



Waipā's CANINE COMMENT



Paws a while...

LET'S TALK ABOUT DOGS!

We're proposing to make some changes to where and how dogs can exercise across Waipā and we want to know what you think!

As a dog owner, you'll know that having a dog comes with obligations – to your dog, to your neighbours and to the wider community. Waipā District Council also has obligations, including ensuring the policies and rules we have in place for dogs are fit-for-purpose, keep our community safe and ensure Waipā dogs are well cared for.

On that basis, we're now formally reviewing our Dog Control Policy and related Bylaw around dog control and we're proposing some changes. We'd love your input before decisions are made!

Some things we're proposing include:

- five new exercise areas in Cambridge
- one new exercise area in Te Awamutu/Kihikihi
- two new exercise areas in Maungatautari

We're also proposing changes to...

- areas where dogs can be on-leash and off-leash
- areas where dogs aren't allowed
- ...and other dog-related issues.

For the full proposal and to have your say, visit

www.waipadc.govt.nz/dogsreview.

You can also pick up hard copies of the proposal from Council offices and libraries.

Feedback closes 5pm, Friday 16 June.

WINTER EXERCISE

Don't let the cooler weather and darker evenings stop you from taking your dog out for a daily jaunt. Dogs appreciate the change of scenery, and the opportunity to sniff out the local smells and to catch up on doggy gossip.

Remember...

- Take a plastic bag to pick up your dog's "doo-does" – picking up the mess is a legal requirement in any public place.
- Some off leash fun at one of our designated dog exercise areas will burn off that last jolt of energy.
- Keep an eye on your pooch, for their safety as well as other dogs and people.

- If your dog is a little tempted by a game of run-away in an off leash area, get yourself a long light line that your dog can trail so you don't have to go for a run after them.
- Be mindful of other dogs and dog owners. Just like people, your uber-friendly dog might not mesh well with a nervous-type dog. We share these exercise areas.
- When walking the streets during dark winter evenings, consider using a safety glow jacket or collar for your dog that car headlights can pick up from a distance.
- You can also get doggy flashing lights that attach to your dog's collar to help you keep track at off-leash parks.

REGISTER AND WIN!

Dog registrations are due next month and if you register your dog on time, you'll be in to win free registration for the rest of your dog's life!

Your registration notice is enclosed with this newsletter. Registration fees are due by **Friday 30 June** and every dog registered by this date will be entered in the draw to win free registration for the rest of its life, while it's registered in Waipā.



2022 rego for life

Meet Crystal the winner from last year's early dog registration draw. Crystal is a Miniature Poodle, she will receive free registration for the rest of her life in Waipā. Congratulations Crystal!

If you need to register new dogs, jump online to www.waipadc.govt.nz/dogs.

You are one lucky dog Neo

A NEW HOME FOR

Neo



Neo was a dog down on his luck. He was an 8 year old Mastiff type, with no owner and no prospect of a new home due to his age and size. Neo had a love for tennis balls, soccer balls, any kind of balls and was always in the thick of it – prancing, dancing, leaping around catching those balls and dropping them back at your feet.

Then out of the blue came some hope. Neo had caught the eye of a kind

animal-loving family from the King Country. Neo went home with his new owners and fast forward a few weeks to now, his 'mum' contacted us to give us an update on his life. She said Neo is just amazing and so loved, to the point that sometimes she is moved to tears just watching his interactions with her family. Now Neo has no shortage of ball throwing fun!

SHOUT OUT!

VE Vets – Te Awamutu who so generously support our rehoming work. Andrew and the team are compassionate, professional and friendly and make a big difference to the lives of the dogs that we put up for adoption.

Massive thanks also to charities:

- Pound Hounds Rescue (PHR)
- ARAN
- Paws-Restart
- Country Retreat Animal Sanctuary
- Auckland Puppy Rescue
- Christchurch Bully Rescue
- Rottweiler Rescue
- Also to our own very special volunteer Sally who helped us to rehome 22 dogs directly from the pound!

Additional thanks to PHR for providing us with dog food and parasite treatments, and support generally, to keep our unclaimed and special needs dogs fed and comfortable.

RISKY POISONS *for pooches*

Winter means many people are using poisons/baits to control the influx of rats and mice. Remember, take care when using poisons. They should not be accessible to pets or other non-target animals and be sure to remove any carcasses quickly. If you suspect your dog has eaten any bait, contact your vet immediately for advice.



DOGGO *Snapshot*

9,555 ACTIVE DOGS
ON OUR REGISTER

8,917 
DOGS MICRO-CHIPPED

(remember some dogs are exempt).

IN 2022 OUR TEAM RECEIVED

3,537

CALLS ABOUT ANIMALS!

- 1,769 were general enquiries
- 1,679 were requests about dogs that needed looking into
- 89 stock related calls

WE REHOMED

47 

lost / abandoned dogs


WAIPĀ DISTRICT COUNCIL ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

We offer a 24 hour 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

You can also visit...

-  www.waipadc.govt.nz/dogs
-  [WaipaDistrictCouncil](#)
-  [WaipaAnimalControl](#)