



## Dog Control Policy



This is the Consultation document for the:

*Dog Control Policy*

**Consultation period:**  
**Wed 6 Jan 2021**  
**- Wed 3 Feb 2021, 4pm.**

### Introduction | He hupu whakataki

The purpose of the policy is to set out Council's direction for dog control in the district. This policy does not require any significant amendments; Council is proposing the following updates:

1. Sentence amended to include one word - microchip. Providing for the impounding of dogs, that are found at large or in breach of any bylaw, whether or not they are wearing a collar having the proper label or disc attached or have a microchip transponder insertion.

The reason for the update is because some people are under the impression that if their dog is microchipped, they will not be impounded. That is not the case.

2. Update all maps referred to in appendices, because they are out of date.

### About the policy

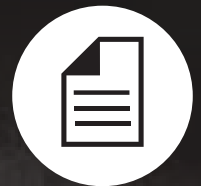
Section 10 of the Dog Control Act 1996 requires Council to have a policy on dogs. The purpose of the policy is to set out Council's direction for dog control in the district.

In developing a Dog Control Policy there are certain mandatory obligations under the Act. As long as there is no conflict with these obligations, each council is free to include other details as it thinks fit. Notwithstanding this discretion, Council must have regard to the following guidelines:

- To minimise danger, distress and nuisance to the community generally.
- To avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access

to public places that are frequented by the general public especially children, regardless if the dog is accompanied by its owner or not.

- The importance of enabling, to the extent that is practicable, the public to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs.
- The exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners.
- The Policy is also required to identify any land which is a National Park as constituted under the National Parks Act 1980, or is a controlled or open dog area under section 26 of the Conservation Act 1987.



**PANUI**  
**READ**  
the policy



**WHAKAARO**  
**THINK**  
about what makes sense for you



**TUHITUHI**  
**WRITE**  
your feedback

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#### Submission Form – Dog Control Policy

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to speak to your submission? Yes No

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*Please outline your thoughts on Council's resolutions to review the Dog Control Policy. You can provide feedback on separate piece of paper.*