

animal control activity plan

Why we do it

To enhance the safety of the public by the control of nuisance dogs and stock wandering in public places. In addition both the dog control act 1996 and the impounding act 1953 place specific statutory functions on territorial authorities.

What we do

- Provide a complaint resolution service in relation to uncontrolled dogs.
- Control the numbers of dogs kept on individual properties in the urban area through a kennel licensing regime.

- Undertake mobile patrols to apprehend and impound wandering dogs.
- Provide an animal pound facility for the safe and humane containment of dogs and stock found wandering.
- Respond immediately to reports of livestock wandering in public places.
- Provide an educational programme on dog control which is available on an 'on demand' basis to primary and intermediate schools in the Rotorua district.
- Register around 11,000 dogs each year.
- Impound around 1,900 dogs each year.
- Euthanise around 800 dogs each year.

Control Function

This involves registration of dogs, investigation and resolution of nuisance complaints, inspection of kenneling standards and the development and implementation of a council policy on dogs.



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Pound Keeping Function

Dogs found wandering are impounded so they do not continue to be a nuisance and a risk to the public. They are kept in humane conditions. Those dogs not claimed by their owners after seven days from the date of impounding are disposed of.

Stray stock are impounded so they do not continue to be a nuisance or a public safety risk on roads and other public places. They are kept and fed until returned to owners, or public auction.

Community outcomes

Community Outcome	How the council contributes
 Safe & Caring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ By providing safe public places free from uncontrolled dogs and wandering stock.
 Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ By facilitating the use and enjoyment of the natural environment without threat of uncontrolled dogs.

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What does the council plan to do in the future

What is the Council currently doing?	What will we do in years 1 to 3?	What will we do in years 4 to 10?	How will we know if we achieve our objective? (key result areas)
Promotion of dog control objectives by means of a focused radio campaign	The Dog Control Bylaw is to be reviewed in 2010.		The community is able to use and enjoy public places, safe from uncontrolled dogs and wandering stock.

Measuring our achievements

Level of Service	Performance measures	Current performance	Performance targets									
			09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19
Provide a dog registration service.	% of known dogs registered by 30 June (measured by monitoring and auditing of registration data).	97.5%	> 97.5%									
Ensure dog complaints are actioned.	% of complaints responded to within 1½ working days (measured by monitoring and auditing of complaints register).	100%	100%									
Ensure stock complaints are actioned.	% of complaints about wandering stock responded to immediately (measured by monitoring and auditing of complaints register).	100%	100%									

Negative effects

Negative effects	Mitigation options
Failure of dog owners to exercise responsible dog control has the potential for dog attacks and acts of aggression. This affects the social well-being and safety of some members of the public.	Consistent enforcement of Bylaw, 'control' provisions of Dog Control Act 1996 and ongoing education.

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Funding considerations

Who benefits from the activity?

The community as a whole benefits from council responses to complaints about nuisance dogs and wandering stock, thereby making the environment safer and more enjoyable to live in.

What is the period of benefit?

Benefits from regulation are ongoing, although specific regulations may change from time to time.

Who creates the need for the activity?

- The community's need for structure, consistency, safety, and certainty.
- Legislation.
- Owners of dogs and of wandering livestock.

Funding source

Most costs are caused by owners of dogs who do not adequately control and train them. Some costs (about 10%) are caused by wandering stock. Therefore Council has determined that about 54% of the cost of dog control should be funded by dog owners to cover the cost of control, and that the balance, and the costs of controlling wandering livestock, should be met from general rates.

Asset management

Key assets

- Pound complex pens/yards
- Pound office
- Storage shed
- Land

Maintaining our assets

An annual maintenance budget plan has been prepared and executed. Renewal replacement is budgeted and considered as part of estimates process.



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Financial summary (plan 2009/10 and forecast 2010/11 to 2018/19)

Animal Control (\$000s)	Actual 2007/08	Annual Plan 2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Operating Expenses												
Direct Costs	850	903	861	891	912	910	935	957	980	1,008	1,036	1,071
Financial Costs	1	-	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Depreciation	6	8	7	6	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Costs	857	911	869	899	917	915	940	962	984	1,012	1,040	1,075
Revenue												
Capital Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fees and Charges	533	546	563	580	597	615	634	653	672	693	713	735
Investment Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subsidies and Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Targeted Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	533	546	563	580	597	615	634	653	672	693	713	735
Internal Recoveries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Internal Recoveries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cost of Service	324	365	306	319	320	300	306	309	312	319	327	340
Capital Costs												
Renewals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Growth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Backlog	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Level of Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	11	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operational Funding												
Net Cost of Service	-	-	306	319	320	300	306	309	312	319	327	340
Plus Capital Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Less Depreciation	-	-	(7)	(6)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Add back Depreciation Funded by Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operations Funded by General Rates	-	-	298	313	317	296	303	306	309	317	324	338
Capital Funding												
Funding from Depreciation (Rates)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loans from/(to) Corporate Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Development Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital	11	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Minor roundings may occur in above totals