

4 Summary

The Council's regulatory enforcement contractor, Armourguard, has now completed almost six years as the Animal Management unit for the Whangarei District, with a new 5-year contract having been approved, as of 1 July 2022.

Future work will be focused on encouraging responsible dog ownership, concentrating on the registration and compliance of dogs, along with ongoing enforcement.

As the project culminating in the construction of a new shelter advances, Council staff will also be increasingly involved in supporting the implementation of this project.

Going forward, the animal management team aims to achieve a continued improvement in all these areas as well as focusing their resources on consistency in operations and improving value for the customer in the 2022/2023 year.

5 Dog Control Statistics

5.1 Table one: Registration/Classification related data

	Total 2021/22	Total 2020/21	Total 2019/20	Total 2018/2019	Total 2017/2018
Dogs Registered	13,170	12,349	10,852	12,019	9,081
Dog Owner Classification					
Probationary	2	1	1	1	0
Disqualified	9	12	10	1	1
Menacing Classification					
By Breed	112	104	178	67	132
By Deed	72	51	36	5	2
Combined	184	155	214	72	134
Dangerous Classification					
Section 31(1) a	0	0	0	0	0
Section 31(1) b	3	2	2	2	2
Section 31(1) c	0	0	0	0	0
Total Dangerous	3	2	2	2	2

5.2 Table two: Service data

Customer Request Breakdown by job type

Job Type	2021/2022	2020/2021	2019/2020	2018/2019	2017/2018
Wandering	1296	1901	2213	1883	1653
Barking	1064	1234	1174	1504	1541
Attacks	196	166	281	293	272
Rushing	131	186	176	242	154
Unregistered dog check	527	1117	158	812	996
Miscellaneous*	497	377	356	68	101
Total	3,711	4,981	4,358	4,802	4,717
Proactive Community Patrols	384	269			
	4095	5250			

*Miscellaneous: Reactive patrols, worrying/trapping, fouling, condition check, miscellaneous bylaw breach

5.3 Table three: Compliance Data

	2021/22	2020/21	2019/2020	2018/2019	2017/2018
Prosecutions					
Number of people prosecuted (note there may be more than one charge)	Concluded (Successful) 2	Concluded (Successful) 4	Concluded (Successful) 9	5	1
	Concluded Total 2	Concluded Total 4	Concluded Total 12		
	Commenced but not concluded in the period 7	Commenced but not concluded in the period 2	Commenced but not concluded in the period 4		
Infringement offence					
18 Willful Obstruction of dog control officer or ranger	14	11	6	1	2
19(2) Failure or refusal to supply information or willfully providing false particulars	3	0	3	0	2
19A (2) Failure to supply information or willfully provide false about dog	0	0	0	0	0
20(5) Failure to comply with any bylaw authorised by the section	0	2	0	0	0
23A (2) Failure to undertake dog owner education program of dog obedience course (or both)	0	0	0	0	0
24 Failure to comply with the obligations of a probationary owner	0	0	0	0	0

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28(5) Failure to comply with the effects of disqualification	1	0	0	0	0
32(2) failure to comply with the effects of classification of dog as dangerous	0	0	0	0	0
32(4) Fraudulent sale or transfer of dangerous dog	0	0	0	0	0
33EC (1) Failure to comply with the effects of classification of dog as menacing	29	10	6	2	0
33F (3) Failure to advise person of muzzle and leashing requirements	0	0	0	0	0
36A (6) Failure to implant microchip transponder in dog	11	34	66	174	259
41 False statement in relation to dog registration	0	0	0	0	0
41A Falsely notifying death of dog	0	0	0	0	0
42 Failure to register dog	482	285	165	321	557
46(4) Fraudulent procurement or attempt to procure replacement dog registration label or disc	1	0	0	1	0
48(3) Failure to advise change of dog ownership	1	0	0	1	0

	2021/22	2020/21	2019/2020	2018/2019	2017/2018
49(4) Failure to advise change of address	5	0	0	3	0
51(1) Removal, swapping or counterfeiting of registration label or disc	0	0	0	0	0
52A Failure to keep dog controlled or confined	199	298	208	203	146
53(1) Failure to keep dog under control	15	45	3	9	8
54(2) Failure to provide proper care and attention, to supply proper and sufficient food, and to provide adequate exercise	1	2	1	0	0
54A Failure to carry leash in public	0	0	0	0	0
55(7) Failure to comply with barking dog abatement notice	5	1	1	0	2
62(4) Allowing dog known to be dangerous to be at large unmuzzled or unleashed	0	0	0	0	0
62(5) Failure to advise of muzzle and leashing requirements	0	0	0	0	0
72(2) Releasing dog from custody	0	0	0	0	0
Total	767	688	459	715	976

5.4 Table four: Shelter data

	2021/22	2020/21	2019/2020	2018/2019	2017/2018
Impounded Total	504	502	368	557	388
Total number of returned to owner	269	320	140	231	164
% dogs returned to owners	54%	63%	38%	42%	42%
Total number of adopted dogs	67	45	54	33	40
% dogs adopted	13%	9%	15%	6%	10%
Total number of euthanised dogs	168	137	174	293	184
% dogs euthanised	33%	27%	47%	52%	47%