oliver shares in this guidebook.



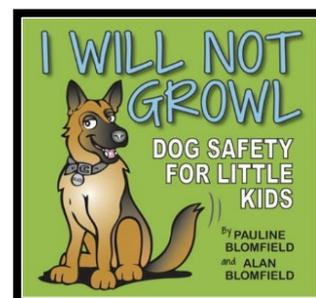
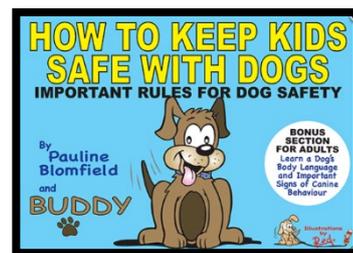
Keeping our Children Safe around Dogs

All pre-schools and primary schools (new entrant classes) in the Kawerau District were sent a copy of the books “How to Keep Kids Safe with Dogs” by Pauline Blomfield & Buddy, and “I Will Not Growl” by Pauline & Alan Blomfield.

Both books are about how to keep safe around dogs. These books can be shared as a read aloud picture book with young children or enjoyed and read alone by older children. With full colour illustrations teaching children important lessons.

Both books covers topics including dogs body language and important signs of canine behaviour.

It is hoped that the books will reduce the risk of dog attacks on children.



| Pre-School | |
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| Kawerau Pre-School Learning Centre | 56 River Road |
| Poipoia te Mokopuna Playgroup | 117 Onslow Street |
| Nga Ririki Early Learning Centre | 40 Ballance Street |
| Nga Purapura Hou Kohanga Reo Te Kohanga | 129 Valley Road |
| Putauaki Kindergarten | 10 Marshall Street |
| Tamariki Play Centre | 33 Galway Street |
| Te Akoranga Kindergarten | 44 Grey Street |
| Te Manaaki Educational Pre-School Trust | 22 Peter Lippa Drive |
| Tu Manako Kohanga Reo | 119 River Road |
| Te Urunga mai o Te Ra Kohanga Reo | 8 Ryder Place |
| Tu Whakaara o Tae Rautahi Kohanga Reo | 36-40 Grey Street |

| School – New Entrants | |
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| Kawerau Putauaki School | 87-89 Fenton Mill Road |
| Kawerau South School | 175-187 Onslow Street |
| Kura Kaupapa, Te Whata Tau O Putauaki | Galway Street |

7) Health & Safety

Health and Safety of staff is an ongoing top priority for Council. Staff were encouraged to report near misses and incidents, as well as developing better protocols for sharing knowledge of incidents and hazardous situations and people between Dog Control Staff and Contractors.

Animal Management will continuously review and improve health and safety procedures.

8) Dogs Rehomed

Staff continue to advertise all suitable dogs available for re-home through Councils facebook Adopt-a-Dog page.

Staff have also been working alongside rescue groups such as All Paws Count Murupara, Tokoroa Animal Rescue, Harmony & Hope Animal Rescue Trust and RRR Rescue, Revive, Rehome - Bay of Plenty to rehome dogs and puppies.

9) Dog Welfare Community Clinic

Animal Management staff are working with the KTown Community Animal Welfare Society to place more emphasis on the importance of de-sexing, in efforts to stem the flow of dogs entering shelters.

Planned activities include supporting Welfare group initiatives and enforcing the de-sexing of impounded dogs through its Dog Control Bylaw.

The KTown Community Animal Welfare Society, Vets 4 Pets and the Kawerau District Council held a free Dog Welfare Community Clinic on 27 November 2021.

Services offered:

- Free puppy and dog care advice.
- Free flea and worm treatment.
- Microchips inserted free of charge.
- Free dog bedding and treats.
- Free de-sexing if owners held a Community Services or Gold Card.

KTOWN COMMUNITY ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY (KTown CAW)

Dog Welfare Community Clinic

Saturday, 27th November 2021
10am to 12 noon
Ranfurly Court, Kawerau

Kawerau residents with a Community Services Card or Gold Card (and their dogs), are invited to our FREE Dog Welfare Community Clinic.

- Free on site flea and worm treatment
- Free on site microchipping for your dog or puppy
- Free on site puppy and dog care advice
- Free dog or puppy de-sexing vouchers: Note there is a limited number of free vouchers, but other assistance may be available

- All dogs and pups must remain on a lead.
- No entry to sick or dogs on heat.
- Owners are responsible for keeping control of and cleaning up after their pets.

Conditions apply:

- Clinic is available to Kawerau residents only.
- You must bring proof of address and a Community Services Card or Gold Card.
- To qualify for a free de-sexing voucher, dogs must be present at the clinic and have no pre-existing health issues or skin diseases.

This community clinic is proudly brought to you with assistance and funding from Vets4Pets & Kawerau District Council.

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10) Other Information

The DCO and contract rangers carried out regular daily patrols, during normal working hours and after hours, with specified targets for the number of patrols for the year.

During the year under review, 493 weekday and 365 after-hours (including specials) patrols (each of one hour's duration) were carried out.

PART 2 – STATISTICAL INFORMATION

STREET PATROLS

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| Street Patrols (office/day hours) | 493 |
| Street Patrols (after hours & including Specials) | <u>365</u> |
| Total | <u>858</u> |

REQUEST FOR SERVICES

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| Requests for Dog Control Services (Public) | 1,016 |
| a) DCO | 263 |
| b) In-House Statutory Incidents | 389 |
| c) Contractor – Afterhours Statutory Incidents | 364 |

INFRINGEMENTS/HEARINGS/PROSECUTIONS

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| Infringements | 176 |
| Infringements Waived (primarily diversions) | 105 |
| Hearings | 3 |
| Prosecutions | 0 |

STATUTORY INCIDENTS

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| Barking | 232 |
| Roaming | 366 |
| General | 84 |
| Fighting | 2 |
| Rush or Threaten | 23 |
| Attacks on Animals | 18 |
| Attack on Person (Physical Contact) | 5 |
| Contractor Instructions | 21 |
| Unaccounted for | 2 |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>753</u> |

UTILISATION OF DOG POUND FOR 2021/2022

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| Dogs Impounded (Including 30 relinquished) | |
| Carried forward from 30/06/2021 | 11 |
| Claimed | 80 |
| Rehomed | 41 |
| Referred to SPCA | 0 |
| Destroyed | 69 |
| Caring for dogs from another TA | 9 |
| Misc (stolen, escaped, injured and pts) | 5 |
| Dogs remaining in pound at 30/06/2022 | 6 |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>210</u> |

OVERALL BREEDS INVOLVED IN INCIDENTS

(As confirmed by DCO/Ranger, if not confirmed then a “*” next to the breed description will be entered, this is in-line with the NZIACO national records)

Attack on person

Attacks on Animals

Fighting

Rush/Growl/Threaten

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| Breed Unknown* | 2 | Breed Unknown* | 5 | Breed Unknown* | 2 | Breed Unknown* | 5 |
| Jack Russell x Aust Cattle | 1 | American Staffordshire Terrier | 2 | American Pit Bull Terrier* | 1 | Labrador Retriever | 2 |
| Mastiff x Staffordshire Bull Terrier | 1 | Bull Mastiff | 2 | | | Siberian Husky | 1 |
| Neapolitan Mastiff | 1 | Staffordshire Bull Terrier | 1 | | | Rhodesian Ridgeback x American Pit Bull Terrier | 1 |
| | | Rottweiler* | 3 | | | American Pit Bull Terrier * | 1 |
| | | Bull Mastiff * | 1 | | | Labrador Retriever x | 1 |
| | | Rottweiler | 1 | | | Labrador Retriever x Shar Pei | 1 |
| | | American Pit Bull Terrier | 2 | | | Bichon Frise x | 1 |
| | | Labrador Retriever x | 2 | | | Crossbreed | 1 |
| | | Japanese Spitz | 1 | | | German Shepherd | 1 |
| | | Rhodesian Ridgeback * | 1 | | | Dachshund x Bull Terrier | 1 |
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| | | | | | | American Bulldog x | 1 |
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| | | | | | | Staffordshire bull terrier x whippet | 1 |
| | | | | | | American Pit Bull Terrier | 1 |
| | | | | | | American Bulldog* | 1 |
| | | | | | | Mastiff | 2 |
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Some incidents involved more than one dog

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| Microchipped Dogs: | Register | 1477 |
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| Menacing (issued for the month): | Register Tot | 68 |
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| Menacing under s33C i.e. by Schedule 4 Breed | Total | To Date 56 |
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| Menacing under s33A(1)(b)(i) i.e. by Behaviour | Total | To Date 8 |
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| Menacing under s33A(1)(b)(ii) i.e. by Breed Characteristics | Total | To Date 4 |
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| Dangerous (issued for the month): | Register Tot | 3 |
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| Dangerous by Owner Conviction under s31(1)(a) | Total | To Date 0 |
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| Dangerous by Sworn Evidence s31(1)(b) | Total | To Date 3 |
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| Dangerous by owner Admittance in Writing s31(1)C | Total | To Date 0 |
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| Disqualified Owner (for the month): | Register Tot | 0 |
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| Disqualified under Section 25(1)(a) – (3x Inf) | Total | To Date 0 |
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| Disqualified under Section 25(1)(b) – (Conviction) | Total | To Date 0 |
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| Disqualified under Section 25(1)(c) – (Conviction) under Animal Welfare Act etc. | Total | To Date 0 |
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| Probationary Owners (for the month): | Register Tot | 0 |
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| Probationary under Section 21 | Total | To Date 0 |
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| Probationary under Section 21(1) Other Acts | Total | To Date 0 |
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