



Notice of Meeting:

I hereby give notice that an ordinary Meeting of the Dog Control Hearings Panel will be held on:

Date: Tuesday 16 September 2025
Time: 9:30 am
Meeting Room: Committee Room 1
Venue: Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton

Lance Vervoort
Chief Executive

Dog Control Hearings Panel

He Koomiti Whiriwhiri I Ngaa Take Kuri

OPEN AGENDA

Membership

Chairperson Cr Emma Pike
Heamana

Members Cr Moko Tauariki
Cr Andrew Bydder
Cr Anna Casey-Cox
Cr Maria Huata

Quorum: Three members

Meeting Frequency: As required

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Purpose

1. To conduct fair and effective hearings and make determinations on objections under the Dog Control Act 1996.

The Dog Control Hearings Panel is delegated the following Terms of Reference and powers:

Terms of Reference:

2. Hear and determine any objections under the Dog Control Act 1996.

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1 Apologies – *Tono aroha*

2 Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

The Committee to confirm the agenda.

3 Declaration of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipanga*

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

Council Report

Item 4

Hui: Dog Control Hearings Panel **Date:** 16 September 2025
Author: Charlotte Mitchell **Authoriser:** Michelle Hawthorne
Position: Graduate Governance Support **Position:** Governance and Assurance Manager
Report Name: Confirmation of the Dog Control Hearings Panel Open Minutes 17 April 2025

Report Status	Open
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Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

- 1. That the Dog Control Hearings Panel confirm the Open Minutes of the Dog Control Hearings Panel Meeting held on 17 April 2025 as a true and correct record.

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

Attachment 1 - Confirmation of the Dog Control Hearings Panel Open Minutes 17 April 2025 .

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Dog Control Hearings Panel 17 APRIL 2025 - OPEN



Dog Control Hearings Panel
Te Komiti Whiriwhiri I Ngaa Take Kuri
OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Dog Control Hearings Panel held in Committee Room 1 and Audio Visual Link, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 17 April 2025 at 9:30 am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr Emma Pike
Heamana	
Members	Cr Andrew Bydder
	Cr Anna Casey-Cox
	Cr Moko Tauariki

The Chair opened the meeting with a karakia.

- Apologies – Tono aroha**
Resolved: (Cr Pike/Cr Casey-Cox)
That the Dog Control Hearing Panel accepts the apologies for full absence from Cr Huata and for lateness from Cr Tauariki (inclement weather).
- Confirmation of Agenda – Whakatau raarangi take**
Resolved: (Cr Pike/Cr Bydder)
That the Dog Control Hearings Panel confirms the agenda., noting Mr van Wyk is unable to attend, but is happy to proceed with his hearing.
- Declarations of Interest – Tauaakii whaipaaanga**
No members of the Panel declared a Conflict of Interest.
- Confirmation of the Dog Control Hearings Panel Open Minutes 14 November 2024**
Resolved: (Cr Casey-Cox/Cr Bydder)
That the Dog Control Hearings Panel confirms the Open Minutes of the Dog Control Hearings Panel Meeting held on 14 November 2024 as a true and correct record.
- Objection to Menacing Classification of Dog - van Wyk**

The Governance and Assurance Unit Manager noted that staff had made numerous attempts to contact the objector and that Mr van Wyk had responded that he was unable to physically attend this hearing. In his absence, he had provided a written statement to his objection, which was circulated to Members. The Animal Education & Control Manager spoke to the report in particular the incident, inadequacies with containment fencing and the victim dog’s injuries. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning the incident, categorisation and the objector’s statement.

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10. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr Bydder/Cr Casey-Cox)
Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
5. Objection to Menacing Classification of Dog - van Wyk	<ul style="list-style-type: none">) Good reason to withhold information exists under) Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item 5.	To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through protecting persons from improper pressure or harassment	Section 7 (2) (f) (ii)
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The meeting moved into the public excluded session at 09:45 am.

During the public excluded session of the meeting the following was resolved to be released to the public via the minutes:

That the Dog Control Hearings Panel:

- a) receives the report;
- b) confirms it has considered the mandatory matters specified under the Dog Control Act 1996, and other matters relevant to the objection;
- c) notes that the Dog Control Hearings Panel in determining any objection can only either uphold or rescind the classification under the Dog Control Act 1996;
- d) upholds the menacing classification; and
- e) approves the release of the decision from Public Excluded via the open minutes of this meeting.

The meeting returned to the open session at 9:52 am.

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7. Objection to Disqualification from Dog Ownership - M Rite

The Chairperson has noted that the objector Ms Rite was not in attendance but had been contacted by staff and that a statement from her daughter was included in the agenda. The Animal Education & Control Manager spoke to the report in particular the history of the case and the numerous attempts by Animal Control Officers to provide an educational approach towards the objector.

10. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr Pike/Cr Bydder)
Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
7. Objection to Disqualification from Dog Ownership - M Rite	<ul style="list-style-type: none">) Good reason to withhold information exists under) Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item 6.	To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through protecting persons from improper pressure or harassment	Section 7 (2) (f) (ii)
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The meeting moved into the public excluded session at 10.21 am.

During the public excluded session of the meeting the following was resolved to be released to the public via the minutes:

That the Dog Control Hearings Panel:

- a) receives the report;
- b) confirms it has considered the mandatory matters specified under the Dog Control Act 1996, and other matters relevant to the objection;
- c) notes under the Dog Control Act 1996 that the Dog Control Hearings Panel in determining any objection can only either:
 - i. uphold the classification;
 - ii. bring forward the date of termination of the classification; or
 - iii. immediately terminate the disqualification;

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- d) classifies the dog owner as disqualified until 27 October 2027 (being the date that is 5 years from the date of the third or final infringement offence in respect of which the person is disqualified) and notes the right of the dog owner to appeal to the District Court under section 27 of the Dog Control Act 1996; and
- e) approves the release of the decision from Public Excluded via the open minutes of this meeting.

The meeting returned to the open session at 10.24 am.

The meeting was adjourned from 10:24 am to 10:35 am.

4. Objection to Menacing Classification of Dog – Ward

Ms Ward spoke to her statement ,circulated to Members prior to the meeting, which addressed matters including the social aspects of off-leash exercise, her opinion of the evidence, and sought clarification of the classification process. Ms Ward responded questions from Members concerning breed classification, the categorisation matrix, fencing of public spaces and the incident.

The Animal Education & Control Manager then spoke to the report, the incident area, suitability of muzzles, and the incident. She responded to questions from Members concerning obligations of dog park users, training undertaken by the objector, perceived threat level of the dogs, and classification.

10. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr Pike/Cr Bydder)
Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
8. Objection to Menacing Classification of Dog – F Ward	<ul style="list-style-type: none">) Good reason to withhold information exists under) Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item 8.	To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through protecting persons from improper pressure or harassment	Section 7 (2) (f) (ii)
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The meeting moved into the public excluded session at 11.02 am.

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During the public excluded session of the meeting the following was resolved to be released to the public via the minutes:

That the Dog Control Hearings Panel:

- a) receives the report;*
- b) confirms it has considered the mandatory matters specified under the Dog Control Act 1996, and other matters relevant to the objection;*
- c) notes that the Dog Control Hearings Panel in determining any objection can only either uphold or rescind the classification under the Dog Control Act 1996;*
- d) rescind the menacing classification; and*
- e) approves the release of the decision from Public Excluded via the open minutes of this meeting.*

The meeting returned to the open session at 11:18 am.

The meeting was adjourned from 11:18 am to 11:32 am

During the above adjournment Cr Tauariki joined the meeting.

During the adjournment Cr Casey-Cox retired from the meeting.

5. Objection to Disqualification from Dog Ownership – Fourie

Ms Fourie spoke to her objection, the history of her case, recent self-taught training she had undertaken and remedies she had put in place to address containment issues. She responded to questions from Members concerning the incident.

The Animal Education & Control Manager spoke to the report in particular the history of the case in relation to Ms Fourie’s probation and staff’s opinion of the property improvements. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning the initial incident history, potential incident relapse, the objector’s collar usage, dog training providers and the role of Council to support wellness.

10 Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr Tauariki/Cr Bydder)
Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
C1. Confirmation of the Dog Control Hearings Panel Public Excluded Minutes 14 November 2024) Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
9. Objection to Disqualification from)	

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Dog Ownership – Fourie

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

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| Item C1. | to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through protecting persons from improper pressure or harassment | Section 7 (2) (f) (ii) |
| Item 9. | To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through protecting persons from improper pressure or harassment | Section 7 (2) (f) (ii) |

The meeting moved into the public excluded session at 12:15 pm

The meeting was declared closed at 12:31 pm

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Council Report

Committee: Dog Control Hearings Panel **Date:** 16 September 2025
Author: Charlotte Mitchell **Authoriser:** Michelle Hawthorne
Position: Graduate Governance Support **Position:** Governance and Assurance Manager
Report Name: Confirmation of the Dog Control Hearings Panel Open Minutes 12 May 2025

Report Status	Open
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Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

- 1. That the Dog Control Hearings Panel confirm the Open Minutes of the Dog Control Hearings Panel Meeting held on 12 May 2025 as a true and correct record.

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

Attachment 1 - Confirmation Dog Control Hearings Panel Open Minutes 12 May 2025 .

Dog Control Hearings Panel 12 MAY 2025 - OPEN



Item 5

Dog Control Hearings Panel
Te Komiti Whiriwhiri I Ngaa Take Kuri
OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Dog Control Hearings Panel held in Committee Room 1 and Audio Visual Link, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Monday 12 May 2025 at 9:30 am.

PRESENT

Chairperson <i>Heamana</i>	Cr Emma Pike
Members	Cr Anna Casey-Cox (via audio-visual link) Cr Maria Huata

The Chair opened the meeting with a karakia

1.

Apologies – *Tono aroha*
Resolved: (Cr Pike/Cr Huata)
That the Dog Control Hearing Panel accepts the apologies for full absence from Cr Bydder and Cr Tauariki.
2.

Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*
Resolved: (Cr Pike/Cr Casey-Cox)
That the Dog Control Hearings Panel confirms the agenda.
3.

Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipanga*
Cr Pike declared an interest in Item 4 (Objection to Disqualification from Dog Ownership – Phillips). She noted she was not conflicted and would take part of the discussion and vote on the matter.
4.

Objection to Disqualification from Dog Ownership – Phillips

Ms Phillips spoke to her objection noting the support she received from her dog, her mental wellbeing, and the nature she believed the dog to have. She also noted remedial action she had made concerning containment issues on her property, behaviour modification, and her intentions to implement additional measures such as collars or training should they be financially viable. She responded to questions from members concerning fencing, outcome sought by her objection and further remedial actions.

The Animal Education & Control Manager and Safety and Resilience Unit Director spoke to the report, noting the installation of fencing, history of the dog who had been rehomed with family, and responsibility of occupants.

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6. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Resolved: (Cr Pike/Cr Casey-Cox)

The following motion is submitted for consideration:

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
C1. Objection to Disqualification from Dog Ownership Phillips (Public Excluded)) Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item C1. to protect the privacy of natural persons Section 7 (2) (a)

The meeting moved into the public excluded session at 10:19am

During the public excluded session of the meeting the following was resolved to be released to the public via the minutes:

Item 4: Objection to Disqualification from Dog Ownership – Phillips

That the Dog Control Hearings Panel:

- a) receives the report;
- b) confirms it has considered the mandatory matters specified under the Dog Control Act 1996, and other matters relevant to the objection;
- c) notes that the Dog Control Hearings Panel in determining any objection
 - i. uphold the classification;
 - ii. bring forward the date of classification; and
 - iii. immediately terminate the disqualification.
- d) upholds the classification of the dog owner (Phillips) as disqualified until 6 May 2029 (being the date that is 5 years from the date of the third or final infringement offence in respect of which the person is disqualified) and notes the right of the dog owner to appeal to the District Court under section 27 of the Dog Control Act 1996;
- e) approves the release of this decision from Public Excluded via the open minutes of this meeting.

The meeting was declared closed at 10:31 am

Council Report

Item 6

Hui: Dog Control Hearings Panel **Date:** 16 September 2025
Author: Charlotte Mitchell **Authoriser:** Michelle Hawthorne
Position: Graduate Governance Support **Position:** Governance and Assurance Manager
Report Name: Confirmation of the Dog Control Hearings Panel Open Minutes 28 April 2025

Report Status	Open
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Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

1. That the Dog Control Hearings Panel confirm the Open Minutes of the Dog Control Hearings Panel Meeting held on 28 April 2025 as a true and correct record.

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

Attachment 1 - Dog Control Hearings Panel Open Unconfirmed Minutes 28 April 2025 .

Attachment 1

Item 6

Dog Control Hearings Panel 28 APRIL 2025 - OPEN



Dog Control Hearings Panel
Te Komiti Whiriwhiri I Ngaa Take Kuri
OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Dog Control Hearings Panel held in Committee Room 1 and Audio Visual Link, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Monday 28 April 2025 at 9:30 am.

PRESENT

- Chairperson Cr Emma Pike
Heamana
- Members Cr Maria Huata
 Cr Andrew Bydder
 Cr Anna Casey-Cox

The Chair opened the meeting with a karakia.

1. **Apologies – *Tono aroha***
 Resolved: (Cr Pike/Cr Casey-Cox)
 That the Dog Control Hearing Panel accepts the apologies for full absence from Cr Tauariki.
2. **Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take***
 Resolved: (Cr Pike/Cr Bydder)
 That the Dog Control Hearings Panel confirms the agenda, noting the addition of item 7 (Objection to Disqualification from Dog Ownership – Fourie) which was referred from the 17 April 2025.
3. **Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipanga***
 No members of the Panel declared a Conflict of Interest.
4. **Objection to Menacing Classification of Dog - Riley & Fox**
 The objectors, Riley & Fox, outlined the history that led to the incident, testimonials from colleagues about their dog’s behaviour, and noted that they had received anecdotal evidence from other dog park users regarding the other dog. They responded to questions from Members concerning fencing on property, dog’s behaviour outside of owners property and owners understanding of the process if another incident was to occur.
- The Animal Education & Control Manager and the Response and Resilience Manager then spoke to the report in particular the incident and the lack of involvement with the complainant. They responded to questions from Members concerning muzzle suitability and the Animal Control Officers procedural standards.
6. **Resolution to Exclude the Public**
 Resolved: (Cr Pike/Cr Huata)
 Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987
- That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

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The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
4. Objection to Menacing Classification of Dog - Riley & Fox	<div>) Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987</div>	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item 4.	To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through protecting persons from improper pressure or harassment	Section 7 (2) (f) (ii)
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The meeting moved into the public excluded session at 10.39am.

During the public excluded session of the meeting the following was resolved to be released to the public via the minutes:

Item 4: Objection to Menacing Classification of Dog - Riley & Fox

That the Dog Control Hearings Panel:

- a) receives the report;
- b) confirms it has considered the mandatory matters specified under the Dog Control Act 1996, and other matters relevant to the objection;
- c) notes that the Dog Control Hearings Panel in determining any objection can only either uphold or rescind the classification under the Dog Control Act 1996;
- d) rescinds the menacing classification of the dog 'Tanzie'; and
- e) approves the release of the decision from Public Excluded via the open minutes of this meeting.

The meeting returned to the open session at 10:48am.

5. Objection to Disqualification from Dog Ownership – Raiwhara

The Chairperson noted that the objector would not be in attendance and had provided a written statement that had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

The Response and Resilience Manager then spoke to the report in particular the historical incidents as outlined in the staff report and the original incident that led to the disqualification classification. Staff responded to questions from Members regarding the history of the objector as a dog owner historical dog registration issues, possession and the objectors willingness to rectify prior incidents reported.

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6. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr Pike /Cr Huata)
Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
5 Objection to Disqualification from Dog Ownership – Raiwhara) Good reason to withhold) information exists under) Section 7 Local Government) Official Information and) Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
7. Objection to Disqualification from Dog Ownership – Fourie		

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item 5.	To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through protecting persons from improper pressure or harassment	Section 7 (2) (f) (ii)
Item 7.	To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through protecting persons from improper pressure or harassment	Section 7 (2) (f) (ii)

The meeting moved into the public excluded session at 11.03am.

Dog Control Hearings Panel 28 APRIL 2025 - OPEN

During the public excluded session of the meeting the following was resolved to be released to the public via the minutes:

Item 5: Objection to Disqualification from Dog Ownership – Raiwhara
That the Dog Control Hearings Panel:

- a) receives the report;
- b) confirms it has considered the mandatory matters specified under the Dog Control Act 1996, and other matters relevant to the objection;
- c) notes that the Dog Control Hearings Panel in determining any objection
 - i. uphold the classification;
 - ii. bring forward the date of classification; and
 - iii. immediately terminate the disqualification.
- d) upholds the classification of the dog owner (Raiwhara) as disqualified until 11 June 2029 (being the date that is 5 years from the date of the third or final infringement offence in respect of which the person is disqualified) and notes the right of the dog owner to appeal to the District Court under section 27 of the Dog Control Act 1996; and
- e) approves the release of this decision from Public Excluded via the open minutes of this meeting.

Item 7: Objection to Disqualification from Dog Ownership – Fourie
That the Dog Control Hearings Panel:

- a) receives the report;
- b) confirms it has considered the mandatory matters specified under the Dog Control Act 1996, and other matters relevant to the objection;
- c) notes that the Dog Control Hearings Panel in determining any objection
 - i. uphold the classification;
 - ii. bring forward the date of classification; and
 - iii. immediately terminate the disqualification.
- d) brings forward the date of classification of the Dog Owner (Fourie) as disqualified until 24 April 2026 (being the date that is two years from the date of the third infringement offence in respect of which the person is disqualified) and notes the right of the Dog Owner to appeal to the District Court under section 27 of the Dog Control Act 1996; and
- f) approves the release of this decision from Public Excluded via the open minutes of this meeting.

The meeting was declared closed at 11.27am.

Item 7

Council Report

Committee: Dog Control Hearings Panel **Date:** 16 September 2025
Author: Susan Stanford **Authoriser:** Kelvin Powell
Position: Animal Control Manager **Position:** Safety and Resilience Unit Director

Report Name: Objection to Menacing Classification of Dog - Ms Malcolm

Report Status	<i>Open</i>
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Purpose - *Take*

1. To seek a determination from the Dog Control Hearings Panel on the classification of Cashew (the Dog) as a menacing dog.

Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

2. That the Dog Control Hearings Panel:
 - a) receives the report; and
 - b) confirms it has considered the mandatory matters specified under the Dog Control Act 1996, and other matters relevant to the objection; and
 - c) notes that the Dog Control Hearings Panel in determining any objection can only either uphold or rescind the classification under the Dog Control Act 1996; and
 - d) either **upholds** or **rescinds** the menacing classification.

Executive Summary - *Whakaraapopototanga matua*

3. On 7 July 2025 Council received a complaint regarding Cashew (the Dog) being involved in a historic dog attack in Days Park, Hamilton on 11 June 2025 (refer to **Attachment 1**).
4. The Dog Control Act 1996 sets out the circumstances in which Council may classify a dog as menacing.
5. Staff recommend that the classification of the Dog as menacing is upheld.
6. Staff consider the decision in this report has low significance and that the recommendations comply with the Council's legal requirements.

Background - *Koorero whaimaarama*

7. On 7 July 2025 Council received a complaint regarding Cashew (the Dog) being involved in a historic dog attack in Days Park Hamilton on 11 June 2025 (refer to **Attachment 1**). The Dog is registered to Ms Malcolm (Owner).

8. The complaint primarily concerns the Dog attacking a smaller dog named Sooty (Dog B) while in Days Park. The Dog has picked Dog B up by the back of the neck then run away with him. The owners of Dog B and The Dog have managed to catch and separate the dogs. On examination Dog B was missing some patches of fur, while there was some blood there appeared to be no cuts or puncture wounds.
9. Prior to The Dog attacking Dog B the complainant/witness noticed The Dog had its hackles up and noted on this to the Dog Owner. Note: the complainant who reported the attack was a witness to the event and not the owner of Dog B.
10. On 23 July 2025 the Dog was classified by staff as menacing. Refer to **Attachment 2** for the Notice of Classification.
11. On 6 August 2025 an objection to the classification of the Dog as menacing was received from the Owners. Refer to **Attachment 3** for a copy of the objection.
12. As a result, a hearing has been convened to hear the objection. The Hearing Panel should note:
 - i. the Owners have advised that they wish to be heard in person; and
 - ii. Complainant has advised that they are unavailable to be heard in person.
13. The normal order of the procedure of a hearing is as follows:
 - i. opening of the meeting by the Chair;
 - ii. the Objector presents their objection and supporting evidence;
 - iii. any witnesses in support of the objection speak to their evidence;
 - iv. the Complainant and any witnesses in opposition of the objection speak to their evidence;
 - v. Staff summarise the Committee report and makes any comments regarding information provided at the hearing;
 - vi. the Objector has the opportunity to respond to any new matters or points not already covered during the hearing;
 - vii. the hearing is closed or adjourned for a decision to be made.
14. For the avoidance of doubt:
 - i. The Chair of the hearing may change the order of the hearing at their discretion.
 - ii. There is **no** opportunity for cross examination at the hearing by any party.
 - iii. Members of the Hearings Panel may ask questions for clarification of the parties during the hearing.

Discussion - *Matapaki*

15. [Section 33B](#) provides that in making its determination the Committee **must** have regard to:
 - i. the evidence which formed the basis for the classification;
 - ii. any steps taken by the owner to prevent any threat to the safety of persons or animals;
 - iii. the matters relied on in support of the objection; and
 - iv. any other relevant matters.

Evidence which formed the basis for the classification

16. In deciding to classify the Dog, staff have relied on the following evidence:
 - a. Statement from the complainant who is not the owner of The Dog or Dog B but witnessed the entire event.

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Matters relied on or advanced in support of the objection

17. The Owner objects to the classification on the following grounds:
 - a. To date no further information regarding grounds for objection have been received from the dog owner.
18. Refer to **Attachment 3** for the copy of the objection.

Steps taken by the owner to prevent any threat to the safety of persons or animals

19. Staff are **not** aware of any further steps taken by the Owner to prevent any threat to the safety of persons or animals. The Owner may have further information on this matter at the hearing.
20. The dog is desexed.

Other relevant matters

21. The Dog Control Act 1996 requires consideration of any other matters that the Hearings Panel considers relevant.
22. Council's Dog Control Policy provides direction on how Council will fulfil its legislative responsibilities pursuant to the [Dog Control Act 1996](#) and the Dog Control Bylaw. The Hearing Panel should consider whether its decision is consistent with the purposes in the Dog Control Policy, specifically:
 - i. the need to minimise danger, distress, and nuisance to the community generally;
 - ii. the need to avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children, whether or not the children are accompanied by adults;
 - iii. the importance of enabling, to the extent that is practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs;
 - iv. the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners.
23. Ownership history and recorded dog behaviour can be a relevant consideration if it provides evidence of prior good or poor dog or ownership behaviour.
24. The Dog has been involved in a previous dog attack at Days Park in March 2024, however, the circumstances of this attack had two dogs both off leash just outside the park in an on-leash area and as both dog owners were some distance from their dogs it is not clear how the attack started. Both dogs received injuries in this attack. The Animal Education and Control Officer has closed this attack as advice given to both dog owners due to the uncertainty of how it started, both dogs being off leash in an area they shouldn't have been and both dogs received injuries (**refer to Attachment 4**).

Options

25. Under the [Dog Control Act 1996](#), territorial authorities have two options when considering an outcome of an objection to a dog being classified as menacing:
 - i. to uphold the classification; or
 - ii. to rescind the classification.
26. There are no other options open to the Dog Control Hearings Panel under the [Dog Control Act 1996](#).
27. The staff recommendation is that the Hearings Panel uphold the classification for the following reasons:
 - i. The Dog was the aggressor during the incident on 11 June 2025.

- ii. The dog was displaying warning signs of aggression (hackles were up) prior to attacking Dog B, these were noticed and were noticed and commented on by the other dog owner and witness, however, these signs were ignored, and The Dog was not removed from the vicinity of the other dogs. The Dog, has then attacked Dog B
- iii. This is the second dog attack the Dog has been a part of.
- iv. One of the effects of a menacing classification is the requirement for the dog to be muzzled while in public place to prevent it from biting.

Financial Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro Puutea*

28. This is a regular operating activity funded through the Long Term Plan.

Legal and Policy Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture*

Menacing Dog Classification

26. [Section 33A](#) of the [Dog Control Act 1996](#) provides that a territorial authority may classify dog as menacing that has not been classified as a dangerous dog under section 31; but a territorial authority considers may pose a threat to any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife because of—
- i. any observed or reported behaviour of the dog; or
 - ii. any characteristics typically associated with the dog's breed or type.

Effect of a menacing dog classification

27. If a dog is classified as a menacing dog under [section 33A](#) the owner of the dog:
- i. must not allow the dog to be at large or in any public place or in any private way, except when confined completely within a vehicle or cage, without being muzzled in such a manner as to prevent the dog from biting but to allow it to breathe and drink without obstruction; and
 - ii. must, if required by the territorial authority (refer below to Council's Dog Control Policy) within 1 month after receipt of notice of the classification, produce to the territorial authority a certificate issued by a veterinarian certifying—
 - I. that the dog is or has been neutered; or
 - II. that for reasons that are specified in the certificate, the dog will not be in a fit condition to be neutered before a date specified in the certificate; and
 - iii. must, if a non-neutering certificate is produced to the territorial authority, produce to the territorial authority, within 1 month after the date specified in that certificate, a further certificate that the dog has now been neutered.
28. A menacing classification extends to the whole of New Zealand and remains in place for the life of the dog.
29. There is no provision under the Dog Control Act 1996 to appeal this decision to the district Court.

Council's Dog Control Policy – Neutering of dogs classified as menacing:

30. Council's Dog Control Policy provides direction on how Council will fulfil its legislative responsibilities pursuant to the [Dog Control Act 1996](#) and the Dog Control Bylaw.
31. The [Dog Control Policy](#) requires mandatory neutering of dogs classified as menacing in accordance with the provisions of the [Dog Control Act 1996](#). Mandatory neutering also includes dogs classified as menacing by other territorial authorities where that dog is in the jurisdiction of Hamilton City Council.

Right to make an objection

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32. [Section 33B](#) provides a dog owner with the right to object to the classification. If a dog is classified under section 33A as a menacing dog, the owner:
- i. may, within 14 days of receiving notice of the classification, object in writing to the territorial authority in regard to the classification; and
 - ii. has the right to be heard in support of the objection.
33. The territorial authority considering an objection under subsection (1) may uphold or rescind the classification, and in making its determination must have regard to—
- i. the evidence which formed the basis for the classification; and
 - ii. any steps taken by the owner to prevent any threat to the safety of persons or animals; and
 - iii. the matters relied on in support of the objection; and
 - iv. any other relevant matters.
34. The territorial authority must, as soon as practicable, give written notice to the owner of—
- i. its determination of the objection; and
 - ii. the reasons for its determination.

Risks - *Tuuraru*

35. Public safety risk: If a dog owner that should have been classified is not, their behaviour may mean that animals in their possession may continue to pose a potential threat to the public or other animals. This could result in attacks or incidents that cause harm.
36. Reputation and perception: Failure to properly classify a dog owner may affect the public perception of Council's approach to enforcement.

Strategic Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa- rautaki*

37. Everything we do is aimed at improving the wellbeing of Hamiltonians. Council has been working alongside our community to understand what people in our city want the future of Hamilton Kirikiriroa to look like as represented by our five priorities.
38. The promotion of the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future is expressed through Council's key strategies.
39. The proposed recommendation will align with Council key documents, as identified in the Governance Structure, in the following ways.

Significance and Engagement Policy	Staff have considered the key considerations under the Significance and Engagement Policy and have assessed that the matter(s) in this report has/have a low level of significance. Given the low level of significance determined, the engagement level is low. No engagement is required.
Our Climate Future Te Pae Tawhiti o Kirikiriroa	Staff have assessed this option against the Climate Change Policy for both emissions and climate change adaptation. Staff have determined no adaptation, or emissions assessment is required.

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

Attachment 1 - Dog Attack Complaint - CRM 493689

Attachment 2 - Menacing Classification Paperwork

Attachment 3 - Objection Recieved

Attachment 4 - Historic Dog Complaint

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Animal Complaint Record 493689/2025

COMPLAINANT		Officer	D41
Complaint Received	07/07/2025	Home Phone 1	
Name	[REDACTED]	Home Phone 2	
Address	[REDACTED]	Mob Phone	[REDACTED]

PROPERTY

Property Address		Safety Alert	
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ANIMAL DETAILS

Animal Number	238164	Animal Name	Cashew	Tattoo	953010002 915254
Animal Location	[REDACTED]	Color		Sex	F
Owner Address	[REDACTED]	Owner Name	[REDACTED]	NAR No.	314024

REQUEST DETAILS

Offence Date		027 280 0326 [REDACTED] aggressive dog - historic - days park 11/6/25 in the park with her 2 dogs and the neighbours dog met a woman with a staffy cross staffy picked up the smaller dog and ran away with it smaller dog is fine after the attack [REDACTED] owner of aggressive dog says this has happened before dog is often off lead and not muzzled
Major Category	Animal Control (heading only)	
Minor Category	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	
Category 3	Dogs - Attack (heading only)	
Category 4	Dogs - Attack - Dog v Animal - Historic	

INVESTIGATION DETAILS

Officer	D41
Start Date	07/07/2025 11:04
Finish Date	21/07/2025 08:16
Outcome	Animals - Menacing Dog Classification
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07/07/2025 11.15am. I have run the name given in the CRM in authority and found no matches for the name i have also run the name in NDD with no matches found. I have tried to call my comp she has answered but h as asked to call me back as she is busy and cant talk i have said that is fine she said she will call back later.

07/07/2025 2.30pm. my comp has called back. I have asked her about the incident and asked her to confirm the dog owners name. She has told m e the dog owner lives on [REDACTED] and the dogs name is Cashew. S he has said the dog owners name in [REDACTED] I have organised for h er to come in to provide a statement on the 09/07/2025 at 3.15pm. I ha ve run the name in authority and found a dog names Cashew to an owner called [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] AN238164. [REDACTED]

07/07/2025 3.13pm. I have tried to call the dog owner. I have received no reply.

08/07/2025 10.40am. The dog owner has called back so i have explained the complaint. She seemed surprised and wanted to call me back as she was busy. I have asked her to call me back ASAP.

09/07/2025 2.45pm. The dog owner has called back and has told me her s tory that was basically the same as my complaint. I have explained tha t i would be getting my investigation together with a statement and i would be calling her back with an outcome.

11/07/2025 2.15pm. My comp has come in and provided a statement.

11/07/2025 3.30pm. After reviewing the statement i have decided to cla ssify the dog as menacing but i will not be issuing an infringement.

17/07/2025 12.55pm. I have tried to call the dog but have received no answer. I have received a call back at 4.45pm from the dog owner and h ave advised her of the outcome. She has told me that she will be gett ing a muzzle straight away.

18/07/2025 12.50pm I have called my comp and explained the out come to her as well. [REDACTED]

8/07/2025 3.50pm. Menacing paper work handed in to management and uplo aded to the CRM. [REDACTED]

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Previous Complaints for Dog

CRM No.	388861/2024	Task	2INV
Animal	238164	Outcome	ADVC
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	D45
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	12-Mar-24 11:52:00 AM
Cat 3	Dogs - Attack (heading only)	Closed	17-Apr-24 01:12:00 PM
Cat 4	Dogs - Attack - Dog v Animal - Historic		

CRM No.	493689/2025	Task	2INV
Animal	238164	Outcome	MENC
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	D41
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	07-Jul-25 11:04:00 AM

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Cat 3	Dogs - Attack (heading only)	Closed	21-Jul-25 08:16:00 AM
Cat 4	Dogs - Attack - Dog v Animal - Historic		
CRM No.	498685/2025	Task	2INV
Animal	238164	Outcome	
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	AHU
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	23-Jul-25 09:08:00 AM
Cat 3	Dogs - Offences - Officer (heading only)	Closed	
Cat 4	Dogs - Officer - Serve Dog Classification		



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WITNESS STATEMENT FORMs

My full name is [REDACTED]
and I live at [REDACTED]
I am making this statement to [REDACTED]
Officer of the Hamilton City Council.

On the 11/06/2025 at approximately 8.30am

(Describe Incident)

I. I went to ^{Deys} Deys park with my two dogs for a walk I do this most days. I am generally there earlier in the morning but was a bit later this day. I started walking around the park. I ran into [REDACTED] who I know ^{from} ~~threw~~ walking around the park, I also know her dog Cashew because [REDACTED] often is walking around Deys park at the same time. We stopped and had a chat then we went our separate ways on our walk. I then meet up with a neighbor [REDACTED] and her dog Sooty. We headed back the way I had just come. When we got to around the middle of the park on the path, we meet up with [REDACTED] and Cashew and another Friend called [REDACTED]. We were standing around talking all the dogs were milling around us there was 5 dogs in total. I noticed Cashew ^h hackles were up, I called her over and pattered her while still talking. [REDACTED] commented on Cashews hackles being up. I replied that I had noticed that. Suddenly with no warning Cashew went for Sooty and picked him up by the back off the neck and ran around us. It appears Cashew was trying to run away with sooty. All the other dogs went towards Cashew, but we called them back. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were yelling at Cashew I can't remember what they said but they managed to get Cashew to drop Sooty. [REDACTED] put Cashew on a lead We all stood around Sooty and checked him over we found a few

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patches of missing hair. There was blood and appeared to be no cuts or puncture wounds.

██████████ said that sooty must have looked at Cashew funny ██████████ then turned around and said

sooty didn't do anything it was cashews. She then said you should be able to bring your

dog to a park and not get attacked. She apologized to ██████████ ██████████ said she should take

Sooty to the vet but ██████████ said I will just take him home and put him in the shower. ██████████

then offered to pay any vet bills if she had to take sooty to a vet. ██████████ just said it should

be fine. ██████████ asked for ██████████ phone number so she could call and check how Sooty was

later in the day. ██████████ said it should be fine, ██████████ then asked if it would ok to check in

with me, I said she could message me ^{through} the Deys park face book page. They all walked

off, ██████████ and I headed home. I messaged ██████████ at around 11am I haven't heard back from

her. I went to see ██████████ to check on sooty, Sooty was fine with no injuries requiring vet

treatment. They have treated him at home.

II. Description of Dog: Gold, Large, Mastiff/Cross, Rainbow colored collar.

III. I declare that the information recorded above is true and an accurate account and I am aware that this information could be produced as evidence in a court of law and I may be required to give evidence in this regard.

Occupation
SIGNED



DATE AND TIME: 11/07/2025 3.06pm



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23 July 2025



Dear [REDACTED]

Classification of Dog as Menacing Dog Section 33A Dog Control Act 1996

Section 33A of the Dog Control Act 1996 ("DCA") enables Hamilton City Council ("HCC"), to classify a dog that it considers poses a threat to any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife because of:

- a. any observed or reported behaviour of the dog; or
- b. any characteristics typically associated with the dog's breed or type.

As a result of the observed or reported behaviour HCC has classified the dog as a Menacing Dog under s33A of the Dog Control Act 1996. The Notice of Classification of Dog as Menacing Dog ("the Notice") is enclosed.

HCC requires you to have the dog de-sexed, and to provide a copy of the de-sexing certificate to HCC within one month from the date shown on the Notice.

You may be able to take advantage of discounts available through HCC for de-sexing fees with a contracted veterinarian. Microchipping is also available at the Animal Education and Control Centre. If you would like further information about these services, please contact the Animal Education and Control team on 07 838 6632.

Please ensure that you comply with the requirements of the classification within the timeframes outlined in the enclosed Notice to avoid any further enforcement action. If you do not agree with the Classification you may object in writing within 14 days of receiving the Classification, by emailing dog.registration@hcc.govt.nz

You must have valid ground for an objection and produce evidence that your dog is not of a breed or type listed above.

If you have any questions regarding the Notice of Classification, please contact HCC's Animal Education & Control Centre, phone 07 838 6632.

Regards,

Susan Stanford
Animal Education and Control Manager

Animal Education and Control
217 Ellis Street, Hamilton
Phone: 07 838 6632
Email: dog.registration@hcc.govt.nz

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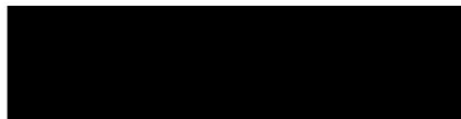
Notice of Classification of Dog as Menacing Dog

Section 33A, Dog Control Act 1996

To: *
(name of owner)



Address:



Dog Details:

**Female, Neutered Labrador Retriever x American
Staffordshire Terrier, Tan in colour, Named
CASHEW, aged 5 years and 11 months
approximately, Microchip 953 010 002 915 254**

This is to notify you* that this dog has been classified as a menacing dog under section 33A(2) of the Dog Control Act 1996.

This is because of the aggressive behavior displayed by the dog on Wednesday, 11th June 2025, in Hamilton.

A summary of the effect of the classification and your right to object is provided below.

Animal Education and Control Manager

23 July 2025
Date

* For the purposes of the Dog Control Act 1996, you are the owner of a dog if:-

- you own the dog; or
- you have the dog in your possession (otherwise than for a period not exceeding 72 hours for the purpose of preventing the dog causing injury, damage, or distress, or for the sole purpose of restoring a lost dog to its owner); or
- you are the parent or guardian of a person under 16 who is the owner of the dog and who is a member of your household living with and dependent on you.

S 33E(1) Effect of classification as a menacing dog

Sections 33E, 33F, 36A, Dog Control Act 1996

You —

- (a) must not allow the dog to be at large or in any public place or in any private way (other than when confined completely within a vehicle or cage) without the dog being muzzled in such a manner as to prevent the dog from biting but to allow it to breathe and drink without obstruction; and
- (b) must produce to HCC within 1 month after receipt of this notice, a certificate issued by a veterinary surgeon certifying —

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- (i) that the dog is or has been neutered; or
- (ii) that for reasons that are specified in the certificate, the dog will not be in a fit condition to be neutered before a date specified in the certificate; and
- (c) must, if a certificate under paragraph (b)(ii) is produced to HCC, produce to HCC, within 1 month after the date specified in that certificate, a further certificate under paragraph (b)(i).

You will commit an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 if you fail to comply with all of the matters in paragraphs (a) to (c) above.

A dog control officer or dog ranger may seize and remove the dog from you if you fail to comply with all of the matters in paragraphs (a) to (c) above. The officer or ranger may keep the dog until you demonstrate that you are willing to comply with paragraphs (a) to (c).

You are also required, for the purposes of providing permanent identification of the dog, to arrange for the dog to be implanted with a functioning microchip transponder. This must be confirmed by making the dog available to HCC in accordance with the reasonable instructions of HCC for verification that the dog has been implanted with a functioning microchip transponder of the prescribed type and in the prescribed location.

You will commit an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 if you fail to comply with this requirement within 2 months after the dog is classified as menacing.

If the dog is in the possession of another person (for a period not exceeding 72 hours), you must advise that person of the requirement to not allow the dog to be at large or in any public place or in any private way (other than when confined completely within a vehicle or cage) without the dog being muzzled in such a manner as to prevent the dog from biting but to allow it to breathe and drink without obstruction. You will commit an offence and be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500 if you fail to comply with this requirement.

Full details of the effect of the classification of a dog as menacing are provided in the Dog Control Act 1996. This is available to view online at www.legislation.govt.nz.

Right of Objection to Classification Under Section 33C

Section 33D, Dog Control Act 1996

You may object to the classification of your dog as menacing by lodging with HCC a written objection within 14 days of receipt of this notice setting out the grounds on which you object. **This objection must be emailed to dog.registration@hcc.govt.nz**

You have the right to be heard in support of your objection and will be notified of the time and place at which your objection will be heard.

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Attachment 3

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 6 August 2025 12:49 pm
To: Susan (Sue) Stanford <Susan.Stanford@hcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Objection and Request.

Dear Susan,
I am objecting to a menacing classification on Cashew, and am requesting a copy of the statement made by the complainant please.

Regards,
[REDACTED]

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Animal Complaint Record 388861/2024

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COMPLAINANT		Officer	D45
Complaint Received	12/03/2024	Home Phone 1	[REDACTED]
Name	[REDACTED]	Home Phone 2	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]	Mob Phone	[REDACTED]

PROPERTY

Property Address	[REDACTED]	Safety Alert	[REDACTED]
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ANIMAL DETAILS

Animal Number	238164	Animal Name	Cashew	Tattoo	95301000
Animal Location	[REDACTED]	Color	[REDACTED]		915254
Owner Address	[REDACTED]	Owner Name	[REDACTED]	Sex	F
				NAR No.	314024

REQUEST DETAILS

Incidence Date		dog attack vs dog Incident Date and Time: 11/3/2024 around 430pm Location: Days Park Details: [REDACTED] was with his dog in days Park and when a light tan mixed breed dog like pitbull terrier size attacked his young dog. The owner named [REDACTED] was there and saw what her dog did to his little Australian Terrier. She often walk her the dog in this park but not sure where she lives. Two other women were there and have witnessed the incident. His dog had one small wound, abrasion at the back of the leg and still traumatized with this incident and was very quiet this morning which very unusual. In the last 18 months, the big dogs in Days Park are out of control as per complainant. Phoned ACO to advise
Major Category	Animal Control (heading only)	
Minor Category	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	
Category 3	Dogs - Attack (heading only)	
Category 4	Dogs - Attack - Dog v Animal - Historic	

INVESTIGATION DETAILS

Officer	D45	12-03-2024 12:15pm Tried phoning complainant, no answer. Text message sent requesting a call regarding the reported dog attack. [REDACTED] 12-03-2024 3:40pm After playing phone tag I have managed to get hold of [REDACTED]. He confirms that the dog is a tan, muscular type dog, bigger than a Pit Bull but with similar qualities, smaller in stature than an Alsatian, female. Dog owner is named [REDACTED] is described as Caucasian, fair complexion, light brown hair, medium build, 55-60 years old. There were witnesses who also know the lady and may know the dog's name. [REDACTED] could find this information when he sees these ladies next which won't be for a while. His dog was traumatised, as was he, and Gemma has received several lacerations and abrasions resulting in antibiotics and pain relief. I have arranged to obtain [REDACTED] statement on Friday.
Start Date	12/03/2024 11:52	
Finish Date	17/04/2024 01:12	
Outcome	* Advice Given	
Task	Investigation	

15-03-2024 11:00am Attended [REDACTED] home and obtained statement (attached). [REDACTED] had stopped at the Arron Street Park entrance and had stopped to talk to another person. As he finished talking, he turned to walk further down the path with Gemma about 15 metres ahead of him, 'talking' with a group of 5-6 other little dogs belonging to 2 other ladies that [REDACTED] knows. A mixed breed, tan, female, muscular dog has appeared and just

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Gemma in his mouth and the female owner was trying to catch the dog but it was not listening to her. [REDACTED] walks with a shepherd's stick for balance and he has run down the path and shouted at the dog and waved his stick. The dog has then let Gemma go and run about 15 metres away. The female dog owner has then immediately been on the offensive, seemingly accusing [REDACTED] of "talking to somebody else". Her mindset appeared defensive and trying to pin blame on [REDACTED] for not looking after his dog. She has then put a lead on her dog and walked away. The 2 ladies who owned the smaller dogs said they saw the whole thing and know the dog owner as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has picked Gemma up and driven her home, taking her to the vet for treatment the following day where she received antibiotics and painkillers.

[REDACTED] informed me that approximately 2 years ago, the same woman and dog have been in the park and the dog has attacked Gemma. They managed to prevent anything happening as they were all close by. Not reported.

[REDACTED] has frequented the park for 23 years and has noticed an increase in the past 18 months of out of control larger dogs. He knows of several incidents where large dogs have attacked other dogs or bowled people over. He would like to see a sign and law for the park whereby any large dog (over 10kgs) should be on a lead and under control so that everyone can enjoy the park without being at risk of injury to a person or other dog.

[REDACTED] is aware that there is little I can do as I don't have enough information to find the dog or owner. He will try and find out from the 2 ladies if they know the attacking dog's name or any other information. [REDACTED]

22-03-2024 11:30am Phone call received from [REDACTED] informing me he had managed to find out more information on the dog and owner via another man he knows at the park. [REDACTED] owner of offending dog named Cashew. I have checked records and found dog and owner matching, linked. Address is [REDACTED]. Follow up required. Phoned [REDACTED] and confirmed I have found the dog owner and would be making contact with them regarding this incident; and that I would update him with an outcome in due course. [REDACTED]) 25

03-2024 12:45pm Attended address [REDACTED] and door knocked. A woman has answered the door confirming she was [REDACTED] and owned the dog named Cashew. I have informed [REDACTED] that I was there as I have had an incident reported which involved Cashew and another dog at Days Park on the 11th March at approximately 4:30pm. She asked me who reported to which I have explained I am unable to disclose personal details but that it was the owner of the other dog [REDACTED] has become a little flustered and asked me what it was that was reported. I have again reiterated that I had received a reported incident involving Cashew and a smaller dog and I was hoping she could tell me a little bit about what has happened. [REDACTED] has again asked who has made the report, I have discussed a LAGOIMA request for information; and said she wants to talk to her lawyer and asked me legally what information she has to tell me. I have replied informing her that I am a Warranted Officer and that I am requesting information regarding a dog versus dog attack at Days Park on the 11th March 2024, at approximately 4:30pm whereby Cashew is the offending dog. At this point [REDACTED] has mentioned the "man" who has made the report. I have replied that I hadn't disclosed the sex of the complainant so she obviously knows the incident I am talking of and again tried to reiterate that I am offering her a chance to give her side/version of the incident so that I can add this to my investigation. [REDACTED] has refused advising she wants to talk to her lawyer before she talks to me. I have left her message card and requested she contact me, once more informing her I am giving her an opportunity to contact me so that we can set up a date and time where she can give me her statement of the incident I have then left [REDACTED] has been in a state of shock and disbelief and not willing to cooperate or acknowledge any details. [REDACTED]

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message received from [REDACTED] advising she is away until next week and would make contact with me on her return. [REDACTED] 03-04-2024

1:00pm Obtained statement from [REDACTED] who has confirmed she was walking with Cashew ahead of her, saw a friend, [REDACTED] and her 4 small dogs that Cashew knows and Cashew has bounced up to them. There was a group of 5-6 small dogs and the next thing there was a scrap [REDACTED] has had a ball thrower with her and has whacked Cashew on the rump with it which has stopped the dogs. She has grabbed Cashew by the collar, put the lead on her. A man, (who she believes is named [REDACTED]; his dog Gemma she thinks was in amongst the group of small dogs) from about 30 metres away, has then yelled at [REDACTED] to control her dog [REDACTED] has yelled back telling him to control his dog and made a comment along the lines of "small dogs can be feisty". [REDACTED] has then walked away with Cashew on lead. When she left there had been 5 adults in the proximity of the scrap, herself, her friend [REDACTED] who had been talking to another lady, and [REDACTED] had been talking to another person further up the path a good 20-30 metres away from the scrapping dogs. As [REDACTED] was walking Cashew towards her car she noticed that Cashew was bleeding. She did not have her phone with her so took some photos of Cashew once home (attached), cleaned Cashew up and did not feel the need to seek veterinary treatment. [REDACTED]

03/04/2024) 03-04-2024 3:20pm After enquiring earlier in the day as to if [REDACTED] had obtained photos and/or a vet report for Gemma, I have received an email of the vet report (attached) however no photos were taken. [REDACTED]

05-04-2024 3:30pm After reviewing CRM and having another AECO review, a decision has been made to try and obtain details of the women who witnessed this incident.

Text messages have been sent to both parties asking if they are able to obtain contact details for the witnesses so that I could talk to them if they were willing to participate. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - 06/04/2024) 06-04-2024 9:00am A text message received from [REDACTED] confirms her witness does not wish to get involved. [REDACTED]

06-04-2024 9:00am A text message received from [REDACTED] confirms her witness does not wish to get involved. [REDACTED]

10-04-2024 1:00pm Further text message sent to [REDACTED] enquiring as to if he has made contact with witnesses. [REDACTED] - 17/04/2024) 17-04-2024 12:20pm Phoned [REDACTED] on landline. I have enquired as to if he had received my text messages which he hasn't as the phone is his wife's phone.

He has then asked me what the issue is as the investigation has been going on a long time, and that he expected me to call him on 'that Friday'. I have informed him of my text messages requesting he ask his witnesses to provide me some further information. [REDACTED] has then told me that he does not wish to do this and has asked what the issue is and has indicated that he assumes [REDACTED] has denied the allegation.

I have informed [REDACTED] that I currently have a "he said/she said" situation, with two dogs having received injuries and both himself and the other dog owner each advising me that they had each been some distance away from their own dogs; and that this is why I was offering an opportunity for him to get his witnesses to provide statements about what they have seen. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has told me that he does not know the ladies personally, only that one of them is named [REDACTED] and that he does not wish to go down to the park and try and find them. [REDACTED] has started getting 'short' with me and has gone on to accuse [REDACTED] of denying the incident. I have then asked him, if he does not wish to contact his witnesses, would he like me to tell him my outcome for the job now, as I had nothing

to proceed with the investigation.

He has requested this, so I have explained that my outcome will be advice to both parties, himself and [REDACTED] about control of their dogs, given that both dogs were some distance away from each owner, both dogs have received some injury and no other witnesses having come forward. I have then gone on to say that if I were going to infringe the other dog owner, I would then also be obligated to infringe him also as neither have had their dogs under direct control.

[REDACTED] has not taken kindly to this information, advising that Gemma was absolutely under his control. He has then informed me he was going to go and get the two witnesses to provide further information. I have informed [REDACTED] that I have given him the outcome, as he clearly stated to me he was not going to approach his witnesses and as a result, my decision on the outcome was made due to having no further information for the investigation, as I have relayed to him.

[REDACTED] has told me that I am twisting his words and has threatened me advising that if I don't want to be responsible for the control of dogs at the park then the council could find themselves 'in trouble'. He has requested my outcome in writing to which I have replied this will not be happening, that this conversation is my final outcome, and that is, advice to both dog owners that their dog needs to be under direct control at all times. [REDACTED] has ended the call and is very unsatisfied.

I have then called [REDACTED] and informed her of this outcome also. I have discussed with her and made it very clear that she must have Cashew under her direct control at all times, even at off-leash areas. I have suggested that perhaps she look at having Cashew on a long leash so that she can still have a run but is also under control at the same time. [REDACTED] has taken this information in and acknowledges she needs to keep Cashew controlled.

Closing CRM as advice given. [REDACTED]

Previous Complaints for Dog

CRM No.	388861/2024	Task	2INV
Animal	238164	Outcome	ADVC
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	D45
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	12-Mar-24 11:52:00 AM
Cat 3	Dogs - Attack (heading only)	Closed	17-Apr-24 01:12:00 PM
Cat 4	Dogs - Attack - Dog v Animal - Historic		

CRM No.	493689/2025	Task	2INV
Animal	238164	Outcome	MENC
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	D41
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	07-Jul-25 11:04:00 AM
Cat 3	Dogs - Attack (heading only)	Closed	21-Jul-25 08:16:00 AM

Cat 4 Dogs - Attack - Dog
v Animal - Historic

CRM No.	498685/2025	Task	2INV
Animal	238164	Outcome	
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	AHU
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	23-Jul-25 09:08:00 AM
Cat 3	Dogs - Offences - Officer (heading only)	Closed	
Cat 4	Dogs - Officer - Serve Dog Classification		

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WITNESS STATEMENT FORMs

TIME 11:07 am

DATE 15/03/2024

[Redacted]

My full name is [Redacted]

and I live at [Redacted], I am

making this statement to [Redacted], Dog Control

Officer of the Hamilton City Council. On the 11th March 2024, at

approximately 4:30pm am (pm)

(Describe Incident)

1. What happened? Coming into the park from Arden Street
entrance, Southern end of Oey's Park, there is a concrete
path leading down into the park. I stopped about 20 metres
from the top to ask a lady how her little dog was
who had had kidney failure. As I finished I turned to walk
further down the path, Gemma our dog was about 15 metres
ahead of me having a chat with about 5 or 6 other little
dogs. This mixed breed, tan, muscular dog, bigger than a
Pit Bull, 14 times the size of Gemma, strong dog,
just went for Gemma, tore into her & wouldn't stop.
Barked her over & had hold of her in its mouth. The owner
was trying to say stop but the dog was not listening

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to her at all. I ran down the path ~~with~~ with my shepherd's stick which I use for my balance, shouted & waved the stick. That seemed to have the desired effect with the dog letting go of Gemma & then ran about 15 metres away. The first thing the lady said to me was "don't hit my dog" so she was immediately on the offensive. She has then accused me of being 'up there & talking to someone else'. * Her frame of mind was defensive & seemingly trying to blame me of not looking after my own dog. She then walked away & put a lead on her dog who was still standing nearby. Apparently there was a spot of blood on her dogs ear. I couldn't hear what she was muttering but she was on the offensive trying to blame me. It left me very shocked.

* & you didn't see anything'. To which I immediately responded that I had seen the whole thing.

The two ladies who own the other small dogs that Gemma had been with have said they saw the whole thing & were standing right there when it happened, and that [REDACTED] dog attacked Gemma. ^{one of} These two ladies knows the attacking dogs owner as a female named [REDACTED]. They have tried to get [REDACTED] to come & talk to me about the incident however [REDACTED] has walked away with her dog. The two ladies again reiterated to me that the other dog had attacked Gemma. Gemma was traumatised so I have picked her up, put her in the car & came home.

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The next morning I have taken Gemma to my vet. Gemma has quite long hair but the vet has found several lacerations & abrasions which she has cleaned up. These were on her back & rear legs. Gemma has received antibiotics via injections, pain relief & a course of antibiotics & pain relief for a week. No activity for a week.

Approximately 2 years ago, this same dog & woman were in a different part of the park & the same dog has attacked Gemma. We managed to prevent anything happening on this occasion as we were all very close by.

I would like to make an observation regarding Dog's Park, which I have been frequenting for 23 years and that is regarding the out of control larger dogs that seem to have gotten much worse in the past 18 months. I know of several incidents that have included dogs being attacked & people being bowled over & many rear ends all caused by larger dogs over 10 kilograms. I have been bowled over by a Rottweiler & Viszla from behind, I did not see them & it resulted in broken ribs. Neither of the dogs owners came & approached me, they were a good 30 metres away with no control of their dogs & not wanting to acknowledge the situation.

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2. Description of Dog tan, muscular, strong dog, bigger than a Pit Bull
but with similar qualities smaller than an Alsatian, female.
3. Any witnesses (or owner present) [redacted] fair, light brown hair, medium build,
55-60 years old, caucasian

I declare that the information recorded above is true and an accurate account and I am aware that this information could be produced as evidence in a court of law and I may be required to give evidence in this regard.

SIGNED

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WITNESS STATEMENT FORMs

TIME 12:58 pm

DATE 3/4/2024

PLACE 217 Ellis Street.
Frankton, Hamilton

My full name is [REDACTED]
and I live at [REDACTED], I am
making this statement to [REDACTED], Dog Control
Officer of the Hamilton City Council. On the 11th March 2024, at
approximately 5pm am pm

(Describe Incident)

1. What happened? I was walking Cashew at Days Park
and saw a friend with her dogs that I went to see.
When I got there, there were her dogs and another couple
maybe 5-6 small dogs in the group. Cashew knows this
lady (my friend) & her dogs. Cashew was just ahead of
me and bounced up to the lady [REDACTED]. The
next thing there was a scrap. The dogs were all around,
I had my ball thrasher with me & whacked Cashew on the
rump with it. This has then stopped the dogs. I got Cashew
by the collar, put her lead on & walked away. A man from
about 30 metres away has then followed yelled at me
to control my dog and I yelled back to him that

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he should be controlling his dog. I think his dog was
 one of the dogs in the group. I believe his name to
 be [REDACTED] dog's name is Gemma. I have then made a
 comment along the lines of "small dogs can be feisty"
 and then I took Castew away on her lead. I was
 parked right down the one road car park end so headed
 to my car. When I left there was about 5 adults
 in the proximity of the scene. [REDACTED] was talking to
 another woman, there was myself, & [REDACTED] had been
 talking to another person on the pathway, a good 20-30
 metres away, well away from his dog at the time of
 the scrap. As I was walking Castew back to my
 car, I noticed she had started bleeding. I didn't
 have my phone with me so have taken photos of her
 once I have gotten home. I cleaned her up at home
 & was satisfied she did not require vet treatment.

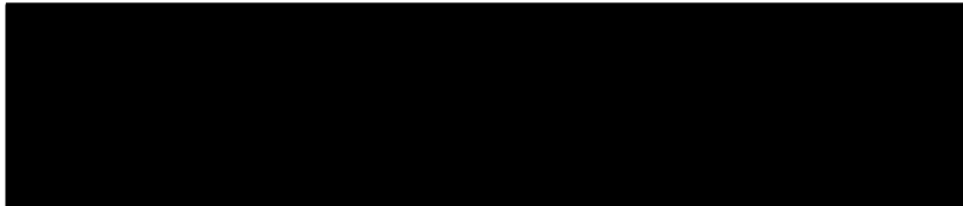
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2. Description of Dog _____

3. Any witnesses (or owner present) 5 people including myself as per
statement

I declare that the information recorded above is true and an accurate account and I am aware that this information could be produced as evidence in a court of law and I may be required to give evidence in this regard.



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CLINICAL SUMMARY

Client Details

Phone [REDACTED]

Animal Details

Name	Gemma	Age	3 years 10 months
Species	Canine (Dog)	Sex	Female Spayed
Breed	Australian Terrier		

Health Status

Date/Time	Weight (kg)	Temp(°C)	BCS	CRT	MM	Attitude
12-03-2024 11:56:47am	9.60	38.8	6.0/9.0	1-2 sec	Pink	BAR

Presenting Problem

Attacked by another dog yesterday and now really sad - MT

History

12-03-2024 12:22:44pm, [REDACTED]

Got bitten by another dog about 4pm yesterday.
Got bitten around neck and also under caudal ventral abdo.

Has eaten and drunk and toileted.
Can walk ok
But been depressed this am.

On no other medication at the moment.

Physical Exam

12-03-2024 12:47:44pm, [REDACTED]

Walking well into clinic . BAR, well hydrated. Col-pink, crt-wnl, (not able to assess dental grade). Thorax ausc wnl, abdo- tender but otherwise NSF, fem pulses wnl, temp wnl.

1 x puncture wound LHS dorsal neck - clipped and cleaned with microshield solution

RHS hleg ortho exam wnl but has marked bruising medial aspect around stifle jt region.
There is also a puncture wound caudal aspect RHS hleg in stifle region . There is another puncture wound RHS hleg lateral M/T's and a scratch lateral aspect just proximal to RHS hock

ironically LHS hleg feels more stiff on ortho exam with MLP present

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No fx's , dislocations in either limb.

Assessments

12-03-2024 12:51:29pm, [REDACTED]

Dog fight wounds as above

Plans

12-03-2024 12:51:38pm, [REDACTED]

Have clipped and cleaned all puncture wounds that could be found.

Have advised arnica cream for bruising medial aspect RHS hleg and ice packing to reduce bruising and swelling

Have given metacam 0.38ml SC and TGH metacam 1mg tab sid PO (6)

Have given clav 250mg 1/2 tab BID PO (4)

Have advised should be much improved in 48 hrs - if not to RV

Have advised not to give any steroid medication topical or otherwise whilst on metacam .

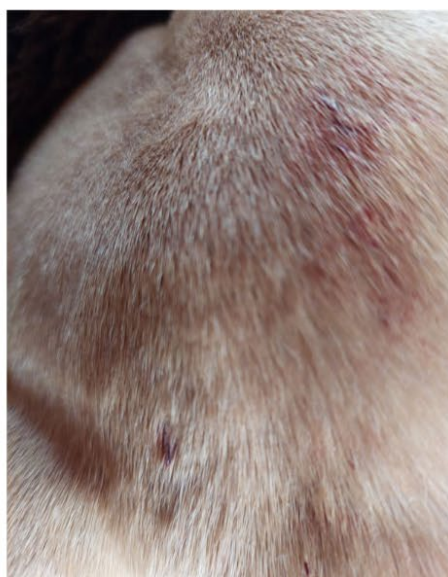
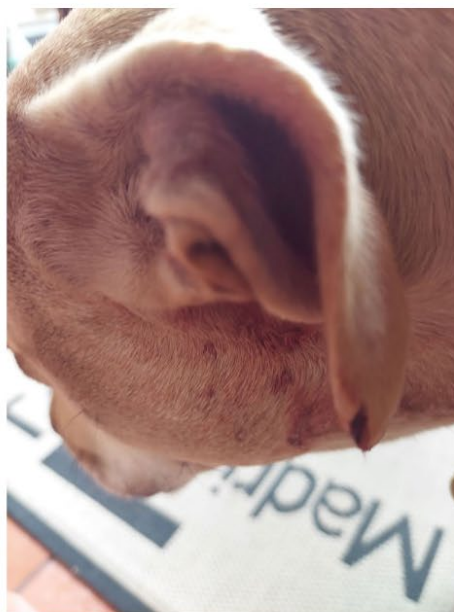
Medication

Date/Time	Drug Name	Qty	Instructions	Prescribed By
12-03-2024 12:42:29pm	Metacam 5Mg/mL Injection 20mL (Per mL)	0.38		[REDACTED]
12-03-2024 12:42:29pm	Metacam Chewable 1Mg 84s (Per Chew) 6	6	Please give 1 tablet orally every 24 hours . Please give with food and start on wednesday around 1pm. Stop if any vomiting, diarrhoea or inappetence occurs	[REDACTED]
12-03-2024 12:42:29pm	Clavulox Injection 40mL (Per mL)	0.5		[REDACTED]
12-03-2024 12:42:29pm	Clavaseptin 250mg 100s (Per Tablet) 4	4	Please give 1/2 a tablet orally every 12 hours starting midday on wednesday	[REDACTED]

Dispensed Medication

Date/Time	Drug Name	Qty	Instructions	Prescribed By
12-03-2024 12:42:29pm	Metacam 5Mg/mL Injection 20mL (Per mL)	0.38		[REDACTED]
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12-03-2024 12:42:29pm	Clavaseptin 250mg 100s (Per Tablet) 4	4	Please give 1/2 a tablet orally every 12 hours starting midday on wednesday	[REDACTED]

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Council Report

Committee: Dog Control Hearings Panel **Date:** 16 September 2025
Author: Susan Stanford **Authoriser:** Kelvin Powell
Position: Animal Control Manager **Position:** Safety and Resilience Unit Director

Report Name: Objection to Menacing Classification of Dog - Ms Queenin

Report Status	<i>Open</i>
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Purpose - *Take*

1. To seek a determination from the Dog Control Hearings Panel on the classification of Shiva (the Dog) as a menacing dog.

Staff Recommendation - *Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi*

2. That the Dog Control Hearings Panel:
 - a) receives the report; and
 - b) confirms it has considered the mandatory matters specified under the Dog Control Act 1996, and other matters relevant to the objection; and
 - c) notes that the Dog Control Hearings Panel in determining any objection can only either uphold or rescind the classification under the Dog Control Act 1996; and
 - d) either **upholds** or **rescinds** the menacing classification.

Executive Summary - *Whakaraapopototanga matua*

3. On 2 July 2025 Council received two complaints regarding Shiva (the Dog) a Female, 5 ½ year old American Pit Bull Terrier (refer to **Attachment 1**) rushing a member of the public as they were walking along Kitchener St, Claudelands, Hamilton (refer **Attachment 2**).
4. The Dog Control Act 1996 sets out the circumstances in which Council may classify a dog as menacing.
5. Staff recommend that the classification of the Dog as menacing is upheld.
6. Staff consider the decision in this report has low significance and that the recommendations comply with the Council's legal requirements.
7. Staff consider the matter/decision has medium risk(s) associated with the decision(s) required for this matter as outlined in the report.

Background - *Koorero whaimaarama*

8. On 2 July 2025 Council received two complaints (CRM 492482 & CRM 492547) regarding Shiva (the Dog) a Female, 5 ½ year old American Pit Bull Terrier. The Dog is registered to Tracy Queenin (Owner). The dog was last registered for the 2024/25 registration year and is currently unregistered.
9. The two reports submitted to Council are for the same event but were assigned to different officers due to the timeframe between which each report was received.
10. CRM 492482 was reported at 11.59am, and primarily concerns the Dog, Shiva roaming in the street, having aggressive mannerisms, and that children have come in contact with the dog and had to jump fences. The investigating officer visited the area and spoke to a man who lives in the street and who noted the dog had come on to his section and behaved aggressively towards him (refer to **Attachment 2**).
11. CRM 429547 primarily concerns the Dog, Shiva, rushing a member of the public as they walked along Kitchener St in Claudelands Hamilton at approximately 12pm (mid-day). The complainant reported having to jump a couple of fences to get away from the dog. In doing so they have sustained scratches and bruises to their extremities and general soreness (refer to **Attachment 2**).
12. On 24 July 2025 the Dog was classified by staff as menacing. Refer to **Attachment 3** for the Notice of Classification.
13. On 8 August 2025 an objection to the classification of the Dog as menacing was received from the Owners. Refer to **Attachment 4** for a copy of the objection.
14. As a result, a hearing has been convened to hear the objection. The Hearing Panel should note:
 - i. the Owners have advised that they wish to be heard in person; and
 - ii. the Complainant has advised that they wish to be contacted closer to the hearing date as they may wish to be heard in person.
15. The normal order of the procedure of a hearing is as follows:
 - i. opening of the meeting by the Chair;
 - ii. the Objector presents their objection and supporting evidence;
 - iii. any witnesses in support of the objection speak to their evidence;
 - iv. the Complainant and any witnesses in opposition of the objection speak to their evidence;
 - v. Staff summarise the Committee report and makes any comments regarding information provided at the hearing;
 - vi. the Objector has the opportunity to respond to any new matters or points not already covered during the hearing;
 - vii. the hearing is closed or adjourned for a decision to be made.
16. For the avoidance of doubt:
 - i. The Chair of the hearing may change the order of the hearing at their discretion.
 - ii. There is **no** opportunity for cross examination at the hearing by any party.
 - iii. Members of the Hearings Panel may ask questions for clarification of the parties during the hearing.

Discussion - *Matapaki*

17. [Section 33B](#) provides that in making its determination the Committee **must** have regard to:
 - i. the evidence which formed the basis for the classification;

- ii. any steps taken by the owner to prevent any threat to the safety of persons or animals;
- iii. the matters relied on in support of the objection; and
- iv. any other relevant matters.

Evidence which formed the basis for the classification

18. In deciding to classify the Dog, staff have relied on the following evidence:
- a. The statement from the complainant who was rushed by the Dog
 - b. A Complaint made by a separate person of the Dog acting aggressively
 - c. During the investigation when speaking to a person who lives in the street, they noted that the dog had gone onto his section and behaved aggressively towards him.

Matters relied on or advanced in support of the objection

19. The Owner objects to the classification on the following grounds:
- a. The complainant could not get over a two-metre fence.
 - b. That their neighbour did not see it.
 - c. There was no harm to woman and child.
 - d. No aggression towards officers.
 - e. Complaint made 3 hours after dog was returned to property.
 - f. Breed of dog.
 - g. Dog goes to day care.
20. Refer to **Attachment 3** for the copy of the objection.

Steps taken by the owner to prevent any threat to the safety of persons or animals

21. Staff are **not** aware of any further steps taken by the Owner, apart from some repairs to the gate, to prevent any threat to the safety of persons or animals. The Owner may have further information on this matter at the hearing.
22. The dog has been desexed.

Other relevant matters

23. The Dog Control Act 1996 requires consideration of any other matters that the Hearings Panel considers relevant.
24. Council's Dog Control Policy provides direction on how Council will fulfil its legislative responsibilities pursuant to the [Dog Control Act 1996](#) and the Dog Control Bylaw. The Hearing Panel should consider whether its decision is consistent with the purposes in the Dog Control Policy, specifically:
- i. the need to minimise danger, distress, and nuisance to the community generally;
 - ii. the need to avoid the inherent danger in allowing dogs to have uncontrolled access to public places that are frequented by children, whether or not the children are accompanied by adults;
 - iii. the importance of enabling, to the extent that is practicable, the public (including families) to use streets and public amenities without fear of attack or intimidation by dogs;

iv. the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners.

25. Ownership history and recorded dog behaviour can be a relevant consideration if it provides evidence of prior good or poor dog or ownership behaviour. Council has received seven complaints relating to this dog since May 2024, see table below.

Date & CRM	Complaint	Outcome
31/5/2024 CRM 404540-2024	Barking Dog barking throughout day and night.	Dog was not registered. Advice given to dog owner on barking and registration. Dog registered. Complainant did not return log sheets – no more barking complaints. Outcome - No further action.
3/8/2024 CRM 417357-2024	Roaming Dog out roaming complainant notes neighbours are scared of this dog.	Area patrolled; dog sighted behind closed gates. AECO spoke with dog owner who said they didn't know the gate was open. Dog was only out for a few minutes. Outcome - Advice given.
5/8/2024 CRM 417632-2024	Roaming Complainant noted dog is out frequently and neighbours are afraid of the dog.	AECO patrolled area and saw dog out and observed it squeeze through a gap in the gates. Dog seized and impounded AECO spoke with dog owner about this and suggest find something to fill the gap until the gate is repaired. Outcome - Dog impounded.
12/12/2024 CRM 447348-2024	Roaming	Complaint came through Antenno with a picture of the dog in the street. Complainant unsure how dog got out as gate closed at the address it is from. AECO spoke with dog owner about the incident and sent them the photo by text. Outcome – no further action
15/2/2025 CRM 459735-2025	Barking Dog barking aggressively at people	Complaint describes dog as barking aggressively at them through the fence and at people walking past. AECO spoke with dog owner about barking and how others may perceive the barking. Log sheets sent to complainant. Outcome – closed awaiting log sheets.
2/7/2025 CRM 492482-2025	Roaming This CRM should have been categorised as a rushing based on what complainant observed.	Complainant noted dog has aggressive mannerism and children have come into contact with the dog and jumped fences to get away. Refer to Attachment 2 Outcome for this CRM – advice only.
2/7/2025	Rushing	Refer to Attachment 2

CRM 492547-2025		Outcome – infringement and menacing classification of dog.
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Options – *Koowhiringa*

26. Under the [Dog Control Act 1996](#), territorial authorities have two options when considering an outcome of an objection to a dog being classified as menacing:

Option 1: to uphold the classification; or

Option 2: to rescind the classification.

27. There are no other options open to the Dog Control Hearings Panel under the [Dog Control Act 1996](#).

28. The staff recommendation is that the Hearings Panel choose **Option 1** and uphold the classification for the following reasons:

- i. The complaints about dog Shiva show an escalation in behaviour, from barking, to roaming and most recently roaming and rushing at members of the public and AEC staff believe the Dog poses an ongoing risk to members of the public.
- ii. One of the effects of a menacing classification is the requirement for the dog to be muzzled while in a public place to prevent it from biting.

Financial Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro Puutea*

29. This is a regular operating activity funded through the Long-Term Plan.

Legal Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture*

Menacing Dog Classification

26. [Section 33A](#) of the [Dog Control Act 1996](#) provides that a territorial authority may classify dog as menacing that has not been classified as a dangerous dog under section 31; but a territorial authority considers may pose a threat to any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife because of—
- i. any observed or reported behaviour of the dog; or
 - ii. any characteristics typically associated with the dog's breed or type.

Effect of a menacing dog classification

27. If a dog is classified as a menacing dog under [section 33A](#) the owner of the dog:
- i. must not allow the dog to be at large or in any public place or in any private way, except when confined completely within a vehicle or cage, without being muzzled in such a manner as to prevent the dog from biting but to allow it to breathe and drink without obstruction; and
 - ii. must, if required by the territorial authority (refer below to Council's Dog Control Policy) within 1 month after receipt of notice of the classification, produce to the territorial authority a certificate issued by a veterinarian certifying—
 - I. that the dog is or has been neutered; or
 - II. that for reasons that are specified in the certificate, the dog will not be in a fit condition to be neutered before a date specified in the certificate; and
 - iii. must, if a non-neutering certificate is produced to the territorial authority, produce to the territorial authority, within 1 month after the date specified in that certificate, a further certificate that the dog has now been neutered.

28. A menacing classification extends to the whole of New Zealand and remains in place for the life of the dog.
29. There is no provision under the Dog Control Act 1996 to appeal this decision to the district Court.

Council's Dog Control Policy – Neutering of dogs classified as menacing:

30. Council's Dog Control Policy provides direction on how Council will fulfil its legislative responsibilities pursuant to the [Dog Control Act 1996](#) and the Dog Control Bylaw.
31. The [Dog Control Policy](#) requires mandatory neutering of dogs classified as menacing in accordance with the provisions of the [Dog Control Act 1996](#). Mandatory neutering also includes dogs classified as menacing by other territorial authorities where that dog is in the jurisdiction of Hamilton City Council.

Right to make an objection

32. [Section 33B](#) provides a dog owner with the right to object to the classification. If a dog is classified under section 33A as a menacing dog, the owner:
 - i. may, within 14 days of receiving notice of the classification, object in writing to the territorial authority in regard to the classification; and
 - ii. has the right to be heard in support of the objection.
33. The territorial authority considering an objection under subsection (1) may uphold or rescind the classification, and in making its determination must have regard to—
 - i. the evidence which formed the basis for the classification; and
 - ii. any steps taken by the owner to prevent any threat to the safety of persons or animals; and
 - iii. the matters relied on in support of the objection; and
 - iv. any other relevant matters.
34. The territorial authority must, as soon as practicable, give written notice to the owner of—
 - i. its determination of the objection; and
 - ii. the reasons for its determination.

Risks - *Tuuraru*

35. Public safety risk: If a dog owner that should have been classified is not, their behaviour may mean that animals in their possession may continue to pose a potential threat to the public or other animals. This could result in attacks or incidents that cause harm.
36. Reputation and perception: Failure to properly classify a dog owner may affect the public perception of Council's approach to enforcement.

Strategic Considerations - *Whaiwhakaaro-aa- rautaki*

37. Everything we do is aimed at improving the wellbeing of Hamiltonians. Council has been working alongside our community to understand what people in our city want the future of Hamilton Kirikiriroa to look like as represented by our five priorities.
38. The promotion of the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future is expressed through Council's key strategies.
39. The proposed recommendation will align with Council key documents, as identified in the Governance Structure, in the following ways.

Significance and Engagement Policy	Staff have considered the key considerations under the Significance and
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	<p>Engagement Policy and have assessed that the matter(s) in this report has/have a low level of significance.</p> <p>Given the low level of significance determined, the engagement level is low. No engagement is required.</p>
Our Climate Future Te Pae Tawhiti o Kirikirioa	<p>Staff have assessed this option against the Climate Change Policy for both emissions and climate change adaptation. Staff have determined no adaptation, or emissions assessment is required.</p>

Attachments - *Ngaa taapirihanga*

Attachment 1 - Compliant - CRM 492547

Attachment 2 - Barking Complaint - CRM 492482

Attachment 3 - Historic CRM's

Attachment 4 - Menancing Classification Paperwork - Shiva

Attachment 5 - Objection Recieved

Attachment 6 - Shiva Breed and Registration .



Animal Complaint Record 492547/2025

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COMPLAINANT		Officer	D53
Complaint Received	02/07/2025	Home Phone 1	[REDACTED]
Name	[REDACTED]	Home Phone 2	
Address	[REDACTED]	Mob Phone	[REDACTED]

PROPERTY

Property Address	[REDACTED]	Safety Alert	YES	Dog chased this customer
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ANIMAL DETAILS

Animal Number	248833	Animal Name	Shiva	Tattoo	953010005 109582
Animal Location	[REDACTED]	Color		Sex	F
Owner Address	[REDACTED]	Owner Name	[REDACTED]	NAR No.	1165417

REQUEST DETAILS

Offence Date		<p>Rushing Dog: Customer was walking down [REDACTED] this morning at about 12:00 and was rushed by a dog outside number [REDACTED]. The customer had to jump a couple of fences to get away from the dog, he has scratches on his wrists, knees, shins, and he thinks he has sprained his ankle. The dog is a brown pitbull looking dog, darker mottled brown with a white chest, medium sized dog.. Soon after the dog chased him, the dog was seen to be behind a closed fence at [REDACTED]. Customer has a video of the locked behind the fence. The people across the road have offered to be a witness to the rushing, their name is [REDACTED] and they live across the road.</p>
Major Category	Animal Control (heading only)	
Minor Category	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	
Category 3	Dogs - Rushing (heading only)	
Category 4	Dogs - Rushing Animal - Historic	

INVESTIGATION DETAILS

Officer	D53
Start Date	02/07/2025 03:19
Finish Date	22/07/2025 01:23
Outcome	Animals - Sect 20(5) Breach Bylaw Infr.
Task	Investigation

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02/07/2025 3:35pm. Myself and D41 patrolled along and around [REDACTED] no dog sighted. [REDACTED]

02/07/2025 D41 spoke to the neighbor, who had advised us that they had put the dog back into the section, and was now contained. [REDACTED]

02/07/2025 4:23pm. Spoke to comp over the phone, comp is going to send me a statement via email. 03/07/2025. Received email statement from comp. [REDACTED]

02/07/2025 Mistake made on previous notes, patrol of [REDACTED] was at 12:15pm, not 3:35pm. 3:30pm While D41 was speaking to the D/O on the phone back at base, a rushing job for the same address had come about, so D41 spoke to the D/O about this as well, and offered some advice around containment, which led me to speaking to the comp at 4:23pm, as in previous note. [REDACTED] 3:35pm. Phoned D/O to deliver the outcome, letting them know that the dog would be classed as menacing, as well as an infringement would be issued. D/O is wanting to contest the decision, and has requested the email of management. [REDACTED]

10:27am. Phoned comp to deliver the outcome. [REDACTED] 14/07/2025) Paperwork completed and a copy has been given to admin. Infringement scanned and added to CRM. NFA [REDACTED]

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Previous Complaints for Dog

CRM No.	404540/2024	Task	2INV
Animal	248833	Outcome	ADVC
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	D45
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	31-May-24 12:15:00 PM
Cat 3	Dogs - Barking	Closed	25-Jul-24 11:52:00 AM
Cat 4			
CRM No.	417357/2024	Task	2INV
Animal	248833	Outcome	ADVC
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	D17
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	03-Aug-24 09:34:00 AM
Cat 3	Dogs - Roaming (heading only)	Closed	03-Aug-24 10:32:00 AM
Cat 4	Dogs - Roaming - Public Place		
CRM No.	417632/2024	Task	2INV
Animal	248833	Outcome	SEIZ
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	D45
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	05-Aug-24 11:06:00 AM
Cat 3	Dogs - Roaming (heading only)	Closed	05-Aug-24 02:59:00 PM

Cat 4 Dogs - Roaming -
Public Place

CRM No.	447348/2024	Task	ANTE
Animal	248833	Outcome	RCAT
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	12-Dec-24 05:42:47 PM
Cat 3	Dogs - Roaming (heading only)	Closed	12-Dec-24 06:12:55 PM
Cat 4	Dogs - Roaming - Public Place		

CRM No.	447348/2024	Task	2INV
Animal	248833	Outcome	ADVC
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	D45
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	12-Dec-24 06:12:00 PM
Cat 3	Dogs - Roaming (heading only)	Closed	13-Dec-24 11:26:00 AM
Cat 4	Dogs - Roaming - Public Place		

CRM No.	459735/2025	Task	ANTE
Animal	248833	Outcome	RCAT
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	15-Feb-25 12:10:01 PM
Cat 3	Dogs - Barking	Closed	16-Feb-25 08:52:48 AM
Cat 4			

CRM No.	459735/2025	Task	2INV
Animal	248833	Outcome	ADVC
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	JTEA
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	16-Feb-25 08:52:00 AM
Cat 3	Dogs - Barking	Closed	07-Mar-25 02:47:00 PM
Cat 4			

CRM No.	492482/2025	Task	2INV
Animal	248833	Outcome	ADVC
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	D41
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	02-Jul-25 11:59:00 AM
Cat 3	Dogs - Roaming (heading only)	Closed	10-Jul-25 03:24:00 PM
Cat 4	Dogs - Roaming - Public Place		

CRM No.	492547/2025	Task	2INV
Animal	248833	Outcome	S205

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Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	D53
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	02-Jul-25 03:19:00 PM
Cat 3	Dogs - Rushing (heading only)	Closed	22-Jul-25 01:23:00 PM
Cat 4	Dogs - Rushing Animal - Historic		

CRM No.	499264/2025	Task	ADIN
Animal	248833	Outcome	COMP
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	SGRI
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	13-Aug-25 12:05:00 PM
Cat 3	Dogs - Offences - Officer (heading only)	Closed	13-Aug-25 12:06:00 PM
Cat 4	Dogs - Officer - Serve Dog Classification		

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CRM No.	499264/2025	Task	2INV
Animal	248833	Outcome	MENC
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	AHU
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	24-Jul-25 03:20:00 PM
Cat 3	Dogs - Offences - Officer (heading only)	Closed	15-Aug-25 01:54:00 PM
Cat 4	Dogs - Officer - Serve Dog Classification		

CRM No.	499264/2025	Task	2ACO
Animal	248833	Outcome	MENC
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	D36
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	13-Aug-25 12:03:00 PM
Cat 3	Dogs - Offences - Officer (heading only)	Closed	15-Aug-25 01:54:13 PM
Cat 4	Dogs - Officer - Serve Dog Classification		

Susan (Sue) Stanford

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 18 August 2025 3:42 pm
To: Susan (Sue) Stanford
Subject: FW: Dog complaint

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 3 July 2025 1:33 pm
To: [REDACTED]@hcc.govt.nz
Subject: Dog complaint

Hello [REDACTED]

Re our conversation over the phone yesterday, I would like to make a complaint about a Pitbull and its' owners or [REDACTED]

Yesterday I was walking down [REDACTED] at about 12pm when all of a sudden, a brindle-coloured Pitbull (mostly brown with a white chest) appeared on the footpath, roughly outside number [REDACTED]. The dog started barking aggressively and began running at me, it got extremely close (half a meter) causing me to jump over the fence at number [REDACTED] to avoid being attacked. The dog then ran onto the property of number [REDACTED], again barking and running towards me causing me to then jump back over the fence onto the footpath. This back and forth happened a few times until it didn't come out of the property again and I managed to escape down a long driveway of number [REDACTED] (towards a block of flats). I stood there for about 10 mins and tried to call the council to complain about the dog but eventually gave up waiting and proceeded to leave the area (the block of flats at [REDACTED] when I encountered the dog again, on the driveway of the block of flats at number [REDACTED] where it again rushed at me aggressively and barking causing me to have to jump another fence onto property [REDACTED]. At this time, I called a family member who came and picked me up. Shortly after this I drove back to [REDACTED] to try to spot where the dog lived and found it was now locked behind a fence in property [REDACTED].

I have suffered a few minor cuts, scrapes and bruises and general soreness as well as modest damage to my clothes from jumping over the fences and feel the dog's behaviour was extremely dangerous and threatening.

The ordeal was witnessed by some people in the block of flats at number [REDACTED] and has left me somewhat shaken.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

Attachment 1



Animal Complaint Record 492482/2025

COMPLAINANT		Officer	D41
Complaint Received	02/07/2025	Home Phone 1	N/A
Name	Anonymous Anonymous Anonymous	Home Phone 2	
Address	No Details Provided C/- Hamilton City Council Private Bag 3010	Mob Phone	

PROPERTY

Property Address		Safety Alert	YES	Barking aggressively and confronting people.
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ANIMAL DETAILS

Animal Number	248833	Animal Name	Shiva	Tattoo	95301000:109582
Animal Location		Color		Sex	F
Owner Address		Owner Name		NAR No.	1165417

REQUEST DETAILS

Offence Date		Brown Medium Dog, customer advised the dog is roaming up and down [REDACTED]. Dog has aggressive mannerism; children have come in contact with the dog and have been jumping fences etc to get away from the dog.
Major Category	Animal Control (heading only)	
Minor Category	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	
Category 3	Dogs - Roaming (heading only)	
Category 4	Dogs - Roaming - Public Place	

INVESTIGATION DETAILS

Officer	D41	<p>02/07/2025 12.15pm. Went to [REDACTED], No dogs sighted on the road. Went to [REDACTED] spoke with a man who has told me that the dog is from just down the road he think [REDACTED]. He has told me that the dog has come on to his property right around the back of his house at been aggressive to him. He has said the dog has backed off when told to go home. I have gone to number [REDACTED], a man was outside the gate. I recognised him as the dog owner from [REDACTED]. He has told me the gate was slightly open and he has chased the dog back in the fence and secured the gate. He was talking to the dog owner when i arrived. The dog has said that the gate is having issues but she will get it sorted. I have checked that the dog is registered and informed the dog owner that i would call her back once i have had a look at the history on the dog. I have gone and told my comp what i had done and headed back to base and checked on the dogs history no roaming jobs for this dog since 08/2024. [REDACTED]</p> <p>02/07/2025 3.30pm Dog owner has called back so i have spoken to her about her dog being out. A second job for a rushing has come in for her dog rushing (CRM492547). [REDACTED] is taking this CRM so we talked to her about that CRM as well. Advice given on containment NFA action on this CRM ([REDACTED])</p>
Start Date	02/07/2025 11:59	
Finish Date	10/07/2025 03:24	
Outcome	* Advice Given	
Task	Investigation	



Animal Complaint Record 404540/2024

COMPLAINANT		Officer	D45
Complaint Received	31/05/2024	Home Phone 1	
Name	[REDACTED]	Home Phone 2	
Address	[REDACTED]	Mob Phone	[REDACTED]

PROPERTY

Property Address	[REDACTED]	Safety Alert	NO
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ANIMAL DETAILS

Animal Number	248833	Animal Name	Shiva	Tattoo	953010005 109582
Animal Location	[REDACTED]	Color		Sex	F
Owner Address	[REDACTED]	Owner Name	[REDACTED]	NAR No.	1165417

REQUEST DETAILS

Offence Date		Dog at [REDACTED] consistently barking throughout day and night
Major Category	Animal Control (heading only)	
Minor Category	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	
Category 3	Dogs - Barking	
Category 4		

INVESTIGATION DETAILS

Officer	D45
Start Date	31/05/2024 12:15
Finish Date	25/07/2024 11:52
Outcome	* Advice Given
Task	Investigation

08-06-2024 9:25am Checked database, no current records for this address s. Follow up required. [REDACTED]

08-06-2024 9:40am Tried phoning complainant, no answer. Text message sent informing of log sheets being posted out. Posted log sheet and barking complaint information letter. [REDACTED]

08/06/2024) 08-06-2024 10:20am Phone call received from comp, discussed log sheet requirements and confirmed dog address is [REDACTED]

08-06-2024 11:10am Attended address and have spoken with D/O [REDACTED] Dog is Shiva, a female, brindle and white, 2 year old, Staffy crossbreed (953010005109582). I have discussed registration and barking complaint/log sheets with [REDACTED] who believes that if Shiva is barking it would be because she can see the foot traffic through the gate. I have discussed perhaps covering the gate with mesh or something to block the view to see if this helps. [REDACTED] has advised that her neighbour (#13) has previously spoken to her about Shiva barking but has recently come over (in the past couple of weeks) and told [REDACTED] she has definitely noticed a reduction in barking so [REDACTED] is a little confused. [REDACTED] has acknowledged the complaints process and has a good understanding of the process. I have left with [REDACTED] advising she will probably register Shiva online in the coming week or two. [REDACTED] 12-06-2024 1:45pm Registration pack posted requesting compliance by 7th July 2024. Barking flyers and barking letter also posted. [REDACTED]

25-07-2024

11:50am Shiva is now registered and linked. NFA. [REDACTED]
- 25/07/2024)

Previous Complaints for Dog

CRM No.	404540/2024	Task	2INV
Animal	248833	Outcome	ADVC
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	D45
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	31-May-24 12:15:00 PM
Cat 3	Dogs - Barking	Closed	25-Jul-24 11:52:00 AM
Cat 4			

CRM No.	417357/2024	Task	2INV
Animal	248833	Outcome	ADVC
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	D17
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	03-Aug-24 09:34:00 AM
Cat 3	Dogs - Roaming (heading only)	Closed	03-Aug-24 10:32:00 AM
Cat 4	Dogs - Roaming - Public Place		

CRM No.	417632/2024	Task	2INV
Animal	248833	Outcome	SEIZ
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	D45



Animal Complaint Record 417357/2024

COMPLAINANT		Officer	D17
Complaint Received	03/08/2024	Home Phone 1	
Name	[REDACTED]	Home Phone 2	
Address	[REDACTED]	Mob Phone	[REDACTED]

PROPERTY

Property Address	[REDACTED]	Safety Alert	NO
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ANIMAL DETAILS

Animal Number	248833	Animal Name	Shiva	Tattoo	953010005 109582
Animal Location	[REDACTED]	Color		Sex	F
Owner Address	[REDACTED]	Owner Name	[REDACTED]	NAR No.	1165417

REQUEST DETAILS

Offence Date		Dog from [REDACTED] is out roaming. [REDACTED] are scared of this dog, although it hasn't really done anything. It is a black and brown dog that [REDACTED] have had issues with in the past.
Major Category	Animal Control (heading only)	
Minor Category	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	
Category 3	Dogs - Roaming (heading only)	
Category 4	Dogs - Roaming - Public Place	

INVESTIGATION DETAILS

Officer	D17	D17	03/08/2024 10.10am
Start Date	03/08/2024 09:34	No dogs sighted loose.	
Finish Date	03/08/2024 10:32	Sight the resident dog [REDACTED] secure in its yard.	
Outcome	* Advice Given	Speak to the dog owner - she had let the dog outside not realising the gate had been left ajar - dog was only out a few minutes.	
Task	Investigation	Advised onl y.	N.F.A. [REDACTED]

Previous Complaints for Dog

CRM No.	404540/2024	Task	2INV
Animal	248833	Outcome	ADVC
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	D45
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	31-May-24 12:15:00 PM
Cat 3	Dogs - Barking	Closed	25-Jul-24 11:52:00 AM
Cat 4			



Animal Complaint Record 417632/2024

COMPLAINANT

Complaint Received	05/08/2024	Officer	D45
Name	[REDACTED]	Home Phone 1	
Address	[REDACTED]	Home Phone 2	
		Mob Phone	[REDACTED]

PROPERTY

Property Address	[REDACTED]	Safety Alert	
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ANIMAL DETAILS

Animal Number	248833	Animal Name	Shiva	Tattoo	953010005109582
Animal Location	[REDACTED]	Color	[REDACTED]	Sex	F
Owner Address	[REDACTED]	Owner Name	[REDACTED]	NAR No.	1165417

REQUEST DETAILS

Offence Date		Please keep callers information anonymous to anyone other than animal control - she logged 417357/2024 re same dog roaming over the weekend. [REDACTED] has a large black and brown bull mastiff looking dog living at it (u/k if has a collar or not) - dog is known to be aggressive by all the [REDACTED] dog is currently out on the street [REDACTED] appears that it can get out of the property through either via the gate that doesn't close property or it has learnt to open - or - hole in the fencing somewhere - comes and goes in and out of the section all day as it pleases. When the caller who lives [REDACTED] it tries to get her through the fence she said so she fears this dog - as do other neighbours and there are lots of little children living in houses nearby - concerned with it loose re this. [REDACTED] and is fearing constantly this dog out all the time - gets into her front yard - she was planning on going for a walk with her [REDACTED] this morning but with this dog out roaming again she is stuck home unable to do the walk she intended. She would like a call to discuss if we found the dog today or what we are doing so she can go out for her walk - not leaving until she knows it is safe to do so she said.
Major Category	Animal Control (heading only)	
Minor Category	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	
Category 3	Dogs - Roaming (heading only)	
Category 4	Dogs - Roaming - Public Place	

INVESTIGATION DETAILS

Officer	D45
Start Date	05/08/2024 11:06
Finish Date	05/08/2024 02:59
Outcome	Animals - Seized
Task	Investigation

05-08-2024 11:30am D47 and I have patrolled the area and seen dog known to me as Shiva of [REDACTED] roaming. We have followed her home where she has been able to squeeze in and out of the gate which we could not push. Gate appears to be stuck in a slightly open position. I have tried phoning [REDACTED] to discuss, no answer. After some coaxing I have been able to slip a lead on Shiva however she has required pulling into the truck. Seizure notice for S52A(4) left attached to gate.

Upon travelling back to AECU to impound Shiva, [REDACTED] has returned my call. I have informed her of the report, what I have seen and that Shiva has been seized and will be impounded once I arrive back at base. [REDACTED] has uplifted Shiva shortly afterwards and I have advised her on containment. [REDACTED] says that the gate isn't closing the full way and will have to get it repaired. I have advised she put something in place to fill the gap until the gate is fixed. NFA. [REDACTED]

K:17 KR:52388 [REDACTED]

05/08/2024)

Previous Complaints for Dog

CRM No.	404540/2024	Task	2INV
Animal	248833	Outcome	ADVC
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	D45
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	31-May-24 12:15:00 PM
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Cat 4	Dogs - Roaming - Public Place		

CRM No.	417632/2024	Task	2INV
Animal	248833	Outcome	SEIZ
Maj Cat.	Animal Control (heading only)	Officer	D45
Min Cat.	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	Opened	05-Aug-24 11:06:00 AM
Cat 3	Dogs - Roaming (heading only)	Closed	05-Aug-24 02:59:00 PM
Cat 4	Dogs - Roaming - Public Place		

CRM No.	447348/2024	Task	ANTE
Animal	248833	Outcome	RCAT



Animal Complaint Record 447348/2024

COMPLAINANT		Officer	D45
Complaint Received	12/12/2024	Home Phone 1	
Name	[REDACTED]	Home Phone 2	
Address	[REDACTED]	Mob Phone	[REDACTED]

PROPERTY

Property Address		Safety Alert	
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ANIMAL DETAILS

Animal Number	248833	Animal Name	Shiva	Tattoo	953010005 109582
Animal Location	[REDACTED]	Color		Sex	F
Owner Address	[REDACTED]	Owner Name	[REDACTED]	NAR No.	1165417

REQUEST DETAILS

Offence Date		ID: AR2412157009; Description: Dog has got free and is roaming the street; Category: Dog & animal issues ; Report Type: Roaming dog;
Major Category	Animal Control (heading only)	[REDACTED]
Minor Category	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	[REDACTED]
Category 3	Dogs - Roaming (heading only)	[REDACTED]
Category 4	Dogs - Roaming - Public Place	[REDACTED]

INVESTIGATION DETAILS

Officer	D45	ID: AR2412157009;
Start Date	12/12/2024 06:12	Description: Dog has got free and is roaming the s treet;
Finish Date	13/12/2024 11:26	Category: Dog & animal issues ;
Outcome	* Advice Given	Report Type: Roaming dog;
Task	Investigation	[REDACTED]

3214); 13-12-2024 8:30am Reviewed photo and I recognise the dog as Shiva of [REDACTED] I have phoned complainant who confirms the dog comes from [REDACTED] she was outside roaming but he is not sure how she has gotten out as the electric gate was closed. Complainant confirms the time the photograph was taken was at 5:39pm on 12-12-2024.

I have phoned [REDACTED] and informed her I have received a very clear photo of Shiva roaming on [REDACTED] last night at 5:39pm, and that the complainant noted the gate was closed at the time. [REDACTED] has advised she was home at this time and wonders if Shiva has snuck out the gate when it has been opened when someone has come home. I have discussed containment, sent a copy of the photo via text and closed CRM as advice given on this occasion. NFA. [REDACTED]



Animal Complaint Record 459735/2025

COMPLAINANT		Officer	JTEA
Complaint Received	15/02/2025	Home Phone 1	
Name	[REDACTED]	Home Phone 2	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]	Mob Phone	[REDACTED]

PROPERTY

Property Address	[REDACTED]	Safety Alert	NO
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ANIMAL DETAILS

Animal Number	248833	Animal Name	Shiva	Tattoo	953010005 109582
Animal Location	[REDACTED]	Color	[REDACTED]	Sex	F
Owner Address	[REDACTED]	Owner Name	[REDACTED]	NAR No.	1165417

REQUEST DETAILS

Offence Date		ID: AR2502167229; Description: Dog is constantly barking while we are [REDACTED] and viciously barks at any passers by of the gate. Has been a constant problem for the street for a long time and people avoid going past the house.; Category: Dog & animal issues ; Report Type: Dog barking continuously; [REDACTED]
Major Category	Animal Control (heading only)	
Minor Category	Dogs - Offences (heading only)	
Category 3	Dogs - Barking	
Category 4		

INVESTIGATION DETAILS

Officer	JTEA
Start Date	16/02/2025 08:52
Finish Date	07/03/2025 02:47
Outcome	* Advice Given
Task	Investigation

ID: AR2502167229;

Description: Dog is constantly barking while [REDACTED] and viciously barks at any passers by of the gate. Has been a constant problem for the street for a long time and people avoid going past the house.;

Category: Dog & animal issues ;

Report Type: Dog barking continuously;

[REDACTED]

18/02/2025 03:45pm Contacted COMP regarding barking complaint. Discussed the issues in the complaint and how they are affecting themselves and neighbourhood. Said it is mostly when COMP and family are in their own section behind house that the dog actively barks from its side directing at them. Comp's other main concern is when people walk past the D/O's property. It runs at the gate barking really stern and, in their words, "looks quite intimidating". As a dog owner he feels that if you were not knowledgeable around dogs and their behaviours. This dog could put someone in a really sticky situation if it got out with how territorial it displays. Has tried to talk to the D/O but she just laughed off the behaviour as "oh she's a good guard dog hey" says they like the D/O but feel they are maybe unaware or perhaps just a little naive about the whole situation. Have encouraged them to fill out barking log sheets if that's the avenue they would like to pursue. Explained in depth the process and how we require the information to be input. Also made them aware that I would speak to the D/O and advise them I have received a complaint. Comp was happy about this and said he would still fill log sheets but perhaps a conversation with D/O might be the shock she needs. No pun intended. [REDACTED] 19/02/2025 12:20pm

Have spoken to D/O. She is currently in Australia and has someone house sitting and tending to Shiva. Informed her that we have received a complaint and the process that we handle things. Acknowledged her being away but also asked if she could tell me more about Shiva and her behaviours/temperament. She explained Shiva goes to doggy daycare every Monday. Every 2nd day at the least is taken out on walks both on leash and off leash. Has a large yard which I can also see she has based off of Google maps. Yes, she does bark at passerby's and that she felt this was somewhat justified as she did have some menacing teens in the past menacing Shiva through the gate but does understand how that can be perceived. We discussed stereotypes of certain breeds and how dogs are perceived from uneducated people. She is going to implicate steps to reduce barking and has previously sprayed water in previous years but will look into a vibrating collar for when she is out as feels she is pretty good when she is home. Will also remain vigilant with nipping abrupt or menacing barking in the butt. Advised her that the log sheets will still likely be filled out and sent in but so long as both parties are communicating with me and taking advice. We should reach a desired outcome. [REDACTED]

07/03/2025 02:45pm Awaiting log sheets. Closing [REDACTED]

Previous Complaints for Dog

CRM No. 404540/2024

Task 2INV



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hamilton.govt.nz

24 July 2025



Dear 

Classification of Dog as Menacing Dog Section 33A Dog Control Act 1996

Section 33A of the Dog Control Act 1996 ("DCA") enables Hamilton City Council ("HCC"), to classify a dog that it considers poses a threat to any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife because of:

- a. any observed or reported behaviour of the dog; or
- b. any characteristics typically associated with the dog's breed or type.

As a result of the observed or reported behaviour HCC has classified the dog as a Menacing Dog under s33A of the Dog Control Act 1996. The Notice of Classification of Dog as Menacing Dog ("the Notice") is enclosed.

HCC requires you to have the dog de-sexed, and to provide a copy of the de-sexing certificate to HCC within one month from the date shown on the Notice.

You may be able to take advantage of discounts available through HCC for de-sexing fees with a contracted veterinarian. Microchipping is also available at the Animal Education and Control Centre. If you would like further information about these services, please contact the Animal Education and Control team on 07 838 6632.

Please ensure that you comply with the requirements of the classification within the timeframes outlined in the enclosed Notice to avoid any further enforcement action. If you do not agree with the Classification you may object in writing within 14 days of receiving the Classification, by emailing dog.registration@hcc.govt.nz

You must have valid ground for an objection and produce evidence that your dog is not of a breed or type listed above.

If you have any questions regarding the Notice of Classification, please contact HCC's Animal Education & Control Centre, phone 07 838 6632.

Regards,

Susan Stanford
Animal Education and Control Manager
Animal Education and Control
217 Ellis Street, Hamilton
Phone: 07 838 6632
Email: dog.registration@hcc.govt.nz



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Notice of Classification of Dog as Menacing Dog

Section 33A, Dog Control Act 1996

To: *
(name of owner)



Address:

Dog Details:

**Female, Neutered American Pitbull Terrier, Brindle
in colour, Named SHIVA, aged 5 years and 5 months
approximately, Microchip 953 010 005 109 582**

This is to notify you* that this dog has been classified as a menacing dog under section 33A(2) of the Dog Control Act 1996.

This is because of the aggressive behavior displayed by the dog on Wednesday, 2nd July 2025, in Hamilton.

A summary of the effect of the classification and your right to object is provided below.

Animal Education and Control Manager

24 July 2025
Date

* For the purposes of the Dog Control Act 1996, you are the owner of a dog if:-

- you own the dog; or
- you have the dog in your possession (otherwise than for a period not exceeding 72 hours for the purpose of preventing the dog causing injury, damage, or distress, or for the sole purpose of restoring a lost dog to its owner); or
- you are the parent or guardian of a person under 16 who is the owner of the dog and who is a member of your household living with and dependent on you.

S 33E(1) Effect of classification as a menacing dog

Sections 33E, 33F, 36A, Dog Control Act 1996

You —

- (a) must not allow the dog to be at large or in any public place or in any private way (other than when confined completely within a vehicle or cage) without the dog being muzzled in such a manner as to prevent the dog from biting but to allow it to breathe and drink without obstruction; and
- (b) must produce to HCC within 1 month after receipt of this notice, a certificate issued by a veterinary surgeon certifying —
 - (i) that the dog is or has been neutered; or

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- (ii) that for reasons that are specified in the certificate, the dog will not be in a fit condition to be neutered before a date specified in the certificate; and
- (c) must, if a certificate under paragraph (b)(ii) is produced to HCC, produce to HCC, within 1 month after the date specified in that certificate, a further certificate under paragraph (b)(i).

You will commit an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 if you fail to comply with all of the matters in paragraphs (a) to (c) above.

A dog control officer or dog ranger may seize and remove the dog from you if you fail to comply with all of the matters in paragraphs (a) to (c) above. The officer or ranger may keep the dog until you demonstrate that you are willing to comply with paragraphs (a) to (c).

You are also required, for the purposes of providing permanent identification of the dog, to arrange for the dog to be implanted with a functioning microchip transponder. This must be confirmed by making the dog available to HCC in accordance with the reasonable instructions of HCC for verification that the dog has been implanted with a functioning microchip transponder of the prescribed type and in the prescribed location.

You will commit an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 if you fail to comply with this requirement within 2 months after the dog is classified as menacing.

If the dog is in the possession of another person (for a period not exceeding 72 hours), you must advise that person of the requirement to not allow the dog to be at large or in any public place or in any private way (other than when confined completely within a vehicle or cage) without the dog being muzzled in such a manner as to prevent the dog from biting but to allow it to breathe and drink without obstruction. You will commit an offence and be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500 if you fail to comply with this requirement.

Full details of the effect of the classification of a dog as menacing are provided in the Dog Control Act 1996. This is available to view online at www.legislation.govt.nz.

Right of Objection to Classification Under Section 33C

Section 33D, Dog Control Act 1996

You may object to the classification of your dog as menacing by lodging with HCC a written objection within 14 days of receipt of this notice setting out the grounds on which you object. **This objection must be emailed to dog.registration@hcc.govt.nz**

You have the right to be heard in support of your objection and will be notified of the time and place at which your objection will be heard.

Susan (Sue) Stanford

Subject: FW: Objection - CRM 499264 FW: Filing objection notice 16109
Attachments: Objection notice 16109; Object notice 16109

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 8 August 2025 5:03 pm
To: Hamilton City Council Dog Registration <Dog.Registration@hcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Filing objection notice 16109

Dear Susan,

I am writing to object to the classification of my dog as menacing.
Challenge a. "Observed or reported behaviour" - the officer informed me the person making the complaint stated they were 'chased' by Shiva Jumped over my fence [REDACTED] into my property and then jumped back out over the fence- see photos of 2 meter high fence.
They stated they then ran down the [REDACTED] with Shiva chasing them and jumped more fences between numbers [REDACTED] See photos.

Flaws and discrepancies in complainant account and neighbours who were home and assisted shiva:

- 1)Why would they jump back over the fence from inside my property if Shiva was on the road side?
- 2)Stretch of road 32 meters. Shiva is fast and catches my 18 year old 6'3" athlete in seconds.
- 3)all fences are 2 meter high mine and other properties 4)no witnesses 5)my next door neighbour was walking back home from the [REDACTED] - saw shiva no one around. Did not see event yet was on the road. No harm to woman and child 6)neighbour texted me at 12:30 reported her out and put her back in my yard. Neighbour did not hear any barking or witness shiva chasing anyone.
- 7)officers arrived during this - zero aggression towards officers 8)see letter from neighbour 9)complaint was made 3 hours after shiva returned to property.

b) breed of dog- shiva has not been categorised as breed type Pitbull terrier Vet that cares for her needs, performed microchip and desexing described her "mixed breed " Officers are not qualified to over rule a veterinarians professional judgment or state type of breed on their assumptions.
Shiva goes to doggy day care and has no problem with interaction with other dogs. We regularly have people at home with no issues.
Shiva is protective at the gate barking. I acknowledge the gate fault and have made it a priority to replace/repair. Photos and letter to follow in separate file/email.

Therefore, I challenge this clarification.

Kind regards



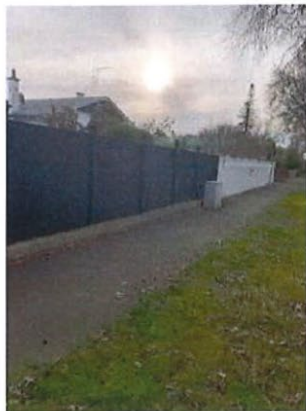
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Attachment 5



Distance between [REDACTED]



[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]



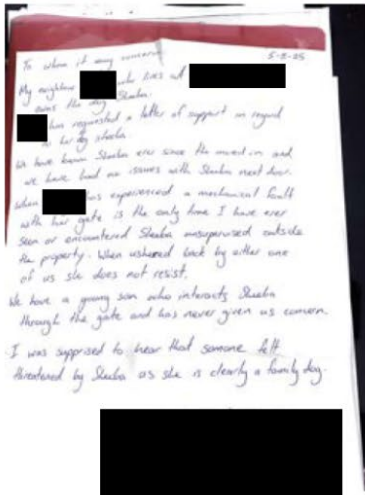
Drive way between [REDACTED]



Driveway between [REDACTED]



Inside section of # [REDACTED]



Statement from neighbor:

To whom it may concern,

My neighbor REDACTED who lives at REDACTED owns the dog Shiva.

REDACTED has requested a letter of support in regard to her dog Shiva.

We have known Shiva ever since they moved in and we have had no issues with Shiva next door.

When REDACTED has experienced a mechanical fault with her gate is the only time I have ever seen or encountered Shiva unsupervised outside the property. When ushered back by either one of us she does not resist.

We have a young son who interacts Shiva through the gate and has never given us concern.

I was surprised to hear that someone felt threatened by Shiva as she is clearly a family dog

Shiva



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Shiva is registered as an American Pit Bull Terrier; in New Zealand this is a type of dog not a breed. These dogs are generally medium sized short-coated dogs with a broad flat head, powerful jaw and a muscular build, they come in a wide variety of colours and patination. They have a mixed breed lineage which includes dogs from the terrier and Bull breed dog classification.

Shiva was first registered online on22/7/2024 by the owner.

2 rows selected

F12 to view Registration Transaction History.

Animal Number : 248833 Name : Shiva

Companion Animals Registration History

From	To	Effective	Calculated	Fee	Fee Description	Paid	Receipt Num	Created Date	Modified Date
01/07/2025	30/06/2026	N	\$280.50	2	Category 2			2025-05-10 10:36:29	2025-05-10 10:36:29
01/07/2024	30/06/2025	Y	\$106.00	1	Category 1	\$106.00	11792788	2024-07-23 16:27:09	2024-07-24 11:45:29

The online registration form notes Shiva to be PITB which is the National Dog Database (NDD) code for American Pit Bull Terrier.

As the registration was completed online all the details are as entered by the dog owner.

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Transaction Details

Transaction type: Dog - New Registration
 Date: 22/07/2024 5:47:54 p.m.
 Ref No: 1643284
 Customer: Tracey Queenin (ID: 0)

Transaction Data

Data Submitted		Master Data	
Owner		Owner	
Owner number	: 0	Owner number	: 0
First name/s	:	First name/s	:
Last name	:	Last name	:
Date of birth	:	Date of birth	:
Residential address		Residential address	
Address line 1	:	Address line 1	:
City / Town	: Hamilton	City / Town	:
Post code	:	Post code	:
Country	: New Zealand	Country	:
Postal address		Postal address	
Address line 1	:	Address line 1	:
City / Town	: Hamilton	City / Town	:
Post code	:	Post code	:
Country	: New Zealand	Country	:
Mobile phone	:	Mobile phone	:
Email address	:	Email address	:
Tick here to receive registration packs by email	: Yes	Tick here to receive registration packs by email	:
Dog		Dog	
Dog name	: Shiva	Dog name	:
Microchipped	: Yes	Microchipped	:
Microchip number	: 953 010005109582	Microchip number	:
Microchipping Certificate			
Attachment	: Shiva .pdf		
Date of birth	: 2020-02-01	Date of birth	:
Sex	: FEMALE	Sex	:
Desexed	: Yes	Desexed	:
Desex Certificate			
Attachment	: Shiva .pdf		
Primary breed	: PITB	Primary breed	:
Primary colour	: BDL	Primary colour	:
Tag preference	: DISC	Tag preference	:
Disability assist dog	: No	Disability assist dog	:
Is dog registered with another council?	: No	Is dog registered with another council?	:
Current registration period	: 2024/25	Current registration period	: 2024/25
Dog's address		Dog's address	
Address line 1	:	Address line 1	:
City / Town	: Hamilton	City / Town	:
Post code	:	Post code	:
Country	: New Zealand	Country	:

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Attachment 6

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

The following motion is submitted for consideration:

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
C1. Confirmation of the Dog Control Hearings Panel Public Excluded Minutes 17 April 2025) Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
C2. Confirmation of the Dog Control Hearings Panel Public Excluded Minutes 28 April 2025)	
C3. Confirmation of the Dog Control Hearings Public Excluded Minutes 12 May 2025		

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item C1.	to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through protecting persons from improper pressure or harassment	Section 7 (2) (f) (ii)
Item C2.	to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through protecting persons from improper pressure or harassment	Section 7 (2) (f) (ii)
Item C3.	to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through protecting persons from improper pressure or harassment	Section 7 (2) (f) (ii)