

Chairman and Members
City Services Committee (7 September 2011)
(From: Compliance Services Manager)

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Environmental Services Department
Annual Dog Control Activity Report 2010/11

Purpose

This report fulfils the obligation under the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (DCAA) to provide a report on the administration of Council's dog control policy and practices.

Dog Control Policy and Practices

The policy in force during the 2010/11 financial year was approved in Council in August 2004. This policy complied with the Dog Control Act 1996 and all subsequent amendments.

The policy outlines expected standards and behaviours from dog owners and provides information about how Council will administer dog control. The following issues are addressed by the policy:

- Restriction on the number of dogs
- Dogs in public
- Exercise areas
- Fouling in public places
- Confinement
- Diseased dogs
- Impounding or removing dogs from a property
- Minimum standards of accommodation for dogs
- Barking dogs
- Classification of probationary owners
- Disqualification of owners
- Hearing of objections
- Fees and charges
- Revenue
- Infringement notices
- Bylaws
- Classification as dangerous dog
- Classification of menacing dog
- Micro chipping of dogs

Statistical Reporting for the 2010/11 financial year

The Council is required to provide information in regard to several key areas of interest

Area of interest as at 30 June 2011	Number	Comment
Number of registered dogs	5199	
Number of probationary owners	0	Council has found this classification to be of limited use as it does not prevent other household members from taking ownership of the dog.
Number of disqualified owners	3	One from 2008 Two from 2010
Number of dogs classified as dangerous	2	
Number of dogs classified as menacing	30	Total number
Under section 33A	12	Classified because of aggressive behaviour.
Under section 33C	18	Classification by breed
Number of infringement notices issued	75	Total number 11 Failure to keep dog controlled or confined 58 Keeping unregistered dog 1 Failure to advise change of address 5 Failure to keep dog under control
Number of dog complaints received	1865	Total number 34 Attack – Bite 60 Attack – Rush at/Startle 501 Barking 635 Straying/impounding 635 General Complaint
Number of prosecutions under the Act	6	This number relates to individual charges not number of individual people prosecuted.

Recommendation

THAT this report be received.

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