



Submission Booklet

Draft Dog Control Policy 2015

and

Draft Dog Control Bylaw 2015

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Yes

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Yes

No



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1. Dog Exercise Area's

Do you feel there are enough dog exercise areas in our District?

Yes

No

If you ticked no, what other exercise areas do you think we should consider providing?

Re Exercise Areas IS THE MANGAKENA RIVER
GREEN AREAS THROUGH TOWN AREAS, ALSO THE
MANGAKENA RESERVE AREA ARE THE EXCEPT.

2. Prohibited Areas

Do you agree with the areas that have been identified as prohibited dog areas in our District?

Yes No

If you ticked no, where else do you think dogs should/ should not be allowed?

once again what areas are left
to exercise in

3. Dogs on Leashes

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Yes No

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Yes No

Comment

great idea

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Comment

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NOTE I HATE ROAMING DOGS THERE OWNERS
NEED WHAT YOU WANT TO DO IN NZ
THE OWNERS ARE THE PROBLEM NOT THE DOGS.

7. Menacing and Dangerous Dogs

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Yes No

Comment

I TOTALLY AGREE DOGS WITH A
MENACING ATTITUDE ARE NO GOOD TO ANY TOWN
PIT BULLS & THE LIKE NEED OUTLAWING
THE OWNERS HAVE THEM FOR INTIMIDATION
ONLY USUALLY.

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Yes No

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I can not make an informed decision on other areas of
the district but no exercise area is provided in Piopia.
Provision of areas for the travelling public should be
provided.

2. Prohibited Areas

Do you agree with the areas that have been identified as prohibited dog areas in our District?

Yes No

If you ticked no, where else do you think dogs should/ should not be allowed?

Yes by and large. However I am unaware of the ownership status of the Village Green in Poplar, and therefore I question whether or not council is legally entitled to prohibit dogs from this area.

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Yes No

If you ticked no, please tell us why?

Again, by and large yes. However owners should be allowed to take greater responsibility for this and your ideas on responsible dog ownership may allow for leniency here. The provision of more dog exercise areas would also assist, as would areas for the traveling public to exercise their dogs.

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VERY GOOD INITIATIVE.

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NEEDS TO BE ENFORCED.

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EXPECTATION OF ADEQUATE FENCING IF ROAMING PERSISTS.

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Comment

EXCELLENT MOVE. WDC IS TAKING HUGE STEPS TO IMPROVE ANIMAL CONTROL IN THE WAITOMO AREA.

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Yes No

Comment

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As people travel with their dogs up and down (particularly SH4). I would like to see more designated dog area's, so holiday makers stop letting their dogs out for toilet stops outside farm gates/driveways. Controls around this will help stop the spread of any ~~epidemic~~ diseases etc

2. Prohibited Areas

Do you agree with the areas that have been identified as prohibited dog areas in our District?

Yes No

If you ticked no, where else do you think dogs should/ should not be allowed?

Te kaiti / Piopio / Clarendon all these towns are rural towns, each of these three towns have vets (all are in the centre of town) with next to no parking. Dogs need access to vets / SPCA / stock yards / trucking firms.
How can you make one rule for town dogs when Waitomo is mainly based used by farmers and their dogs

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Yes No

Comment

Most people who deliberately don't heed the current rules/regulations, either just don't care/or believe that those regulations don't apply to them for whatever excuse Or they can't read or comprehend what the regulations mean/How they regulations affect them

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Wandering dogs have been noticed by us, in T-k and storage areas whilst they haven't bothered us, there is definitely cause for concern around traffic and small kids as well as farm stock issues

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Yes No

Comment

I believe this should be reviewed on a case by case basis. As I don't agree with every breed on the list of dogs.



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Yes No

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Yes No

If you ticked no, where else do you think dogs should/ should not be allowed?

Kara Park, Piopio should have an area (quite possibly fenced) away from the play/picnic area for travellers to exercise & water dogs. A large number of people stopping at toilets or cafe ignore the posted signs anyway, and there is no alternative area

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Yes No

Comment

Educating school children would probably be the most useful tactic

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More frequent patrols and seizures in Piopio, which has a number of constant wandering dogs, Kaka Street area is one.

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Yes No

Comment

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Yes No

Comment

Needs to be hands on session not info to read!

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These possibly need desexing too?

Maybe look at bitches with unwanted litters too - desexing them would help a lot of issues as well.

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Yes

No

Comment

Enforcing this could be really hard!

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I think the area should be fenced off
and that it has notification that it is a
dog exercise area only in the vicinity say
town based or outaoutskirts with an affordable
entree fee to all petowners (i.e dogs)

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also I challenge this question in the form of that education is being given in the public view (i.e. cost fees, classes, courses) not everyone can afford to be educated through these options.

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obedient, Health care classes that can be made available.

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Yes No

Comment

it comes back on the dog owner themselves not the breed. (but to menacing dogs that have become nuisances put them down as owners have obviously ^{not} done their job properly)

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Advised chained dogs as well

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Chained dogs bark alot and should be addressed with the proposed education program

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Yes No

Comment

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Yes No

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2. Prohibited Areas

Do you agree with the areas that have been identified as prohibited dog areas in our District?

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3. Dogs on Leashes

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Yes No

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4. Education

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Yes No

Comment

5. Number of Dogs

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Yes No

Comment

6. Nuisances

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Managing nuisance dogs must be part of education programme

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Yes No

Comment

Neutering a dog won't stop it from being menacing.
Banning them completely does, and will cause public protest initially.

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Pio Pio HAS NOWHERE ELSE

2. Prohibited Areas

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Yes No

If you ticked no, where else do you think dogs should/ should not be allowed?

IN Pio Pio Village green
KEEP THAT Dog CLEAR, BUT KARA PARK
A LOT OF PEOPLE STOP THERE WHERE ELSE
DO THEY GO

3. Dogs on Leashes

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Yes No

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4. Education

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Yes No

Comment

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ITS NOT THE DOGS FAULT, BUT THE OWNERS
EDUCATION

7. Menacing and Dangerous Dogs

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Yes No

Comment

IF THEY CANT KEEP DOGS UNDER CONTROL, THEY HAVE
THEM REMOVED

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Would prefer western side of Mangaotakenua as well. as I use this currently.

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Yes No

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Yes No

Comment



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Yes No

If you ticked no, where else do you think dogs should/ should not be allowed?

Remotely need some leeway as people like to take their pet to visit a deceased family member. A pet needs to be on least under control.

3. Dogs on Leashes

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Yes No

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4. Education

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Yes No

Comment

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Yes

No

Comment

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It is owner responsibility. ~~Can not~~ To take care of their dog having them under control on their property at all times. Heavy fines for irresponsible owners who continually ignore Council laws.

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Yes

No

Comment

Some said Dogs need to be ~~muzzled~~ muzzled in ~~the~~ public areas as well.

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2. Prohibited Areas

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Yes

No

If you ticked no, where else do you think dogs should/ should not be allowed?

More areas are needed.

3. Dogs on Leashes

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Yes

No

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4. Education

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Yes

No

Comment

The people who need it most won't bother to look at them.

5. Number of Dogs

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Yes No

Comment

6. Nuisances

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Noise control should be able to SEIZED dogs like they SEIZE stereos. NO-one has looked after it properly anyway.

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Yes No

Comment

If any ^{menacing} dog is picked up 'roaming' unneutered it should be put down.
end of story.

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I have not heard of any dog exercise areas in this area. Brook Park might be good for one. The place needs to be large with trees, paths, but open to the public. That is highly visible to deter problems.

2. Prohibited Areas

Do you agree with the areas that have been identified as prohibited dog areas in our District?

Yes No

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Well, where are they? Should have included a map with this questionnaire

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Yes No

Comment

Maybe. The people that should receive that information probably will not. Do people really not know how to care for animals? Or is it just laziness. In which case there will be no use for the people who most need it. Schools is good.

5. Number of Dogs

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Yes No

Comment

It should be 1 animal per so many sq ft

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Manage the owners.

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Yes No

Comment

Menacing dogs should be removed from society.

Unless the owners with their dog attend an animal behavioural school together to make changes. If it does not work and the animal is still menacing. It should be removed.

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Yes No

Comment

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Yes No

Comment

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017

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Yes



No

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Yes

No



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Yes No

If you ticked no, where else do you think dogs should/ should not be allowed?

Family's often go to the park with their children & the family dog - on a lead, they need to walk their dog and it is good exercise for everyone. If a dog is on a lead, under control and droppings are picked up - we should encourage this healthy exercise with our children & pets - as part of our family unit.

3. Dogs on Leashes

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Yes No

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Yes No

Comment

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Comment

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*Not sure what heading to put this under ?
Young puppies - unvaccinated - or not yet fully vaccinated
out in public places - spreading & catching parvo virus -*

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Yes No

Comment

*Does this mean Neuter Males and Spay females ?
It should cover both male & females*

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Yes

No

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Yes

No

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Yes

No

If you ticked no, what other exercise areas do you think we should consider providing?

no. (we don't live in town and can't really comment.)

2. Prohibited Areas

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Yes No

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3. Dogs on Leashes

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Yes No

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Yes No

Comment

Educating at schools about proper and safe behaviour around dogs - very useful.

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Yes No

Comment

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- fines for breaches
- seizure of dogs if needed

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Yes No

Comment

Why even have menacing dogs? Neutered or not they are not needed.

** Ss - Why not offer discounted worming (annual), and microchipping with registration
 - May be half the registration for neutered dogs (=> vet cert for proof)*



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Do you wish to speak to Council at the Council Hearing? Yes No

Not Sure

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If you ticked no, where else do you think dogs should/ should not be allowed?

3. Dogs on Leashes

Dogs must be on a leash at all times when in a public area (unless in a designated dog exercise area). Do you agree with this?

Yes No

If you ticked no, please tell us why?

4. Education

Council is proposing to introduce a new education element in the dog control policy in order to drive and promote responsible dog ownership. This will include the distribution of easy to read information leaflets, education programmes and school visits. Do you think this type of information/programmes would be useful to the community?

Yes No

Comment

5. Number of Dogs

We allow no more than two dogs to be kept on urban properties unless a permit is obtained. Do you agree with this?

Yes No

Comment

6. Nuisances

Every dog owner is required to take all steps possible to stop their dog from being a nuisance (e.g. roaming, behaviour). Dogs must also be housed in conditions that do not create health or nuisance issues for dogs or people. Do you have any comments on managing nuisance dogs?

Yes I do. The owner, The Property, The individual animal need to be assessed/ vetted for control of nuisance animals- Large or small
Submission attached

7. Menacing and Dangerous Dogs

Waitomo District Council is proposing that all dogs classified as menacing are neutered, including those that move to the Waitomo District. It is also proposed that Councils Chief Executive can require owners to neuter their dog that has not been kept under control on two or more occasions in a 12 month period. Do you agree with this?

Yes No

Comment

Submission attached

I wish to make a submission in relation to the Dog Control Policy and Bylaw currently under review.

In the bylaw it is proposed to neuter "all menacing dogs including those classified as menacing because of their breed". I strongly disagree with this policy statement and request that the current policy remain the status quo that "every dog classified as menacing for reasons other than breed be neutered" and remove the compulsory neutering of certain breeds of dogs in our local Bylaw.

I submitted a letter to the editor of our Waitomo News which was published Tuesday 25th August 2015 expressing my views on this subject. As follows:

"There is undoubtedly a problem with unrestrained dogs in our district. Recreational walkers arm themselves in defence and Mr Buist among others, has experienced unnecessary stock loss from unrestrained dogs (Waitomo News, August 11). It must also be said that Lucas Koroheke is doing a fabulous job with the resources and time he has. I agree, there should be measures to protect stock and members of our community. However, I strongly disagree with the statements made about 'dangerous breeds' of dogs. A dangerous dog should not be defined by its breed. It is in the nature of the individual animal and it should be the owner and the property containing the animals that need to be proactively addressed. I have owned 'dangerous breed' dogs most of my life and try to be a responsible dog owner. My animals are registered, fenced, cared for and accounted for at all times possible and have been neutralised only for health and breeding imperfections as it should be. However, to spey or neuter any animal in order to have its breed phased out to extinction for a label is a ludicrous and offensive notion. I cringe to think that our local council would install bylaws that would prohibit my rights and choice of breed as a dog owner as other councils have done. If so, yet another reason for people to leave our district. Vet the owner, the property and the individual animal, not the breed"

I currently have two canine bitches, one Neapolitan Mastiff and the other Rottweiler. Both of which can be found on dangerous dog breeds lists on the internet. If this bylaw is introduced, and compulsory neutering of labelled menacing breeds this bylaw by effect will be encouraging the extinction of breeds like German Shepherds, Great Danes, St Bernard's, Mastiff breeds, Rottweilers and more. My concern is that we should be monitoring the owners, the individual animal and its living environment, not being breed biased because another owner has not been responsible in their ownership of an animal. As a controlling authority WDC has a responsibility to educate both Dog and Owner. Prevention beats the cure.

It is my opinion that neutering a nuisance dog may reduce the occurrence of nuisance wandering for some male dogs but it won't get rid of menacing character flaws or irresponsible owners. There are many dogs in our community that are unrestrained – big and small dogs. The whole process needs to be addressed. Maybe WDC could be more proactive and hold regular animal obedience and care workshops like Atkinson and Associates do. A low cost regular event sponsored by our council may encourage more owners to attend and be educated to encourage responsible dog ownership. Or have an ownership process comparable to obtaining a speciality firearms licence or drivers licence. There are checks and balances in place during these processes to ensure that we don't have dangerous people on our roads or in possession of firearms, including education and age as factors. In our community the same should be applied to dog ownership.

Connie Paulini
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Do you wish to discuss your views with Councillors at an informal discussion session? Yes No

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Do you wish to speak to Council at the Council Hearing? Yes No

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1. Dog Exercise Area's

Do you feel there are enough dog exercise areas in our District?

Yes No

If you ticked no, what other exercise areas do you think we should consider providing?

FOR PEOPLE PASSING THRU TK WITH A DOG - THEY
SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE THEIR DOG ON A LEASH FOR
A WALK ON THE GRASS NEXT TO RAILWAY LINE.

2. Prohibited Areas

Do you agree with the areas that have been identified as prohibited dog areas in our District?

Yes No

If you ticked no, where else do you think dogs should/ should not be allowed?

- ① C B D - If you stopped in TK for a picnic at one of the tables & had a dog with you, you should be allowed to walk your dog on a lead. Most other places allow this in NZ.
- ② Flower Pot Mōkai - People should be able to take their dogs @ designated times like all other beaches ie before 9am & after 5pm

3. Dogs on Leashes

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Yes No

If you ticked no, please tell us why?

4. Education

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Yes No

Comment

A WASTE OF MONEY. DOG OWNERS NEED TO BE EDUCATED RE OWNING A DOG & BEING RESPONSIBLE.

5. Number of Dogs

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Yes No

Comment

6. Nuisances

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Yes No

Comment

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Waitomo District Council.

Dog Control Division.

Queen Street,

Te Kuiti.

18 October 2015

Sub No. 021

Dear Sir

I think it has come time that the council should look very seriously at exempting all farm working dogs from a registration fee.

We receive absolutely no benefits for the amount we pay. In no means it is an accurate database and in my opinion we are only subsidising the town pets which in my view are the ones in which keeps the dog control officer in a job.

I realise that Dog Control or registration is a statutory act but surely you as council have the power to exempt all farm working dogs from any registration fee payable per dog. An option would be to charge a small administration fee to keep the registration database up to date?

If in the advent of a farm working dog causing any problem that required the services of the dog control officer, then that owner be directly charged the cost of such involvement?

I am sure that the above scenario could be implemented quite easily as I am at the stage now where I dislike paying for services and receive nothing back in return.

Looking forward to your reply.

Yours Faithfully



Mark Coleman

PS I am resubmitting this letter that I sent to the Council a few months ago regarding the registration of farm working dogs.

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Sub No.

021

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Yes

No



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Do you wish to speak to Council at the Council Hearing?

Yes

No



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Do you feel there are enough dog exercise areas in our District?

Yes

No

If you ticked no, what other exercise areas do you think we should consider providing?

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Do you agree with the areas that have been identified as prohibited dog areas in our District?

Yes No

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Dogs must be on a leash at all times when in a public area (unless in a designated dog exercise area). Do you agree with this?

Yes No

If you ticked no, please tell us why?

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Yes No

Comment

5. Number of Dogs

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Yes No

Comment

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Yes No

Comment

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Do you wish to discuss your views with Councillors at an informal discussion sessions?

Yes

No



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Do you wish to speak to Council at the Council Hearing?

Yes

No



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1. Dog Exercise Area's

Do you feel there are enough dog exercise areas in our District?

Yes

No

If you ticked no, what other exercise areas do you think we should consider providing?

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Yes No

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Yes No

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Yes No

Comment

5. Number of Dogs

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Yes No

Comment

6. Nuisances

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Yes No

Comment

keep up the good work :)

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Yes

No



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Yes

No



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1. Dog Exercise Area's

Do you feel there are enough dog exercise areas in our District?

Yes

No

If you ticked no, what other exercise areas do you think we should consider providing?

But I notice there is only one extra exercise area
added but plenty more prohibited areas.

2. Prohibited Areas

Do you agree with the areas that have been identified as prohibited dog areas in our District?

Yes No

If you ticked no, where else do you think dogs should/ should not be allowed?

So many prohibited areas so little thought for visitors with dogs who like to take a short break - maybe even spend some money in the district - What's wrong with dogs being on leads in these areas? Give us responsible dog owners a break.

3. Dogs on Leashes

Dogs must be on a leash at all times when in a public area (unless in a designated dog exercise area). Do you agree with this?

Yes No

If you ticked no, please tell us why?

4. Education

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Yes No

Comment

Do you really think this is going to reach the dog owners who need this education. Perhaps the school visits but generally responsible owners are already educated in dog care and control.

5. Number of Dogs

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Yes No

Comment

6. Nuisances

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How easy is it to complain about a nuisance dog?
 Who decides what and if the nuisance is a real issue?
 How long does it take to get a response about a nuisance dog?

7. Menacing and Dangerous Dogs

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Yes No

Comment

Querying who or what classifies a dog as dangerous or menacing, any dog regardless of breed can be dangerous or menacing in the wrong hands or wrong conditions. Perhaps the problem is not always the dog but more ones should be put on the owners to be kept under control.

Overall we get the impression that we responsible dog owners are being punished for the sake of a minority who don't care.

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Discussion Session

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Do you wish to discuss your views with Councillors at an informal discussion sessions? Yes No

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Do you wish to speak to Council at the Council Hearing? Yes No

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1. Dog Exercise Area's

Do you feel there are enough dog exercise areas in our District?

Yes No

If you ticked no, what other exercise areas do you think we should/ should not consider providing?

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2. Prohibited Areas

Do you agree with the areas that have been identified as prohibited dog areas in our District?

Yes No

If you ticked no, where else do you think dogs should not be allowed?

3. Dogs on Leashes

Dogs must be on a leash at all times when in a public area (unless in a designated dog exercise area). Do you agree with this?

Yes No

If you ticked no, please tell us why?

If a dog is well controlled I have no problem with the owner walking it down the street without a lease, keeping it by their side & under control.

4. Education

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Yes No

Comment

Time would be better spent dealing with problem dogs, unregistered dogs etc.
leaflets etc cost money. Who will pay? Only the 'good' dog owners that currently register their dogs & abide by the rules. Leaflets etc will not get unregistered dogs registered or will keep roaming dogs at home.

5. Number of Dogs

We allow no more than two dogs to be kept on urban properties unless a permit is obtained. Do you agree with this?

Yes No

Comment

I believe it should be 1 dog per property. Any more than 1 should require a permit. 2 dogs cause problems - barking, roaming together - which can lead to problems like mauling animals.

6. Nuisances

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Firstly talk to the owner. They may not be aware of situation. If problem isn't resolved in a reasonable timeframe then the dogs need to be removed - See above - if only 1 dog allowed then owner needs to surrender / rehome. Chances are if they are ignorant dog owners they won't comply unless they realise they may loose their dogs.

7. Menacing and Dangerous Dogs

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Yes No

Comment

It is disappointing to see the number of dogs that are kept after being impounded for an extended period of time. Someone needs to realise that not all dogs are re-homeable. Our town only needs so many dogs. It is also noted by many in this town the amount of money that has/is being spent on the pound. We should not be creating a 5 Star hotel as the dogs will just want to keep coming back (look at conditions some live in at home!)

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Yes

No



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Yes

No



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Yes

No

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Yes No

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Yes No

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Yes No

Comment

Although it depends on the availability of the owner as to whether they can allow school visits to happen. If the farm or home of the owner is close enough this may happen, but the onus is on the owner.

5. Number of Dogs

We allow no more than two dogs to be kept on urban properties unless a permit is obtained. Do you agree with this?

Yes No

Comment

Although in the case of a farmer who has a number of dogs for different reasons, there should be some leniency there.

6. Nuisances

Every dog owner is required to take all steps possible to stop their dog from being a nuisance (e.g. roaming, behaviour). Dogs must also be housed in conditions that do not create health or nuisance issues for dogs or people. Do you have any comments on managing nuisance dogs?

A dog becomes a nuisance because the owner is not caring for it as well as he or she should, so the onus is that the owner has to be educated, only if he or she has a problem with animals.

7. Menacing and Dangerous Dogs

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Yes No

Comment

But the onus is still the owner's wish to do so as he or she wishes. Permission must be granted from the owner, as like a child he or she has the responsibility of bringing up his or her animal as he or she wishes.

The owners of animals are the parents ~~of~~ of the animals and as such they have the ~~responsibility~~ responsibility of bringing up the animal as he or she wishes for his or her own children. Every dog, cat, or animal is the same and needs to be cared for as one cares for one's children.

Sh. Arun.

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Yes

No

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Do you wish to speak to Council at the Council Hearing?

Yes

No

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1. Dog Exercise Area's

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Yes

No

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Do you agree with the areas that have been identified as prohibited dog areas in our District?

Yes No

If you ticked no, where else do you think dogs should/ should not be allowed?

3. Dogs on Leashes

Dogs must be on a leash at all times when in a public area (unless in a designated dog exercise area).

Do you agree with this?

Yes No

If you ticked no, please tell us why?

Dogs should BE on LEASH whenever in public AREA EVEN DESIGNATED AREAS ALONG LEAD OR LONG ROPE WOULD GIVE dog FREEDOM TO Roam BUT STILL BE UNDER CONTROL OF THE PERSON. I gave up walking my dogs AT WEEKENDS due To Big dogs Roaming and NOT UNDER CONTROL WAS KNOCKED OVER TWICE - my dog grabbed By his HARNESS and GIVEN good shake IF HE HAD BEEN GRABED AROUND NECK AREA A Education DIFFERANT out come - would HAVE BEEN FATEL

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Yes No

Comment

BUT WILL THE OWNERS WHO NEED TO READ THE INFORMATION ACT ON THE advise!
NOT MENTIONED LEARNING UP AFTER YOUR dog IS A MUST I CARRY PLASTIC BAGS. BUT THERE IS 2 RUBBISH BINS IN THE AREA I WALK ONE BY THE SCHOOL, AND CIVIC CENTRE

5. Number of Dogs

We allow no more than two dogs to be kept on urban properties unless a permit is obtained. Do you agree with this?

Yes No

Comment

I HAVE PERMISSION TO HAVE my THREE SMALL dogs
REASON - THE TWO I RESCUED HAD BEEN TOGETHER
SINCE THEY WERE VERY young pups

6. Nuisances

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STRONGLY AGREE if you haven't THE TIME to spend with your dogs
you should NOT have a dog. Dogs TIED up ALL day IGNORED when owners
come home BARKS, Told to shut up when ALL they want is human
company. FEEL THEY ARE LET GO TO ROOM AT NIGHT

7. Menacing and Dangerous Dogs

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Yes No

Comment

I FEEL on THE FIRST ATTACK a MENACING dog SHOULD
BE NEUTERED

Michelle Higgie

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Sent: Monday, 2 November 2015 12:54 p.m.

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Subject: Dog Control

Sir/Madam,

We here in Benneydale are heartily fed up with wandering, menacing dogs. Our children will not allow our grandchildren to visit us here because of the uncontrolled dogs.

The Animal Control Officer has indicated that he finds himself rather powerless in dealing with the issue.

We submit that:

- All menacing dogs found to be loose or located at properties lacking secure, adequate fencing should be destroyed, not just neutered. We submit that no more than one "second chance" be allowed.**
- A firm penalty be applied to "probationary" owners who fail to undertake a prescribed dog/owner education programme.**

**Yours faithfully,
Trish & Leo Leitch
Benneydale**

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Do you wish to discuss your views with Councillors at an informal discussion sessions?

Yes

No



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Do you wish to speak to Council at the Council Hearing?

Yes

No



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1. Dog Exercise Area's

Do you feel there are enough dog exercise areas in our District?

Yes

No

If you ticked no, what other exercise areas do you think we should consider providing?

Redwood Park (on eastern side of stream only).
If Centennial Park is off limits to dogs (I agree with this)
the large fenced area of Redwood Park including the area
under the Redwoods is within walkable distance for responsible
dog owners.

2. Prohibited Areas

Do you agree with the areas that have been identified as prohibited dog areas in our District?

Yes No

If you ticked no, where else do you think dogs should/ should not be allowed?

Redwood Park (only on eastern side of the stream) as described above.

3. Dogs on Leashes

Dogs must be on a leash at all times when in a public area (unless in a designated dog exercise area).

Do you agree with this?

Yes No

If you ticked no, please tell us why?

4. Education

Council is proposing to introduce a new education element in the dog control policy in order to drive and promote responsible dog ownership. This will include the distribution of easy to read information leaflets, education programmes and school visits. Do you think this type of information/programmes would be useful to the community?

Yes "Not entirely".

Comment

Irresponsible dog owners understand one trip only - fines!
 People who allow their dogs to wander - especially unsexed dogs -
 don't care about a letterbox drop or school visit. Ditto for owners
 who allow their dogs to bark through the night. Save your "educational"
 money, fine the irresponsible owners or give your excellent dog
 control man a pay rise, or backup. Or help fund a desexing programme

5. Number of Dogs

We allow no more than two dogs to be kept on urban properties unless a permit is obtained. Do you agree with this?

Yes No

Comment

6. Nuisances

Every dog owner is required to take all steps possible to stop their dog from being a nuisance (e.g. roaming, behaviour). Dogs must also be housed in conditions that do not create health or nuisance issues for dogs or people. Do you have any comments on managing nuisance dogs?

If you are serious about education, send this message to all dog owners along with the fine ^{into} for not complying. Spell out the errant behaviours clearly - allowing your dog to go off your property, allowing it to bark for hours at a time. And give everyone the number to call to get help if this is happening because of their irresponsible neighbours.

7. Menacing and Dangerous Dogs

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Yes No

Comment

All dogs should be registered, micro chipped and ~~desexed~~ desexed (unless registered as a breeding dog). There is no need for any pet dog not to be desexed.
PS. You do a great job Lucas. Great communications and follow up.

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Do you wish to speak to Council at the Council Hearing? Yes No

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1. Dog Exercise Area's

Do you feel there are enough dog exercise areas in our District?

Yes No

If you ticked no, what other exercise areas do you think we should consider providing?

Please see attached sheet

2. Prohibited Areas

Do you agree with the areas that have been identified as prohibited dog areas in our District?

Yes No

If you ticked no, where else do you think dogs should/ should not be allowed?

3. Dogs on Leashes

Dogs must be on a leash at all times when in a public area (unless in a designated dog exercise area). Do you agree with this?

Yes No

If you ticked no, please tell us why?

4. Education

Council is proposing to introduce a new education element in the dog control policy in order to drive and promote responsible dog ownership. This will include the distribution of easy to read information leaflets, education programmes and school visits. Do you think this type of information/programmes would be useful to the community?

Yes No

Comment

5. Number of Dogs

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Yes No

Comment

6. Nuisances

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Yes No

Comment

Submission of M S Ammon on Dog control Policy / Bylaw.**28th October 2015**

This submission relates to the Draft Policy and Bylaw documents in connection with their lack of provision for the established activity of dogs being exercised “off leash” on beach’s.

As the documents are written dogs must be on a leash if on a public beach. The only room to move from this position is the provision allowing Council to totally prohibit dogs “from time to time”.


In order to recognise existing practise the Policy and Bylaw documents both need amendment allowing dogs to walk, run and swim with their owners, on beach’s within Waitomo District, and to do this without the encumbrance of a leash. (Excluding the Mokau Flower Pot area).

In my view the public are not unduly inconvenienced by dogs having fun on beach’s provided they are under control of responsible owners. Often the only people on the beach will be the dog and its owner.

Currently the documents do not recognise the exercise needs of dogs and their owners outside of Te Kuiti. (Except travellers through Pio Pio)

I consider the point I am making is clear enough for me not to need to be heard in support of it. I ask that dogs be permitted on beach’s without being on a leash – if under responsible control.

Thank you for considering this submission.



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Do you feel there are enough dog exercise areas in our District?

Yes No

If you ticked no, what other exercise areas do you think we should consider providing?

old Bmx track
old Rubbish dump.

2. Prohibited Areas

Do you agree with the areas that have been identified as prohibited dog areas in our District?

Yes No

If you ticked no, where else do you think dogs should/ should not be allowed?

Opening up the West side of the Main st.
Grass area.

3. Dogs on Leashes

Dogs must be on a leash at all times when in a public area (unless in a designated dog exercise area).

Do you agree with this?

Yes No

If you ticked no, please tell us why?

4. Education

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Yes No

Comment

Some sort of basic training would be essential to control and have obedience with there Dogg.

5. Number of Dogs

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Yes No

Comment

Managing Noise i.e. (Barking^{Also}, Population, Numbers in a ^{small} built up town.

6. Nuisances

Every dog owner is required to take all steps possible to stop their dog from being a nuisance (e.g. roaming, behaviour). Dogs must also be housed in conditions that do not create health or nuisance issues for dogs or people. Do you have any comments on managing nuisance dogs?

Strict policy to have Dogs contained in their own backyards unless are otherwise supervised by owners.
 * Warning ^{Suitable} System - 1. Must have broken of chain went Roaming. Not by owner.
 2. Written Warning
 3. Fined. & there on after.
 Giving Guidelines and appropriate measures to go about Educating the public.

7. Menacing and Dangerous Dogs

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Yes No

Comment

1. Passing Judgement on the Serveryity of the Menacing and Dangerous Dogs that have offended.
2. charging the owner with negligence - photo evidence
3. Putting the Dog Down in worst case Scenario. i.e - killing stock, Biteting people.
4. Having my information pertaining to all breeds (Biological, characteristics, Strengths getting a indepth look at there make up so that people can understand them properly.) That information Available to the public Not out casting them

* Also for the owners to train no dogs properly with the info given

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1. Dog Exercise Area's

Do you feel there are enough dog exercise areas in our District?

Yes No

If you ticked no, what other exercise areas do you think we should consider providing?

I think park areas (away from child play grounds) should be available when not being used by other members of the public. Many are often vacant, especially early or during even-ings.

2. Prohibited Areas

Do you agree with the areas that have been identified as prohibited dog areas in our District?

Yes No

If you ticked no, where else do you think dogs should/ ~~should not~~ be allowed?

I think the railway side of the main street should be accessible to dogs on leashes.
A section of Kara Park should be accessible. The council has just renovated the old railway buildings & current rules would mean visitors cannot walk dogs. ~~to~~ should they wish to visit the township.

3. Dogs on Leashes

Dogs must be on a leash at all times when in a public area (unless in a designated dog exercise area). Do you agree with this?

Yes No

If you ticked no, please tell us why?

I believe it is catering for the lowest denominator & to the detriment of people who have well behaved animals. If a dog is walking at your side it should not have to be leashed. Allowing freedom also increases the dogs level of activity which relates directly to their wellbeing.

4. Education

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Yes No

Comment

Definitely.

5. Number of Dogs

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Yes No

Comment

6. Nuisances

Every dog owner is required to take all steps possible to stop their dog from being a nuisance (e.g. roaming, behaviour). Dogs must also be housed in conditions that do not create health or nuisance issues for dogs or people. Do you have any comments on managing nuisance dogs?

I think many dogs nuisance ~~is~~ because of limited socialising/training/exercise. Increasing opportunity for these (rather than restricting) should ~~to~~ provide benefit.

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Yes No

Comment

[HTTP://WWW.STUFF.CO.NZ/LIFE-STYLE/CUTESTUFF/69745039/WHY-ARE-NEW-ZEALAND-CITIES-SO-ANTI-DOG](http://www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/cutestuff/69745039/why-are-new-zealand-cities-so-anti-dog)

LEE SUCKLING

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Why are New Zealand cities so anti-dog?

Venture into an English pub outside London, and you'll likely find a springer spaniel snoozing quietly in a corner.

On any given American flight, it's just as likely you'll come across a fluffy little shih tzu stowed in front of a passenger's feet. At posh restaurants in France, you can expect not just bottomless bread baskets but also ladies lunching with their labradoodles.

"I've even seen a dog – a big dog – inside Barneys New York," says frequent traveller Matt Dravitzki, who would like to see a more relaxed dog culture at home in New Zealand. "If you've got a well-behaved dog, it'll be allowed inside almost anywhere without question."

Dravitzki works in the film industry and travels regularly to California, where a law passed recently allows dogs to dine with their owners inside restaurants. Yet when he's at home in Wellington with his French bulldog Claude, the dining, drinking and shopping options available to him become very limited. Under the city council's dog bylaws, one may only walk one's dog through the defined 'dog control' CBD area. Dog walkers may not, under said bylaw, stop with their dog – not even at Wellington's inner-city cafes with street-side outdoor tables.

"I'm not sure if we're ready for the European or American model, where dogs are welcome inside shops and restaurants," he says. "But I would like to be able to walk my dog through the city streets – particularly on weekends – and stop for coffee or go shopping while doing so."

So dog-friendly is Los Angeles, in fact, that plans have been laid for America's first 'dog cafe', not just a place for dog owners to drink coffee alongside their pets, but for non-dog owners to get some social time with canines, too. "We understand that living in Los Angeles most likely means you live in an apartment, which makes it difficult to own a pet," says Sarah Wolfgang, co-founder of The Dog Cafe, which has operated as a 'pop-up' and is looking for a permanent location.

"Even if you're not looking to adopt, you can still enjoy all the sloppy kisses you've ever wanted."

Though increasing nationwide, New Zealand's urban density isn't at American levels, so – in theory at least – this country is a wonderful place to have a dog. There are wide open spaces and countless walking tracks and beaches, to start. Trouble is, dog access is restricted on many of them. Dog control regulations differ region to region, but every city in New Zealand has beach restrictions in one form or another. "The rules don't make sense," says 41-year-old Sarah Hough, a fashion show producer who frequents Auckland's Eastern Bays beaches. "You have to have dogs off the beach by 9am, but there's nobody on the beach at 9am on a Monday, when lots of dog walkers are about."

Dog owners, thus, are forced to break the rules. Sue Lazar, who has lived in Sumner in Christchurch for 30 years, says locals often defy the council's bylaws that prevent dogs from running around parts of Sumner Beach during daylight saving. "No one cares at 6am in the morning, [be it] summer or winter, but I assume people who walk dogs at a more leisurely time of the day find it a hassle," she says. Lazar notes she has the "odd person"

moan about her dog being off the leash, but has never encountered animal control officers. "I don't think many residents really abide by the laws, but again, I don't feel that's a problem."

Last year, Lazar travelled to Spain, France and the UK, where dogs roam relatively free. "They go on buses, planes, trains, restaurants and everywhere else," she says. "But I do think we are better off without the poo issue."

This concern, that one might encounter excrement, is a key reason for the Wellington bylaw. The previous one was even worse for dog owners, however: until 2009, the CBD was a complete 'no dogs' zone during shop hours. "We went out for consultation to the public, did a survey of all registered dog owners in Wellington, and found those hours were too restrictive," says Alison Curtis, Wellington City Council's public health manager. There was also a lot of feedback from people who didn't want Wellington central opened up too much, she recalls. "There were concerns it would become like Paris: dog poo all over Lambton Quay."

No other New Zealand cities have such strict dog bylaws, but Curtis says people's fear of dogs is taken seriously in the capital. Many Wellingtonians "like to know there are places dogs can't go", she explains. "There's always some concern about the fear level in the general population. Some people are scared of dog attacks and they don't want close interaction."

Wellington veterinarian Brendon Bullen believes people on streets need more interaction with dogs, not less. "I would like to see more normalising of dog interaction in everyday life," he says. "I think if kids were used to interacting with dogs, there would be more opportunity to teach them appropriate ways to approach them. I see kids rushing up to dogs all the time, with no understanding of canine body language or fear. This may well help to reduce New Zealand's dog attack statistics."

Dog lovers are a social bunch, congregating before and after walks at cafes and neighbourhood shops. Public spaces like streets and beaches aside, it is New Zealand's hospitality industry that needs to keep up with international trends, says Sarah Hough. Under New Zealand's Food Hygiene Regulations, it's currently illegal for dogs to be inside any establishment that serves or prepares food.

"I don't see why dogs can't sit on your lap or at your feet inside a cafe, if the owner is okay with it," says Hough. "My dog isn't going to get into the kitchen. She's not going to breathe on other people's food. I'd be more than happy to sit a 'restaurant-worthy' test to prove my dog is under my control."

Dravitzki would like to see dog rules loosened not just in Kiwi cafes and shops, but also inside aeroplane cabins. "All over the rest of the world, you see dogs travelling on planes with their owners," he says. "I have seen a French bulldog in business class on an Air New Zealand flight from Auckland to LAX. I saw it at check in, and thought it was going into the hold, like dogs normally do. But there it was, sitting quietly in the foot-well for the entire 12-hour flight."

Could there be change in the air for our national carrier, which has traditionally disallowed in-flight dog company owing to biosecurity regulations? Air New Zealand declined to comment, even on matters of domestic dog travel, but Air France, KLM, Air Canada, Delta, and Virgin America are just some of the dozens of airlines that allow dogs into the cabin, including on international flights, as long as they fit comfortably under the seat in front.

Unlike in many other Western countries (particularly the UK, where dogs are even permitted on the underground), public transport in New Zealand is another no-go zone for dogs. "Everyone tells us we're horrible people for driving our cars," says Hough, whose seven-year-old pomeranian-papillon cross goes with her

everywhere, "but I can't get on the train because dogs aren't allowed. I'm a single woman with no kids; it's like asking me to leave my child at home."

But even leaving your dog at home can be an issue. If you've been on the lookout for a rental property on Trade Me lately, you'll notice the majority of listings state 'No Pets'. Cocker spaniel owner Rebecca Roberts has first-hand experience with renting difficulties. "You can be honest about your dog to a potential landlord, and ask if they can bend the rules, but you'll always miss out to someone who doesn't have a dog," she says. "In central Wellington or Auckland, renting is so competitive – you're up against 50 other people. Having a dog immediately puts you in the 'no' pile." When last renting (she now lives above the shop she owns), she had to lie. "That landlord still doesn't know."

Such frustrations led Roberts, who owns a homeware store in Wellington's Aro Valley, to do her part in improving dog friendliness in New Zealand. Her contribution? A 'dogs welcome' sign outside her store. "The sign has been up since I opened two years ago," she says. "I've had hundreds of dogs through and never had any problems. I rely on foot traffic for my business. It would be silly to miss out on a sale because someone was walking their dog but [couldn't] come in and browse."

While her shop is a dog-friendly zone, however, Roberts' own dog stays at home during work hours. "I've got a bit of a crazy dog who might knock things over, so I wouldn't take her into any shops. But for the people that would take their dogs inside, they know their dog is okay. Dog owners know what their dogs can and can't handle."

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Do you feel there are enough dog exercise areas in our District?

Yes No

If you ticked no, what other exercise areas do you think we should consider providing?

As proposed in the Draft Policy

2. Prohibited Areas

Do you agree with the areas that have been identified as prohibited dog areas in our District?

Yes No

If you ticked no, where else do you think dogs should/ should not be allowed?

3. Dogs on Leashes

Dogs must be on a leash at all times when in a public area (unless in a designated dog exercise area). Do you agree with this?

Yes No

If you ticked no, please tell us why?

The Kute urban area has a problem with dogs not being tied up or contained within owners property by adequate fencing. I believe this issue needs stronger enforcement.

4. Education

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Yes No

Comment

5. Number of Dogs

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Yes No

Comment

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6. Nuisances

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From my observation dogs are being kept in the pound for undue lengths of time like months and then rehomed. It seems to me the by laws are generally adequate with the amendments as proposed. I see efficient & strong enforcement of the by laws being required to minimize the problems I have been having.

7. Menacing and Dangerous Dogs

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Yes No

Comment

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Paul Gust.