Rangitikei District Council Report Pursuant to Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996

For Period 01 July 2009 – 30 June 2010

PART 1 – Dog Control Policy and Practices

1. Dog Control in the District

- The focus of dog control has been on responding to service requests/complaints within timeframes set by Council (30 minute response time generally). Officers also conduct regular patrols, conduct audits of Good Dog Owners and follow up unregistered dogs.
- Number of dog owners in District 2106.
- Number of registered dogs in District – 4742 comprising, 3142 working dogs, 1568 Good Dog Owners and 32 non working dogs.
- Two and a half FTE Dog Control Officers are employed by Council, one based in Marton, the other in Taihape.
- Dog Control Officers respond to priority one calls after hours. Priority one calls include dog attacks and secured wandering dogs .

2.Dog Control Enforcement Practices

- Dog Control Officers responded to 520 service requests/complaints during the reporting period in response to the following:
  - 23 attacks (human and animal – includes rushing)
  - 71 barking
  - 172 wandering/stray
  - 32 Aggressive unsatisfactory conditions
  - 82 Found
  - 79 Lost
  - 61 Other
- 25 infringement notices were issued
- 2 owners were prosecuted for dog attacks which resulted in successful convictions

3.Dogs Prohibited, Leash Only and Exercise Areas

- There have been no issues associated with dog prohibited areas and dog exercise areas.
- Dog Control Officers approach owners found walking their dogs off the leash in leash only areas has been largely an educational one with no need to serve infringement notices.

4.Dog Control Registration and Other Fees

- Non working dogs registration increased from $93 to $162
- Non working neutered/spayed increased from $78 to $142
- Good Dog Owner non neutered/spayed increased from$36 to $65
- Good Dog Owner neutered/spayed increased from $36 to $45
- Working Dogs increased from $31 to $35.50
- Councils approach to non registered dogs and non fee paying owners has been to firstly send out reminder notices after which dog control officers have conducted follow up inspections with verbal or written warnings followed by the serving of an infringement notice.

5.Dog Education and Dog Obedience courses

- The Council does not provide any owner education programs or dog obedience courses. Dog Control Officers do however refer owners to approved programs/courses when requested or if felt necessary.

6.Disqualified and Probationary Dog Owners

- No owners were classified as disqualified or probationary during the reporting period.

7.Menacing and Dangerous Dogs

- The Council has not had any issues with owners of menacing dogs not complying with the requirements relating to their classification.
- There is 1 dog classified as dangerous in the District

PART 2 – Statistical Information

Category	As at 30 June 2009	For Period 01 July 2009 – 30 June 2010
1) Total Registered Dogs	4763	4742
2) Total Probationary Owners	Nil	Nil
3) Total Disqualified Owners	Nil	Nil
4) Total Dangerous Dogs	Nil	Nil
Dangerous by Owner Conviction Under s31(1)(a)	Nil	Nil
Dangerous by Sworn Evidence s31(1)(b)	Nil	Nil
Dangerous by Owner Admittance in Writing s31(1)(c)	Nil	Nil
5) Total Menacing Dogs	7	24
Menacing under s33A(1)(b)(i) – i.e. by behavior	Nil	2
Menacing under s33A(1)(b)(ii) by Breed Characteristics	Nil	2
Menacing under s33C(1) by Schedule 4 Breed	7	22
6) Total Infringement Notices	17	25
7) Total Complaints Received	346	520
8) Total Prosecutions Taken	Nil	2