

2018 CANINE COMMENT

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You've got your woof, now get your rego!

Renew your dog's annual registration now and be in the draw to win free registration for life.



Your dog registration is due by 30 June 2018



Meet... Skipper, winner of last year's registration draw.

Skipper, a male Jack Russell, has received free registration for the rest of his life. Congratulations Skipper!

We're offering your dog the chance to win free registration for the rest of their life too, simply pay your registration fee before 30 June and you're in the draw!

All dogs registered by this date will automatically be in the draw to win free registration for life!

A further month's grace will be allowed until 31 July 2018 before a 50 per cent penalty fee is applied to any registration fee that remains unpaid.

It's important to register your dog every year as part of being a responsible dog owner. All dogs over the age of three months must be registered by law.

Your dog must wear its colour-coded registration tag to show it has been registered for that year. The 2018/19 registration tag colour is green. If your dog is lost, he or she can be quickly and easily identified from their registration tag.

2017 in numbers...



TWO WERE **STOLEN** FROM THE POUND* *but were later recovered by Council.



Barking dogs

Like most councils around the country, Waipā receives a number of complaints each year about persistently barking dogs.

While some barking issues need assistance from Council to resolve, many are immediately sorted by bringing the matter to the dog owner's attention. We often find that people don't realise what their dogs get up to when they aren't at home.

If you are troubled by a persistently barking dog in your neighbourhood, try a friendly and non-judgemental chat to the dog owner. Letting them know at what time of day the problem is occurring can also be helpful.

Dog owners can help this process by talking to neighbours periodically to ask if their dog is causing any grief. Take any information on board in a friendly way and take immediate steps to get it sorted. This type of pro-active communication will help to ensure that Waipā remains a dog-friendly community.

If all else fails, contact Waipā Animal Control for advice.



WAIPA DISTRICT COUNCIL ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

We offer a 24 hours dog/stock control service:

8am to 5pm – customer support staff are available to take calls.

5pm to 8am weekdays, weekends, and public holidays – after hours staff are available to deal with urgent incidents.

Contact us on 0800 924 723

For non-urgent matters you can email info@waipadc.govt.nz or visit waipadc.govt.nz/dogs



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Winter exercise

Don't let the cooler weather and darker evenings stop you from taking your dog out for a daily walk.

Dogs appreciate the change of scenery, the opportunity to sniff out the local smells and to catch up on doggy gossip.

Walking tips:

- During dark winter evenings, consider using a safety glo-jacket or glo-collar for your dog – this will make your pet easier to see when you are crossing the road.
- Take a plastic bag to pick up your dog's doos – this is a legal requirement in any public place.
- Incorporate some off-leash time for your dog at one of our designated dog exercise



parks (everywhere else, please keep your dog on a lead).

Pay attention to your dog at all times, and don't allow yourself to be distracted. If you can't trust your dog to come back to you, keep it leashed or use a long light line that your dog can trail – then you can keep control of the situation.

- Show consideration to other dogs and dog owners – over-friendly dogs, dogs with bullying tendencies and nervous or anti-social dogs all need to be managed accordingly.
- Miniature flashing lights can be purchased cheaply and fixed to your dog's collar to help ensure safer free-running at dog exercise parks.

Myth: A wagging tail is the sign of a happy dog...

While a half-hanging, slowly wagging tail with a relaxed body posture is generally a sign of friendliness, a tail sticking out horizontally (whether wagging or not wagging) is showing a dog on alert! If it's tail is straight up in the air the dog is on high alert and may be trying to exert its dominance (take care with these dogs!).

A tail hanging straight down or under the dog's tummy indicates submission, fear, pain or general unhappiness. Avoid handling these dogs as they may try to protect themselves.

Dogs with docked tails are not so easy to read, but as with all dogs, the whole body posture and behaviour in addition to the tail position should be assessed when trying to read a dog's feelings.



Dog leads for sale

We have new stocks of dogs leads available for sale at our Te Awamutu and Cambridge offices. The leads are approximately 1.8m long and cost \$18 or \$20 each depending on the width of the lead.

Pest control and the risk of poisons

At this time of year many people are using poisons and baits to control the autumn influx of rats and mice.

It is important to take care when using rat bait to ensure it is not accessible to pets or other non-targeted animals, and that any carcasses are removed and disposed of quickly to avoid secondary poisoning. For good advice on using poisons and other methods of rodent control, check out the rats and mice page at lifestyleblock.co.nz



Pound Hounds Rescue



Pound Hounds Rescue Charitable Trust is a new charity formed to help rehome unclaimed dogs from the Waipā dog pounds.

Since June last year they have taken 63 pound dogs into care for adoption. The charity is managed by two local trustees. They welcome any offers of assistance such as fostering dogs, helping at events and transporting dogs to vet appointments. For more information on how you can help, or to find out what dogs are currently seeking adoption, check out:

poundhoundsrescue.co.nz
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