

Reminder:
Dog registration is due again on 1st July. Re-registration forms will be sent out in mid June



Council's Canine Comment

12th Edition

Newsletter for Waipa District Dog owners - May 2009

To make sure you are ready for that new puppy, please try the following:

- * Pour cold apple juice on the carpet in several places and walk around barefoot in the dark.
- * Wear a sock to work that has had the toes shredded by a blender.
- * Immediately upon waking, stand outside in the rain and dark saying, "Be a good puppy, go potty now - hurry up - come on, lets go!"
- * Cover all your best suits with dog hair. Dark suits must use white hair, and light suits must use dark hair. Also float some hair in your first cup of coffee in the morning.
- * Play "catch" with a wet tennis ball for hours.
- * Run out in the snow in your bare feet to close the gate.
- * Tip over a basket of clean laundry, scatter clothing all over the floor.
- * Leave your underwear on the living room floor, because that's where the dog will drag it anyway. (Especially when you have company.)
- * Jump out of your chair shortly before the end of your favourite TV program and run to the door shouting, "No no! Do that OUTSIDE!" Miss the end of the program.
- * Put chocolate pudding on the carpet in the morning, and don't try to clean it up until you return from work that evening.
- * Gouge the leg of the dinning room table several times with a screwdriver - it's going to get chewed on anyway.
- * Take a warm and cuddly blanket out of the dryer and immediately wrap it around yourself. This is the feeling you will get when your puppy falls asleep on your lap.

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A big thank you

- Bryden Shiells - for making and donating dog beds, and dog coats, for the pounds last winter
- Also Leslie and Stef from K9 Sense, Evelyn from Grey St, and Lynn who all donated blankets/bedding
- Cambridge Pet Vet, and Pat for donating dog food
- All hands were on deck with the recent working bee of animal control and property staff to paint the Cambridge Dog Pound

Websites of interest:

www.freepetprojects.com
www.dogagility.org.nz - about dog agility in NZ
www.bitsa.com.au - discover what breeds make up your "bitsa" dog - an Australian test now available to New Zealanders.

Waipa District Council Animal Control Services

Council offers a 24 hour dog/stock control service:
8am - 5pm - customer support staff are available to take all routine calls
5pm - 8am week days, weekends and public holidays - after-hours staff are available to deal with urgent incidents.
Contact us on (0800) 924 723 for any of the above.
You can also contact Council's customer support staff for non-urgent matters via email at info@waipadc.govt.nz
Or visit Council's web-site www.waipadc.govt.nz then follow links to: About our Services/Animal Control

Published annually for dog owners in Waipa District to keep you informed on Council's role in the care and control of your dog.

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Welcome to Council's Canine Comment 2009 from Waipa District Council's Animal Control team!

We always welcome any feedback, and if you have some information that may interest other dog owners in the district for future newsletters, we would love to hear from you.

We currently have two projects underway where we particularly seek your views.

One is the review of the Waipa District Policy on Dogs, and the other is the review of the Waipa District Dog Control Bylaw 2004. We have enclosed a survey which we encourage you to fill in and send back to us. Draft Policy/Bylaw documents will be prepared using feedback from the survey, and these documents will be publicly notified for formal submissions (watch out for advertisements in local papers July/August).

Survey questionnaire forms need to be returned to this office by Friday 29th May 2009.

If you wish to read the current Policy/Bylaw documents, these are available on Council's web-site www.waipadc.govt.nz (via the "Animal Control" page which is available under the heading "About our Services"), or we can post a copy to you.

We look forward to receiving lots of surveys back - your views are important to us.

Registration/micro-chipping requirements

All dogs are legally required to be registered every year from the age of three months old. In addition, as most owners will now be aware, they are also required to be micro-chipped within two months following registration, although working dogs used predominantly for the purpose of herding stock, and dogs registered prior to 1st July 2006 are exempt from the micro-chipping requirement.

It is important for dog owners to understand that registration and micro-chipping processes must go hand in hand. A frustrating situation for pound staff is to scan a dog and locate a micro-chip only to find the chip number isn't recorded in the registration database, which hinders the process of locating the owner. This problem usually occurs either because the owner hasn't provided a copy of the micro-chip certificate to council staff, or because a dog has been micro-chipped but not registered with council.



"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole" - Roger Caras.

