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Please find attached the information requested.
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Sent: Thursday, 1 October 2020 11:47 a.m.

To: Rebecca Murray

Subject: Re: IGOMM requesting the Annual Dog control report please

Hi Rebecca

Can you please send me the Dog Control report, tabled at 22nd September 2020 meeting, as a PDF file please.

Thanks

Kind regards From: Rebecca Murray - Rebecca Rebecca Murray - Rebecca Rebecca Murray - Rebecca Rebecca Murray - Rebecca Mu ernal Affairs for Period Ending 30 June 2020 report will be presented to the Planning and Environment Committee meeting being held on 22 September 2020, the agenda for this GOVERNANCE SUPPORT OFFICER CIVIC

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To: Peter Hanlin eneter Hanlin@dcc.govt.np>
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Subject: Annual Dog control report please
Hello Peter
Please can you email me your DCC 2018-2019 Annual dog control report, and also tell me when your 2019-2020 report will be available. Under Section 10 A of Dog Control Act. Thanks. Kind regards ?



DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL'S ANIMAL SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2019

Dog Control Policy and Practices

- 1. The Dunedin City Council covers a large geographical area, which includes both urban and rural dog owners. As at 30 June 2019 there were 18,030 registered dogs (93% were pet dogs). This is an increase of 565 dogs on the previous year.
- To deliver an animal control service, the Council has an Animal Services Unit consisting
 of a Manager, Team Leader, two Administration Officers (1.6 FTEs) and six FTE Animal
 Services Officers, one of which is a special duties officer who also conducts school and
 community education sessions.
- 3. The Animal Services Unit has a close working relationship with key stakeholders in the community such as the Society for the Protection of Animals, local veterinarians, Police, Department of Conservation, Yellow Eyed Penguin Trust, Dog Rescue Dunedin and dog clubs.

Dog Control Enforcement Practices

- 4. The Animal Services Unit operates a seven-day service from 7.00am to 8.00pm during the summer (daylight saving) and between 8.00am and 6.00pm during the winter. In addition, the unit operates a 24-hour standby service for emergency call outs.
- 5. Over the last 12 months the unit responded to 3,393 complaints. Complaints included aggression, attacking, barking, fouling and wandering dogs and dogs that were "contained" by members of the public. Of the total number of complaints 29% were in relation to barking and 29% in relation to wandering dogs. All complaints are followed through to completion.
- 6. In addition, 276 dogs were impounded over the review period, a decrease of 27 on the previous year.
- 7. During the course of enforcing the dog control legislation and policies, 632 infringement notices were issued to dog owners, a decrease of 122 on the previous year. Two owners were prosecuted for a breach of the Dog Control Act over the 12-month period.

Dogs Prohibited, Leash Only and Dog Exercise Areas

- 8. The majority of Dunedin dog owners are generally very compliant with regard to not exercising their dogs in prohibited areas and in the use of a leash in "leash only" areas.
 - The Council has six dog exercise areas, two of which have a small dog exercise area within them, that are well patronised daily. Positive feedback from the public continues to confirm that they are very successful with both the socialisation of dogs and the interaction of people.
- 9. Each of the dog exercise parks has a unique design and has been built to maximise the use of the topography of the area. The surrounding areas are regularly maintained and

upgraded. The ratio of dog exercise parks to known dogs (registered and unregistered) is 1:2,289.

- 10. All the parks have:
 - a. Re-fillable dog poo bag dispensers; and
 - b. Double gates (air lock) to provide safe access and exit for dog owners using the parks.
- 11. Most parks have:
 - a. Drinking fountains;
 - b. Shelters for dog owners;
 - c. Agility equipment; and
 - d. Recently installed solar lighting.

Dog Registration and Other Fees

- 12. Dog registration fees increased from \$103 to \$106 to register a pet dog. The fee for the first working dog increased from \$49 to \$51 and the second and subsequent working dogs from \$25 to \$26. The annual rebate for registered neutered dog/s increased from \$6 to \$10
- 13. To ensure there is ongoing compliance with owners registering their dogs, the Animal Services Unit is continuing to undertake a zero-tolerance policy in regard to any known unregistered dogs, and any dogs that were still unregistered after being issued with an infringement notice were impounded. This strategy continues to be very successful with 98% of known dogs registered during this period.
- 14. In addition, the Unit is monitoring the number of impounded dogs that are unregistered and during this report period 36% of impounded dogs were unregistered. This is an 8% decrease from the previous year. All impounded dogs are legally required to be registered and microchipped prior to leaving the pound.

Dog Education

- 15. The Dunedin City Council's Responsible Dog Owner Policy (RDOP) exists to recognise and encourage responsible dog ownership. Providing the dog owner has not had any valid complaints in the previous two years regarding the management of their dog, they may apply for RDOP status and if successful will receive a 43% discount on future dog registration fees.
- 16. For dog owners to become Responsible Dog Owners they are required to be present during an inspection of their property by an Animal Services Officer. The inspection is to ensure that the property meets the required standard in relation to adequate fencing and to test the dog owner's knowledge of relevant aspects of the local bylaw and Dog Control Act.
- 17. Currently 31% of pet owners are classified as "responsible dog owners" which is a 1% increase from the previous year.
- 18. The Unit is also very proactive in conducting newspaper and radio advertising programmes promoting dog owner responsibilities. This has been found to be a positive

and effective medium to assist in having dogs accepted by the public in an urban environment.

19. A school and community group education programme is also conducted and over the twelve-month period the Animal Services Officer (Special Duties) visited 8 schools and 2 community groups in Dunedin. Presentations were given to 23 classes.

Disqualified and Probationary Dog Owners

20. Over the last 12 months no dog owners were classified as a probationary. One dog owner was disqualified from owning a dog.

Menacing and Dangerous Dogs

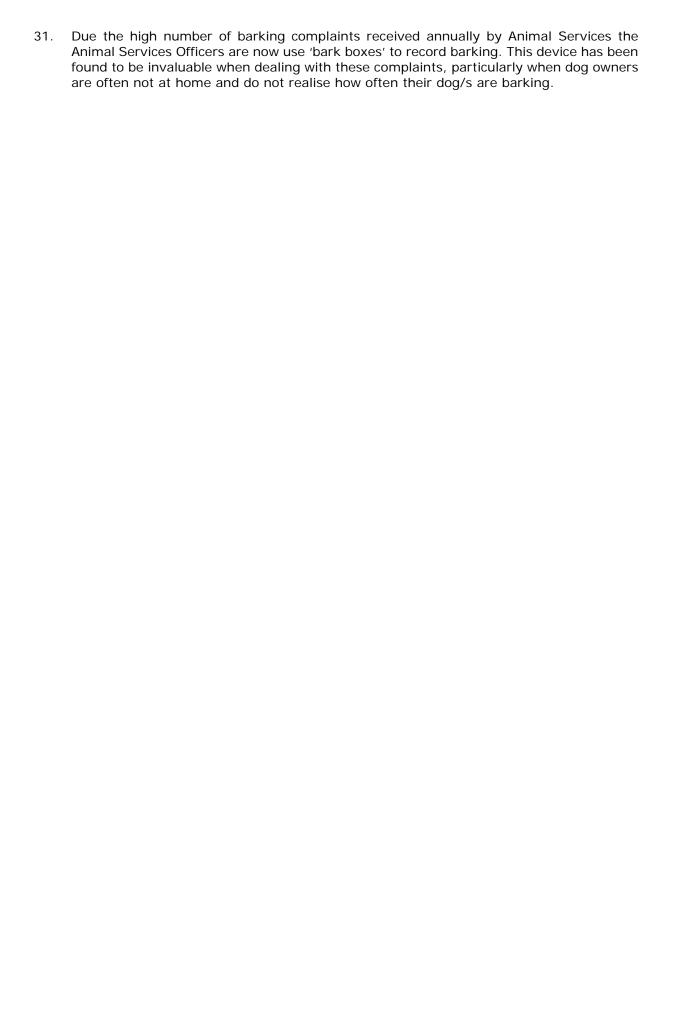
- 21. The Council has classified 201 dogs as menacing (37 were classified during the last 12 months). Of the total 37 dogs classified as menacing, 17 were classified as menacing due to behaviour and 20 were classified by breed under s33c(1) Schedule 4.
- 22. The Council has nine dogs classified as dangerous which is two less than the previous year. During the last 12 months one dog was classified as dangerous due to a rushing offence.

Pound Facility

23. The facility continues to provide an excellent standard of kennels. The security is to a very high standard which has resulted in no break-ins.

General Information

- 24. As at 30 June 2019 a total of 10,841 of pet dogs have been neutered in Dunedin, which is 60% of the total number of registered pet dogs and a 1% decrease from the previous year.
- 25. The Council promotes a dog neutering programme for owners who would have difficulty meeting the costs. The full cost of the operation is paid by the Dunedin City Council and the number of dogs neutered in the last 12 months was 246. This service is put out to tender to local veterinarians to ensure a competitive price is achieved.
- 26. Over the last year 99% of impounded dogs (274 of 276) were either claimed or adopted. Two dogs (1%) were euthanised due to not being claimed by their owner and were either classified as menacing by breed (therefore not permitted to be re-homed) or when assessed by staff were found to be unsuitable to be re-homed.
- 27. Ninety-one per cent of registered dogs are microchipped which is a 3% increase from the previous year. This includes 100% of the classified dangerous dogs and 98% of the classified menacing dogs. The benefits of microchipping have continued over the last 12 months by:
 - a. Making it easier for Animal Services Officers to identify the owners of wandering and impounded dogs;
 - b. Local veterinarians providing updated details of dogs they have microchipped which enables Animal Services to check they are registered.
- 28. When dog owners register a dog, they are given information packs that contain advice on how to care for their dog and their responsibilities as a dog owner.
- 29. To reduce dog fouling in the city more poo bag dispensers and signage have been placed at popular walking places across the city.
- 30. Dog Rescue Dunedin (DRD) continues to work alongside Dunedin City Council's Animal Services team under a Memorandum of Understanding helping to provide homes for unwanted pound dogs. The relationship between DRD and Animal Services has proven to be a very positive and constructive one. Because of DRD's hard work and dedication to this cause most of the unwanted pound dogs are rehomed.



DOG CONTROL STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Section 10A(2) of the Dog Control Act 1996 requires territorial authorities to publicly report each financial year on a variety of dog control related statistics in a tabular format.

Column B shows the total number at 30 June 2019 on DCC record and Column C shows the number recorded during the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019. For example, as at 30 June 2019 the DCC have seven dangerous dogs on record. This number changes each year as some dogs may have died and others may have moved districts. Of those seven dogs two were classified in the last twelve months.

	at 30 June 2019 (B)	Period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 (C)
1) Total # Registered Dogs	18,030	Statistics not required
2) Total # Probationary Owners	1	0
3) Total # Disqualified Owners	5	1
4) Total # Dangerous Dogs	9	1
Dangerous by Owner Conviction	6	1
Dangerous by Sworn Evidence	3	0
Dangerous by Owner Admittance in Writing s31(1)(c)	0	0
5) Total # Menacing Dogs	201	37
Menacing under s33A(1)(b)(i) - ie by Behaviour	94	17
Menacing under s33A(1)(b)(ii) - by Breed Characteristics	0	0
Menacing under s33C(1) by Schedule 4 Breed	107	20
6) Total # Infringement Notices	Statistics not required	632
7) Total # Complaints Received	Statistics not required	3,393
Aggressive	Statistics not required	196
Attack	Statistics not required	218
Barking	Statistics not required	980
Fouling	Statistics not required	57
Wandering	Statistics not required	997
Dogs Contained	Statistics not required	688
Dogs Impounded	Statistics not required	276
8) Total # Prosecutions Taken	Statistics not required	2
9) Total # Pet Dogs	Statistics not required	16,845
10) Total # Pet Dogs Neutered	Statistics not required	10,841
11) Total # Responsible Dog Owners	Statistics not required	4,223
12) Total # Schools Visited	Statistics not required	8
Number of Classes	Statistics not required	23
13) Total # Dog Exercise Areas	Statistics not required	8
Ratio of Known Dogs to Exercise Areas	Statistics not required	2,289

PART A REPORTS

ANIMAL SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Department: Customer and Regulatory Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996 requires territorial authorities to publicly report each year on:
 - The administration of their dog control policy and their dog control practices (section 10A (1)); and
 - A variety of dog control related statistics (section 10A (2)).
- The attached report (Attachment A) outlines the operations of the Dunedin City Council's Animal Services Unit for the year ending 30 June 2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Planning and Environment Committee:

Notes the Animal Services annual report to the Department of Internal Affairs.

BACKGROUND

- In accordance with section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996 (DCA) the Dunedin City Council (DCC) is required to publicly report each financial year on the administration of its dog control policy, its dog control practices (Section 10A (1)) and on a variety of dog control related statistics (Section 10A (2)).
- The primary purpose of this report is to enable the community to see how the Council is managing its dog control responsibilities.
- 5 This report is for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

Signatories

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PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE 22 September 2020

Authoriser: Paul Henderson - Building Solutions Manager	
	Graeme Riley - Chief Information Officer

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SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS

Fit with purpose of Local Government

This decision enables democratic local decision making and action by, and on behalf of communities. This decision promotes the social well-being of communities in the present and for the future. This decision promotes the economic well-being of communities in the present and for the future. This decision promotes the environmental well-being of communities in the present and for the future.			
This decision promotes the cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future.			
Fit with strategic framework			
	Contributes	Detracts	Not applicable
Social Wellbeing Strategy	\boxtimes		
Economic Development Strategy			
Environment Strategy			\boxtimes
Arts and Culture Strategy 3 Waters Strategy			⊠ ⊠
Spatial Plan			
Integrated Transport Strategy			
Parks and Recreation Strategy	\boxtimes		
Other strategic projects/policies/plans			\boxtimes
Animal Services contributes to the 'healthy and safe people' strategic direction of the Social Wellbeing Strategy, and the 'people are active' draft Parks and Recreation Strategy.			
Māori Impact Statement			
There are no known impacts for tangata whenua	•		
Sustainability			
There are no implications for sustainability.			
LTP/Annual Plan / Financial Strategy /Infrastruc	ture Strategy		
There are no implications.			
Financial considerations			
There are no financial implications.			
Significance			
This decision is considered low in terms of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.			
Engagement – external			
There has been no external engagement.			
Engagement - internal			
There has been no internal engagement.			
Risks: Legal / Health and Safety etc.			
There are no identified legal or health and safety risks.			
Conflict of Interest			
There is no known conflict of interest.			

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE 22 September 2020

SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS

Community Boards

There are no implications for Community Boards.

ATTACHMENT 1



DUNEDIN CITY COUNCIL'S ANIMAL SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL **AFFAIRS FOR PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2020**

Dog Control Policy and Practices

- The Dunedin City Council covers a large geographical area, which includes both urban and rural dog owners. As at 30 June 2020 there were 18,190 registered dogs (95% were pet dogs). This is an increase of 160 dogs on the
- To deliver an animal control service, the Council has an Animal Services Unit consisting of a Manager, Team Leader, two Administration Officers and six FTE Animal Services Officers, one of which is a special duties officer who also conducts school and community education sessions.
- The Animal Services Unit has a close working relationship with key stakeholders in the community such as the Society for the Protection of Animals, local veterinarians, Police, Department of Conservation, Yellow Eyed Penguin Trust, Dog Rescue Dunedin and dog clubs.

Dog Control Enforcement Practices

- The Animal Services Unit operates a seven-day service from 7.00am to 8.00pm during the summer (daylight saving) and between 8.00am and 6.00pm during the winter. In addition, the unit operates a 24-hour standby service for emergency call outs.
- Over the last 12 months the unit responded to 2,668 complaints. Complaints included aggression, attacking, barking, fouling and wandering dogs and dogs that were "contained" by members of the public. Of the total number of complaints 28% were in relation to barking and 10% in relation to wandering dogs. All complaints are followed through to completion.
- 6. In addition, 227 dogs were impounded over the review period, a decrease of 49 on the previous year.
- During the course of enforcing the dog control legislation and policies, 565 infringement notices were issued to dog owners, a decrease of 67 on the previous year. Three owners were prosecuted for a breach of the Dog Control Act over the 12-month period.

Dogs Prohibited, Leash Only and Dog Exercise Areas

- The majority of Dunedin dog owners are generally very compliant with regard to not exercising their dogs in prohibited areas and in the use of a leash in 'leash only' areas.
- The Council has nine dog exercise areas, three of which are designated small dog exercise areas, that are well patronised daily. Positive feedback from the public continues to confirm that they are very successful with both the socialisation of dogs and the interaction of people.
- Each of the dog exercise parks has a unique design and has been built to maximise the use of the topography of the area. The surrounding areas are regularly maintained and upgraded. The ratio of dog exercise parks to known dogs (registered and unregistered) is 1:2,071.

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Attachment A

All the parks have: 11.

- a. Re-fillable dog poo bag dispensers; and
- b. Double gates (air lock) to provide safe access and exit for dog owners using the parks.

12. Most parks have:

- a. Drinking fountains:
- Shelters for dog owners;
- Agility equipment; and
- d. Solar lighting.

Dog Registration and Other Fees

- There was no increase in dog registration fees. The fee to register a pet dog was \$106, \$51 for the first working dog and \$26 for the second and subsequent working dog/s. The annual rebate for registered neutered dog was
- To ensure there is ongoing compliance with owners registering their dogs, the Animal Services Unit is continuing to undertake a zero-tolerance policy in regard to any known unregistered dogs, and any dogs that were still unregistered after being issued with an infringement notice were impounded. This strategy continues to be very successful with 98% of known dogs registered during this period.
- In addition, the Unit is monitoring the number of impounded dogs that are unregistered and during this report period 53% of impounded dogs were unregistered. This is a 17% increase from the previous year. The increase reflects how Animal Services are focusing on unregistered dogs. All impounded dogs are legally required to be registered and microchipped prior to leaving the pound.

Dog Education

- The Dunedin City Council's Responsible Dog Owner Policy (RDOP) exists to recognise and encourage responsible dog ownership. Providing the dog owner has not had any valid complaints in the previous two years regarding the management of their dog, they may apply for RDOP status and if successful will receive a 44% discount on future dog registration fees.
- For dog owners to become Responsible Dog Owners they are required to be present during an inspection of their property by an Animal Services Officer. The inspection is to ensure that the property meets the required standard in relation to adequate fencing and to test the dog owner's knowledge of relevant aspects of the local bylaw and Dog Control Act.
- Currently 31% of pet owners are classified as Responsible Dog Owners which is the same as the previous year.
- The Unit is also very proactive in conducting newspaper and radio advertising programmes promoting dog owner responsibilities. This has been found to be a positive and effective medium to assist in having dogs accepted by the public in an urban environment.
- A school and community group education programme is also conducted and over the twelve-month period the Animal Services Officer (Special Duties) visited seven schools and nine community groups in Dunedin. Presentations were given to 15 classes.

Disqualified and Probationary Dog Owners

Over the last 12 months there were no dog owners classified as a probationary and no dog owners disqualified from owning a dog.

Attachment A

Menacing and Dangerous Dogs

- The Council has classified 201 dogs as menacing (29 were classified during the last 12 months). Of the total 29 dogs classified as menacing, 19 were classified as menacing due to behaviour and 10 were classified by breed under s33 c (1) Schedule 4.
- The Council has a total of 12 dogs classified as dangerous which is three more than the previous year. During the last 12 months five dogs were classified as dangerous due to a rushing offence and one dog classified as dangerous following sworn evidence attesting to aggressive behaviour by the dog.

Pound Facility

The facility continues to provide an excellent standard of kennels. The security is to a very high standard which has resulted in no break-ins.

General Information

- The Council promotes a dog neutering programme for owners who would have difficulty meeting the costs. The full cost of the operation is paid by the Dunedin City Council and the number of dogs neutered in the last 12 months was 237. This service is put out to tender to local veterinarians to ensure a competitive price is
- As at 30 June 2020 a total of 11,012 pet dogs have been neutered under the neutering programme. Sixty four percent of registered pet dogs are neutered which is the same as the previous year.
- Over the last year 97% of impounded dogs (220 of 227) were either claimed or adopted. The remaining seven dogs (3%) were euthanised due to not being claimed by their owner and were either classified as menacing by breed (therefore not permitted to be re-homed) or when assessed by staff were found to be unsuitable to be re-homed.
- Ninety two percent of registered dogs are microchipped which is the same as the previous year. This includes 100% of the classified dangerous dogs and 98% of the classified menacing dogs. The benefits of microchipping have continued over the last 12 months by:
 - Making it easier for Animal Services Officers to identify the owners of wandering and impounded
 - Local veterinarians providing updated details of dogs they have microchipped which enables Animal Services to check they are registered.
- When dog owners register a dog, they are given information packs that contain advice on how to care for their dog and their responsibilities as a dog owner.
- To help reduce dog fouling in the city the following initiatives are in place:
 - a. Registered dog owners are being given six rolls of compostable poo bags spread out during the
 - b. New signage has been placed at popular dog walking places across the city; and
 - c. Staff regularly patrol popular dog walking places.
- Dog Rescue Dunedin (DRD) continues to work alongside the Animal Services team under a Memorandum of $Understanding\ helping\ to\ provide\ homes\ for\ unwanted\ pound\ dogs.\ The\ relationship\ between\ DRD\ and\ Animal\ pound\ dogs.$ Services has proven to be a very positive and constructive one.
- Due the high number of barking complaints received annually by Animal Services the Animal Services Officers are now using 'bark boxes' to record barking. This device has been found to be invaluable when dealing with these complaints, particularly when dog owners are often not at home and do not realise how often their dog/s are barking. Three new devices were purchased in the last 12 months.

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DOG CONTROL STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Section 10A(2) of the Dog Control Act 1996 requires territorial authorities to publicly report each financial year on a variety of dog control related statistics in a tabular format.

Column B shows the total number at 30 June 2020 on DCC record and Column C shows the number recorded during the period from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. For example, as at 30 June 2020 the DCC have 12 dangerous dogs on record. This number changes each year as some dogs may have died and others may have moved districts. Of those 12 dogs six were classified in the last twelve months.

CATEGORY (A)		Total in Dunedin City as at 30 June 2020 (B)	Period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 (C)	
1)	Total # Registered Dogs	18190	Statistics not required	
2)	Total # Probationary Owners	1	0	
3)	Total # Disqualified Owners	4	0	
4)	Total # Dangerous Dogs	12	6	
	Dangerous by Owner Conviction	9	5	
	Dangerous by Sworn Evidence	3	1	
	Dangerous by Owner Admittance in Writing s31(1)(c)	0	0	
5)	Total # Menacing Dogs	201	29	
	Menacing under s33A(1)(b)(i) - ie by Behaviour	98	19	
	Menacing under s33A(1)(b)(ii) - by Breed Characteristics	0	0	
	Menacing under s33C(1) by Schedule 4 Breed	103	10	
6)	Total # Infringement Notices	Statistics not required	565	
7)	Total # Complaints Received	Statistics not required	2,668	
	Aggressive	Statistics not required	205	
	Attack	Statistics not required	206	
	Barking	Statistics not required	757	
	Fouling	Statistics not required	30	
	Wandering	Statistics not required	898	
	Dogs Contained	Statistics not required	556	
	Unregistered dog	Statistics not required	16	
8)	Total # Dogs Impounded	Statistics not required	227	
9)	Total # Prosecutions Taken	Statistics not required	3	
10)	Total # Pet Dogs	Statistics not required	17,217	
11)	Total # Pet Dogs Neutered	Statistics not required	11,012	
12)	Total # Responsible Dog Owners	Statistics not required	4,352	
13)	Total # Schools Visited	Statistics not required	7	
	Number of Classes	Statistics not required	15	
14)	Total # Dog Exercise Areas	Statistics not required	9	
	Ratio of Known Dogs to Exercise Areas	Statistics not required	1 to 2,071	