

Invercargill City Council 2025/2026 Annual Report Dog Control

Introduction

As a Territorial Authority, the Invercargill City Council is required to manage and enforce the Dog Control Act 1996 (the Act). Under Section 10A Council must provide an Annual Report that sets out the activities that have been undertaken in relation to our dog control policy and practices.

This report is for the dog registration year 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

Policies and Practices

The Dog Control Policy and Bylaw were reviewed and come into effect on 1 September 2022.

Animal Services

The Animal services team is based within the Consenting and Environment Group and reports to the Community and Regulatory Committee

The team consists of a Team leader and four Animal Control Officers. Administration support is provided by Environment Support Officers in the Environmental Services team.

Animal Care Facility

The Animal Care Facility is open to public to allow collection of impounded dogs by prior arrangement. Collection of impounded dogs outside of standard hours can be arranged in certain circumstances. The facility is also used for a microchipping base for dog owners by prior arrangement to have their dog microchipped.

Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm. After hours coverage is provided by a contractor (Amourguard).

Registration Fees

Registration fees are set by council to provide the service. We currently have six dog owner classifications. These are:

- Working dog
- Standard dog Responsible dog
- Menacing dog
- Dangerous dog
- Service dog

Dog owners that meet the requirements of a responsible dog owner can receive a lower fee for registration if they apply for it. There is a lower fee available for desexed dogs. There is no fee for service dogs that meet the requirements of Schedule 5 (organisations authorised to certify dogs as disability assist dogs).

Registration fees for 2025/2026 year

Registration Description	
Standard Pet	\$115.00
Standard Pet Desexed	\$100.00
Responsible Pet	\$79.00
Responsible Pet Desexed	\$58.00
Working Dog	\$42.00
Menacing Pet	\$125.00
Service dog	\$0.00
Dangerous Dog	\$172.50
Multiple Dog capped (five or more responsible dog or working dogs)	\$357.00
Responsible menacing (breed only)	\$95.00

Dog registration

Total number of dogs registered as of 30 June 2026	8167
Total number of known dogs as of 30 June 2026	8294
Percentage of dogs registered as at 30 June 2026	98%
Total number of dogs registered during the year	9101
Total number of known dogs for the registration year	10367
Percentage of dogs registered during the year	88%
Total number of dogs notified as dead during the year	641
Total number of dogs notified as out of district during the year	498

Dangerous dogs and Menacing pets

Dogs Classified as dangerous under section 31(1)	15
Dogs Classified as menacing by deed under section 33A	29
Dogs Classified as menacing by breed under section 33C	75
Total number of dangerous dogs/menacing pet	119

Probationary and disqualified owners

Probationary owner	0
Disqualified owner	5

Prosecutions

There were no prosecutions, but the is one has been filed with the courts and awaiting court

Impoundments

First offence returned home no fees	59
Returned home with fees	203
Rehomed	26
Euthanised	18
Total Impoundments	306

Infringements

S19	Fail or refuse to provide information	1
S32(2)	Fail to comply with the classification as dangerous	1
S33EC	Fail to comply with classification as menacing	12
S36A	Fail to implant microchip	10
S42	Fail to register dog 2	204
S52A/B	Fail to keep dog controlled or confined	53
S53	Fail to control dog	9
S20	Fail to comply with bylaw	5
S28(5)	Fail to comply with disqualification	2
	Total Infringements	297

Complaints

Dog Attacks	95
Rushing/Intimidating	82
Wandering	626
Lost/Found	182
Barking	427
Neglect	11
Miscellaneous complaints and enquires	936
Total Complaints	2359

Dog related requests

Responsible owner dog owner applications	102
Multi dog licence applications	19
Registration related changes	703
Total requests	824

Hearings

2025/2026 there were no hearings

Key achievements

We had a higher compliance in registration this year.

New RT system was installed which including a GPS locator for the team's safety