
REPORT 2
(1215/53/IM)

Report on the Administration of Wellington City Council's Policy and Practices in Relation to the Control of Dogs for the year 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006

1. Purpose of Report

To present the report on the administration of dog control within Wellington City, for the 2005/2006 dog registration year.

2. Executive Summary

This report:

- highlights dog registration numbers
- details the number of classified dogs, either menacing or dangerous

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree to accept the Report on the Administration of Wellington City Council's Policy and Practices in Relation to the Control of Dogs for the year 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006.*
3. *Note that the report is to be publicly notified with a copy provided to the Department of Internal Affairs as per legislative requirement.*

4. Background

Council has a legal requirement to manage the provisions under the Dog Control Act 1996 and Dog Control Amendment Acts 2003, 2004 and 2006.

The Wellington "Dog Control Policy" was adopted by Council resolution in September 2004, following extensive public consultation. The Policy makes provisions relating to the control of dogs in public places, within Wellington City. These policy provisions are enforceable under the Wellington City Council Consolidated Bylaw – Amendment 18, Part 3- Animals.

The Dog Control Act and its Amendments provide good legislation for us to manage dog behaviour, public safety and owner compliance without the need to invoke prosecution action.

The report attached is provided as a statutory report to Council under section 10A of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 and other activities under the Dog Control Act, the Dog Control Policy and Animal Bylaws.

There is no information on microchipping as that is not required until the next, 2006/2007 report.

5. Conclusion

The report is presented for Council approval.

This report satisfies the statutory requirement under section 10A of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003.

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Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

Community Health and Safety

Outcome 2.1: Safety

To ensure that people in Wellington feel safe at any time

Outcome 2.8 Public Health

Public Health efforts promote the health and wellbeing of the population

2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

N/A

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

N/A

4) Decision-Making

The report reflects the views and preferences of those with an interest in this matter who has been consulted with.

5) Consultation

a) General Consultation

N/A

b) Consultation with Maori

N/A

6) Legal Implications

This report is a prepared as per the Council's statutory requirement.

7) Consistency with existing policy

There are no changes to the current Dog Policy or Animal Bylaw.

Appendix One