

2019 CANINE COMMENT

Brought to you by the WAIPA DISTRICT COUNCIL ANIMAL CONTROL TEAM



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.

Meet... **Ginny**, the winner of last year's registration draw.

Ginny's mum completed registration by 30 June and won free registration for life for the two-year-old Cocker Spaniel. Congratulations!



Your dog registration is due by 30 June 2019

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 2019 before a 50 per cent penalty fee is applied to any unpaid registration fees.

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 2019/20 registration tag colour is yellow. If your dog is lost, he or she can be quickly and easily identified from their registration tag.

2018 in numbers...



7596
MICROCHIPPED*

*Note: dogs first registered prior to 1 July 2006 and herding dogs are exempt from the requirement to micro-chip.



293
REPORTS OF LOST DOGS



2281
COMPLAINTS ABOUT DOGS

494
DOGS IMPOUNDED.
OF THESE...



400
WERE CLAIMED

46 
WERE REHOMED



48 WERE EUTHANASED



Civil Defence – are you prepared?

Here's six top tips for providing for your dog in the event of an emergency:

- have a plan in place before disaster strikes
- store enough food and water to last your animals a minimum of five days
- keep a supply of your dog's medications on hand at all times
- set up a pet First Aid Kit, and a general kit for other items such as poo bags, gloves, leashes, bedding and bowls in case you need to evacuate
- microchip your dogs and ensure chip numbers have been provided to Council so they are recorded on the National Dog Database. Have your dog's chip scanned and checked regularly
- bring your dog inside during storms and floods.

For more info visit mpi.govt.nz and search 'animals in emergencies'.



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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A new life for Mikey

Once an emaciated pup covered in mange with obvious skin infections, Mikey is living proof of what a lot of love, kindness and care can do for a dog.

In April 2018 Council's animal control staff were called to a property where the tenants had allegedly moved out and left their dogs behind.

It was there Mikey was discovered in a bad way. He was treated by a vet and stayed in the pound for seven days receiving lots of TLC from staff. With no sign of the previous owner, Mikey was then passed into the care of Pound Hounds Rescue to complete his rehabilitation.

These photos show his transformation into a handsome, healthy, adult dog under the devoted care of his foster carers. Mikey is now a very loved family member.



Agility equipment

Council's newly installed agility equipment at Wordsworth Street park in Cambridge and Ash Grove in Te Awamutu have proven a huge hit with our canine pals and their owners. It's been great to see dogs out giving it a go.

Before using the equipment remember safety first! Always consider your dog's age, health and general ability.

Winter warmth to canines in need

Winter can be a hard time for dogs in our community who don't have a family to love and care for them. To help, Pound Hounds Rescue have an assortment of donated duvets and blankets they are repurposing into dog coats and beds. Once complete, the items will be distributed to Council dog pounds and dogs in the Waipā community who would benefit from some extra winter warmth.

If you have a clean duvet, wool blanket or polar fleece to donate, contact Pound Hounds Rescue through its website poundhoundsrescue.co.nz or via email at poundhoundsrescue@outlook.com.

Helping hands are also appreciated.

To the dogs

Back by popular demand, Te Awamutu Museum is running its exhibition 'To the dogs' exploring the special relationship we have with our furry friends and the contribution they make to our community. Since opening in January, the exhibition has been a hit with lots of members of the community coming to check it out.

Particularly popular was the museum's 'March Madness Dog Days' with Assistance Dogs, Canine Friends, Department of Conservation, Waipa Animal Control and Pound Hounds Rescue all going along to chat to the public about the work they do. The exhibition will run through until the end of June, so be sure to go along and check it out.

"Such short little lives our pets have to spend with us, and they spend most of it waiting for us to come home each day." – John Grogan, Puppyleaks.com

Found a dog – who to call? Animal Control

If you lose your dog at any time, or find someone else's dog, your first call should be to Council's animal control team. They have up to date registration details to easily identify owners and return the dog to where it should be. Letting Council know as soon as possible will save dog owners a lot of stress about their pooch and will also minimise stress on the animal.

