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## Western Bay of Plenty District Council

### Council

#### Dog Control Policy and Practices - 2008/2009

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### Executive Summary

Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996 requires Council to publicly report, each financial year, on the administration of our Dog Control Policy and Practices along with some specified Dog Control related statistics.

Upon adoption and public notification of the report, Council is also required to provide a copy to the Secretary for Local Government.

The content of the attached report is based on the requirements of the Dog Control Act 1996.

### Recommendation

1. *THAT the Team Leader Animal Services report on Dog Control Policy and Practices – 2008/2009 dated 23 September 2009 be received.*
2. *THAT pursuant to Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996, the Western Bay of Plenty District Council report on Dog Control Policy and Practices for 2008/2009 be adopted, publicly notified, and forwarded to the Secretary for Local Government.*

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Bruce Wills  
Team Leader Animal Services

Checked and Approved for Agenda

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Steve Hill, Group Manager Customer and  
Business Services

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 Council has consistently applied the Dog Control Policy and Council's adopted Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement Strategy when dealing with all matters of dog control over the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009.
- 1.2 This has continued to ensure a fair, unbiased and consistent approach when dealing with either offending dog owners or other interested parties.
- 1.3 Animal Control Officers have continued strategies for the detection, follow-up and enforcement of dog registration within the District which has resulted in achieving **99.10%** registered. Previously unknown dogs will continue to be detected from time to time using those established strategies.
- 1.4 The statistical component of this report for the 12 months to 30 June 2009 is as follows:

|   |                          |            |
|---|--------------------------|------------|
| Total number of registered dogs in District     |                          | 7,712      |
| Total number of probationary owners in District |                          | 3          |
| Total number of disqualified owners in District |                          | 1          |
| Total number of dogs classified as dangerous:   |                          |            |
|   | S31(1)A (conviction)     | 4          |
|   | S31(1)B (sworn evidence) | 12         |
|   | S31(1)C (admission)      | 5          |
|   | <b>Total</b>             | <b>21</b>  |
| Number of dogs classified as menacing           |                          |            |
|   | S33A by "Deed"           | 27         |
|   | S33C by "Breed"          | 81         |
|   | <b>Total</b>             | <b>108</b> |
| Number of infringement notices issued           |                          |            |
|   | Registration             | 124        |
|   | Other Offences           | 55         |
|   | <b>Total</b>             | <b>179</b> |
| Number of dog related complaints                |                          |            |
|   | Barking                  | 192        |
|   | Roaming                  | 466        |
|   | Attacked Person          | 25         |
|   | Attacked Animal          | 83         |
|   | Rush at Person           | 34         |
|   | Rush at Animal           | 29         |
|   | Welfare Concern          | 47         |
|   | Other                    | 47         |
|   | <b>Total</b>             | <b>923</b> |
| Number of Prosecutions taken                    |                          |            |
|   |                          | 0          |