

R E P O R T	TO	COUNCIL
	FROM	RUSSELL BIERRE – MANAGER REGULATORY SERVICES
	FILE REF	511653
	PORTFOLIO HOLDER	COUNCILLOR CARMINE
	DATE	11 TH DECEMBER 2009
	SUBJECT	SECTION 10A REPORT TO DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS – DOG CONTROL ACT - 2009

Section 10A of the 2003 amendment to the Dog Control Act 1996 requires Council to report to Central Government on its Dog Control Policy and Practices for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009. Once Council has adopted the report, public notice must be given of the report and a copy sent to the Secretary for Local Government. This is a new provision in the Act, introduced by the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003.

The Act lists the information that is required in the report and Council staff have compiled the required information which is set out in this report, to be adopted by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- a) The report of the Manager Regulatory Services dated 11th December 2009 be received; and that
- b) Pursuant to section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996, The Hauraki District Council Report on Dog Control Policy and Practices for 2008/2009 be adopted and forwarded to the Department.

Statistics

Number of registered dogs	4127
Number of probationary owners	14
Number of disqualified owners	0
Number of dogs classified as dangerous under Section 31	
§ s.31 1(a) due to owner conviction	4
§ s.31 1(b) due to sworn evidence	8
§ s.31 1(c) due to owner admittance	0
Number of dogs classified as menacing under Section 33A	
§ s.33A 1(b)(i) observed or reported behaviour	25
§ s.33A 1(b)(ii) characteristics associated with breed	40
Number of infringement notices issued – for failing to register a dog.	183
Number of dog related complaints	
§ Aggressive or rushing at fence	46
§ Barking dogs	93
§ Dog bites on people	6
§ Dog bites on animals	32
§ Bylaw breach (eg: dog fouling in public)	7
§ Miscellaneous (eg: unregistered, or other general complaints)	72
§ Wandering dogs	206
§ Dogs worrying other animals	4
Number of prosecutions (Infringements)	44

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