
Agenda for a hearing by the Policy & Regulatory Committee (to hear and consider submissions and make recommendations on the Dog Control Policy & By-Law Review) to be held via Audio Visual Conference on **TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2022** commencing at **9.30am**, **WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2022** commencing at **9.30am** and **THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2022** commencing at **9.30am**.

1. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2. CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

4. REPORTS

4.1 Hearings Report on submissions for the Proposed Amendments to the Dog Control Policy & By-Law

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POLICY & REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Reports to:	Council
Chairperson:	Cr Jan Sedgwick
Deputy Chairperson:	Cr Noel Smith
Membership:	The Mayor, all Councillors and Mrs Maxine Moana-Tuwahangi (Maangai Maaori)
Meeting frequency:	Six-weekly
Quorum:	Majority of the members (including vacancies)

Purpose

The Policy & Regulatory Committee is responsible for the Council's governance policies and bylaws, reviewing the District Plan and overseeing civil defence and emergency management issues.

In addition to the common delegations on page 10, the Policy & Regulatory Committee is delegated the following Terms of Reference and powers:

Terms of Reference:

1. To establish, implement and review the governance policy framework that will assist in achieving the Council's strategic priorities and outcomes.
2. To develop, review and approve the consultation process for Council bylaws.
3. To consider and determine changes to the schedules and parking restrictions in the Public Places Bylaw 2016, including hearing any submissions relating to those proposed changes.
4. To hear and determine matters arising under current bylaws, including applications for dispensation from compliance with the requirements of bylaws, unless such matters are otherwise delegated by Council.
5. To administer the Council's District Plan in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991.
6. To monitor the performance of regulatory decision-making by the District Licensing Committee¹, Regulatory Subcommittee and officers under their respective delegations.
7. To monitor the Council's Civil Defence and Emergency Management framework.

¹ For clarity, the District Licensing Committee is a committee of Council under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

The Committee is delegated the following powers to act:

Governance Policies

- Develop and agree governance policies for the purpose of consultation/engagement.
- Recommend to Council policy for adoption, amendment or revocation.
- Monitor and review policy, including recommending amendments to any policy as and when required.

Bylaws

- Develop and approve the statement of proposal for new or amended bylaws for consultation.
- Recommend to Council new or amended bylaws for adoption.

District Plan

- Review and approve for notification a proposed district plan, a proposed change to the District Plan, or a variation to a proposed plan or proposed plan change (excluding any plan change notified under clause 25(2)(a), Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991)
- Withdraw a proposed plan or plan change under clause 8D, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- Make the following decisions to facilitate the administration of plan changes, variations, designation and heritage order processes:
 - a. To decide whether a decision of a Requiring Authority or Heritage Protection Authority will be appealed to the Environment Court by the Council and authorise the resolution of any such appeal, provided such decisions are consistent with professional advice.
 - b. To consider and approve Council submissions on a proposed plan, plan changes, and variations.
 - c. To monitor the private plan change process.
 - d. To accept, adopt or reject private plan change applications under clause 25, Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991.

Other Resource Management Issues

- Pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991, to exercise all of the Council's functions, powers and duties under that Act, except the functions, powers and duties:
 - a. that cannot be delegated or that are otherwise retained by the Council under its terms of reference; or
 - b. expressly delegated to other Council committees or decision-making bodies, or officers.

- Monitor and approve submissions in relation to National Policy Statements.

Civil Defence and Emergency Management

- Monitor the performance of Waikato District's civil defence and emergency management response against Council's requirements under the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act including:
 - a. implementation of Government requirements; and
 - b. co-ordinating with, and receiving reports from, the Waikato Region Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group Joint Committee.

Other Delegations

- Exercise all of the Council's functions, powers and duties under the Building Act 2004, the Health Act 1956, and the Food Act 2014, and the respective regulations made under these Acts, except the functions, powers and duties:
 - a. that cannot be delegated or that are otherwise retained by the Council under its terms of reference; or
 - b. expressly delegated to other Council committees or decision-making bodies, or officers.
- Approval of attendance of elected members at conferences, seminars, training or events, in accordance with Council policy.

To	Policy and Regulatory Committee
Report title	Hearing for the Proposed Amendments to the Waikato District Council Dog Bylaw and Policy 2015

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To enable the hearing and receiving of submissions to Council for the Proposed Amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.

To inform Council of the submissions received throughout the consultation period for the Proposed Amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy undertaken in accordance with section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

2. Executive summary

Whakaraapopototanga matua

On 24 November 2021, the Policy and Regulatory Committee adopted the Statement of Proposal and approved the public consultation of the proposed amended Waikato District Council Dog Control Bylaw (Bylaw) and Policy (Policy).

The period of public consultation on the Bylaw and Policy was originally scheduled to be open from 1 December 2021 to 16 January 2022. However, at a Council meeting on the 13 December, Council approved an extension to the submission period to 26 January 2022. This was due to the high public interest in the proposed changes

The statement of proposal, a copy of the proposed Bylaw and Policy and submission forms were made available at Council offices, libraries, and on the Council website. An online submission tool was also made available for those who wanted to provide feedback online. Key identified stakeholders and registered dog owners were also notified of the proposed amendments.

In total, 663 submissions were received (see Appendix 1 of the hearing report for all original submissions). Out of these submissions, 101 indicated they wanted to speak in support of their submission at the hearing.

3. Staff recommendations Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT pursuant to section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Policy and Regulatory Committee consider all submissions and, where requested, hear submissions on the notified *Proposed Amendments to the Waikato District Council Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015*.

4. Background Koorero whaimaarama

In accordance with section 158 of the Local Government Act 2002, every bylaw must be reviewed no later than 5 years after the date on which it was made. Any bylaw which is not reviewed within the required timeframe is automatically revoked two years after the last date on which it should have been reviewed.

The Waikato District Council Dog Control Bylaw and Policy were both established in 2015 and consultation has been carried out on proposed amendments to the Bylaw and Policy as part of the five-year review. The review must be completed by May 2022 or the Bylaw will expire and be automatically revoked. The Bylaw is made with reference to the Dog Control Act 1996.

The primary purpose of the Bylaw is to give effect to Council's Dog Control Policy. The Policy's objective is to provide for the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners, whilst also minimising danger, distress, and nuisance to the wider community.

The Bylaw contains clauses generally covering:

- Prevention of nuisance,
- Control of dogs in public places,
- Dog exercise areas (accompanied by maps),
- Keeping of dogs (including the proposed permit system for two or more dogs in rural areas), and
- General minimum standards of care.

The Policy contains further information, including the following:

- Obligations of Council (i.e., around providing exercise areas and promoting public safety),
 - Responsibilities of dog owners, and
 - Management of troublesome dogs.
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5. Discussion and analysis

Taataritanga me ngaa tohutohu

The proposed amendments to the Bylaw and Policy incorporated suggested improvements from elected members, staff recommendations regarding issues within the community (regarding the welfare of dogs), and improvements from similar Bylaws in comparable council jurisdictions.

The key proposed changes were:

- Limiting the number of dogs in rural areas to two. Three or more dogs would require a Council permit. (Note: there are some exemptions, including working dogs).
- Proposing a new dog exercise area at Whangarata reserve, in Tuakau
- Consulting on two options for a new dog exercise area in Tamahere
- Changing some of the current dog exercise areas from off-leash to on leash because they are considered unsafe for dogs or are located in busy areas. These are in Tuakau, Taupiri, Ngaruawahia, Tamahere, Raglan and Newcastle
- Proposing to prohibit dogs on sport surfaces at Whatawhata Recreation Reserve and Te Kowhai Recreation reserve
- Some changes to where dogs are permitted – including changing rules for playgrounds, skateparks and cemeteries.

DISCUSSION

Public consultation through the Special Consultative Procedure was undertaken to advise the public of the proposed changes and invite the public to make submissions on those changes. Staff used the following communication methods:

- Media release/Public notices
- Online engagement tools, including interactive maps
- Letters or emails to stakeholders, Community Boards and Committees, Iwi and Hapu groups, and registered dog owners
- Council's Facebook page
- Posters at locations within the district

Consultation was open from 1 December 2021 to 26 January 2022.

Online Presence

Throughout the consultation period, social media was utilised as a key method of engagement. Overview statistics are as follows:

- Posted three times on Council's Facebook wall along with a A live Facebook Q+A session on Council's Facebook page which garnered just under 5,000 views.
 - Published information relating to the consultation three times in Council's e-newsletter 'Waikato District News'.
 - Three media articles were published in Tamahere Forum, Te Kowhai News and Te Kowhai Chatter. Two additional articles relating to the consultation were published by the Waikato Herald and Stuff.
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Information from Shape Waikato

Shape Waikato is Council's main portal for engagement with the community and allows for the presentation of consultation information and collation of submissions. Overview statistics are as follows:

- 6,310 visits to the Shape Waikato website for the Proposed Amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy
 - o 93% being new visitors
 - o 7% being returning visitors
- A breakdown of referral type (i.e. the segment of traffic that arrives to the website through another source) to the Shape Waikato website:
 - o 65% from social media
 - o 24% directly accessed from the main Shape Waikato website
 - o 9% from other websites (most likely via Council's main website)
 - o 2% from a search engine
- The consultation page gained 126 followers throughout the consultation period. This function allows followers to be promptly informed of any further updates regarding the consultation.

Other methods of engagement

Under the Section 10(2) of the Dog Control Act 1996, Council is required to give notice of the draft policy to all registered dog owners. This notice was provided via email to registered dog owners who had provided Council with an email address. For the remaining dog owners, a notice was physically distributed via post. Council contacted all dog owners via phone whose letters or emails did not go through.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy submissions and hearings

In total, Council received 670 submissions on the proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.

Out of these submissions, 98 people selected their preference to speak to their submissions at the hearing. The expected schedule of speakers can be found in

Attachment 1. Note this schedule is subject to change depending on the availability of speakers who are yet to confirm their attendance and will be circulated under separate cover.

The submissions have been collated and ordered as follows:

Attachment 2- Submissions on the Proposed Amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy from submitters wishing to be heard, ordered in accordance with the hearing schedule (Attachment 1).

Attachment 3- Submissions on the Proposed Amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy from those who do not wish to be heard or are unable to attend the hearing.

5.1 Options

Ngaa koowhiringa

No options are available for the Committee to consider because this report is an information only report relating to the hearings of submissions for the Proposed Amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.

5.2 Financial considerations

Whaiwhakaaro puutea

It is envisaged that the proposed amendments to the Bylaw will not require funding above what is provided in operational budgets. However, the actual costs will not be known until a final decision is made.

5.3 Legal considerations

Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture

Staff confirm that the staff recommendation complies with the Council's legal and policy requirements. A formal submission process was undertaken for the Proposed Amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy using the Special Consultative Procedure under the Local Government Act 2002.

5.4 Strategy and policy considerations

Whaiwhakaaro whakamaaherehere kaupapa here

The report and recommendations are consistent with the Council's policies, plans and prior decisions. The proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy provides further information and expands on Council's and dog owner responsibilities in regard to dog ownership.

5.5 Maaori and cultural considerations

Whaiwhakaaro Maaori me oona tikanga

The proposed amendments to the Bylaw and Policy will not have an impact on Maaori and their relationship with whenua, water and other taonga. Maaori stakeholders were advised when consultation opened and when the submission period was extended.

5.6 Climate response and resilience considerations

Whaiwhakaaro-aa-taiao

The matters in this report have no known impact on climate change or resilience for the Council.

6. Significance and engagement assessment Aromatawai paahekoheko

6.1 Significance Te Hiranga

The matters of this report are assessed as of high significance, in accordance with the Council's [Significance and Engagement Policy](#).

The following criteria are particularly relevant in determining the level of significance for this matter:

- There is a legal requirement to engage with the community. The Dog Control Act 1996 and Local Government Act 2002 requires the Special Consultative Procedure to be undertaken when reviewing Council's Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.
- The proposal or decision will affect a large portion of the community. There are a significant number of registered dog owners across the district that will potentially be affected by the proposed changes.
- The community interest is likely to be high. The proposed amendments to the Policy and Bylaw generated high public interest, demonstrated by high number of submissions, submitters wanting to speak,
- The likely consequences are controversial. The decisions following this review are expected to generate public interest.

6.2 Engagement Te Whakatuutakitaki

Highest level of engagement	Inform ✓	Consult ✓	Involve <input type="checkbox"/>	Collaborate <input type="checkbox"/>	Empower <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Tick the appropriate box/boxes and specify what it involves by providing a brief explanation of the tools which will be used to engage (refer to the project engagement plan if applicable).</i>	<i>Consultation was carried out in accordance with section 83 of the LGA.</i>				

State below which external stakeholders have been or will be engaged with:

Planned	In Progress	Complete	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	Internal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	Community Boards/Community Committees
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	Waikato-Tainui/Local iwi and hapuu
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	Affected Communities
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	Affected Businesses
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Please Specify)

7. Next steps Ahu whakamua

Council will hear submissions on the proposed amended Bylaw and Policy. This next step is for the Policy and Regulatory Committee to deliberate and provide staff with direction on desired changes on 25 February 2021.

8. Confirmation of statutory compliance Te Whakatuuturutanga aa-ture

As required by the Local Government Act 2002, staff confirm the following:

The report fits with Council's role and Committee's Terms of Reference and Delegations. Confirmed

Refer to the [Governance Structure](#)

The report contains sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages (*Section 5.1*). Not applicable

Staff assessment of the level of significance of the issues in the report after consideration of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy (*Section 6.1*). High

The report contains adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons taking Confirmed

account of any proposed or previous community engagement and assessed level of significance (*Section 6.2*).

The report considers impact on Maaori (*Section 5.5*) Confirmed

The report and recommendations are consistent with Council's plans and policies (*Section 5.4*). Confirmed
- Dog Control Policy

The report and recommendations comply with Council's legal duties and responsibilities (*Section 5.3*). Confirmed

9. Attachments Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – Hearings Schedule (to be circulated under separate cover)

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Date:	22-24 February 2022
Report Author:	Bessie Clarke, Corporate Planner
Authorised by:	Sue O’Gorman General Manager Customer Support

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3298

Submitter name/organisation: Catherine Hay

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

The changes to dog numbers on rural properties is a waste of resources and does not deal with the stated reason being welfare.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

The reduction of off leash areas is inconsistent with Council's wider obligations and is likely to go against Council's obligations for dog control (see written submission)

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

The reduction of off leash areas is inconsistent with Council's wider obligations and is likely to go against Council's obligations for dog control (see written submission)

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

If a walkway is being taken away it needs to be replaced with an area of like amenity - a nice place to walk - not a barren field that is too small and lacks river access

Supplementary Submission in OPPOSITION to the Statement of Proposal

By Catherine Hay, 478B Bedford Rd, Te Kowhai

One third of NZ households contain at least one dog. WDC is increasing in its population with subdivisions popping up rapidly. The numbers of households with dogs is increasing. Those are households of real people: they are not just “dog owners”. They are working people, hunters, sports people, farmers, families, elderly people, people with disabilities and more. They live on Harris Street in Huntly and in Willowbank Drive in Te Kowhai. Dog owners are every type of people that make up this community.

The proposed changes to the 2015 Bylaw and accompanying updated policy and statement of proposal (collectively referred to as “the Proposal”) are fatally flawed generally, and in relation to dogs, in particular. Remedies are put forward.

Facts of dog ownership

Dogs are good for people. Dogs needs are immutable. Dogs require off leash exercise for their social, emotional and cognitive well being.

Council’s job is to deal with and minimise problems that arise with dogs. These can be summarised welfare, wandering, nuisance and biting.

The Proposal is more likely to make every aspect of welfare, wandering, nuisance and biting worse, instead of better.

Welfare

The permit does not increase Council’s ability to deal with welfare issues. By spreading Council’s resources thin it will decrease WDC’s ability to respond to welfare concerns. However, if a version of paragraph 5.3 were applied to clause 14.0, that would enable WDC to deal with welfare in the manner as it currently deals with nuisance.

Reducing the ability for people to provide for their dogs’ needs makes it more likely more dogs will have welfare needs unmet.

Wandering

By spreading Council’s resources thin it will decrease WDC’s ability to respond to wandering dogs.

Nuisance

This is mostly about barking. Barking is increased when dogs are stressed or their emotional or cognitive needs are not being met. Reducing the ability for people to provide for their dogs needs makes it more likely more dogs will be expressing nuisance behaviours.

Biting

All dogs can bite. Bite risk is created when dogs are stressed, frightened, frustrated, unsocialised or in pain.

Dog-on-dog encounters on lead in narrow spaces is a situation that is stressful for dogs and not recommended. By making all the walkways where people want to walk on lead only, WDC is forcing dogs close to each other and close to people in a manner that increases the chances of good dogs biting. This is especially the case where dogs may be getting less off leash exercise than they need.

Te Kowhai Park

Te Kowhai park is being taken away as a dog exercise area. Dog droppings is being cited as the issue. I would argue that dog owners exercising their off leash is not the problem at hand. There are a number of well known local dogs that wander regularly. Making the park on leash will not prevent these dogs doing their business. Further, there is a neighbouring property that breeds poultry and is unfenced. The playing surfaces and playground is covered in duck and chicken faeces. The failure of this neighbour to abide by their obligations with respect to their poultry makes it difficult for community dog owners to utilise this space as dog owners must ensure no poultry are harmed by their dogs.

WDC Responsibilities To Its Constituents As A Local Authority

Council has a responsibility to consider and give appropriate weight to the following in all of its policy decisions:

- Climate change
- Health and wellbeing of the Waikato community
- Enabling vulnerable communities to have equal opportunity to enjoy WDC resources and life style
- Fiscal responsibility
- Evidence based decision making grounded in reason, rather than emotion

The Proposal evidences a failure of Council responsibilities on all the above.

Climate Change

WDC has a responsibility to consider the impact climate change when reviewing policy with the aim of reducing carbon emissions.

In order to meet their dogs' needs, dog owners must provide them with regular off leash exercise and socialisation.

The Proposal's removal of 7 local dog parks forces people in the areas where all off leash areas are removed to now drive daily to an off leash area. For example, dog owners in Whatawhata must now make a 23 km round trip to Horotiu. (This must be a dedicated car trip as dogs cannot accompany owners in the car to run other errands during summer as it is too hot.)

The banning of dogs from the CBDs of towns means that residents have to drive their dogs to access either on or off leash dog exercise areas.

Given that this is a daily journey for approximately 1/3 of households. Council should instead be enabling people engaging in the daily requirements of responsible dog ownership to do so without involving a long car journey.

It is wrong to institute a policy that increases daily household driving by a large proportion.

Health and Wellbeing of the Community

Many people who have dogs have them to walk themselves as much as their dog. Much of the benefit of dog ownership accrues from the daily exercise of one's furry personal trainer.

Of the WDC off leash areas, currently there are only 2 that could be reasonably categorised as an enjoyable "walk". Along Raglan Beach and Alexandra Redoubt Reserve. The Te Awa walkway is a short option. The Proposal seeks to remove 2 out of the 3. The proposed replacements are fenced fields, like the rest of the current stock, where people clock steps walking in circles. These spaces

are too small and too boring for dogs and people alike. We don't want them taken away, because they're all we have, but they are truly sad little places.

The reasons for taking these spaces away are non sensical and circular. Alexandra Redoubt Reserve is because there is baiting at neighbouring Council land. It is will within Council's ability to push back the baiting to create a buffer. The second reason is that it neighbours a cemetery – that is only an issue because the Proposal is also banning dogs from cemeteries. The reasoning for Te Awa is also nonsensical: erosion makes it unsafe. But walking with a dog on lead is safer for some reason?

If Council wants to encourage as many people to walk as much as possible, enable dog owners to have dogs under control on other walkways.

Impact on Vulnerable People

Not everyone in the community has ready access to cars. The elderly, the poor, the disabled are all disproportionate impacted on their abilities to carry out their responsibilities for their family dog when dog exercise areas are made difficult to access.

Families with small children find it difficult to juggle a dog lead and parental care, so rely on nearby local areas. Disabled people and the elderly likewise often has physical logistical difficulty with leads. These dog owners struggle to walk far enough to give their dogs sufficient exercise if relying on leash only exercise.

It is wrong to remove facilities from these people. If Council wants fair access to a good life for all of its communities, the should be more places vulnerable people can exercise their family pets that are easier to get to, not fewer and more difficult.

Fiscal Responsibility

As a ratepayer, the lack of costing of the permit changes in the Proposal is irresponsible.

The permit process will be onerous. As such Council will have to do one of the following to fund it:

- Borrow increasing council debt
- Use general rates to pay for it (reducing services available elsewhere)
- Use dog registration funds and resources for it, reducing funds and resources currently available for current services
- Use one of the above methods in the short term then introduce fees sufficiently high to cover the costs of the permits

Especially given that this policy cannot hope to attain its stated goal of improving animal welfare, the Proposal is fiscally reckless.

If the final option is utilised then it would also be cynically disingenuous.

Evidence based decision making.

In my submission the evidence and fact of dog behaviour and needs and Council's responsibilities would recommend the following policy instead of the proposal:

- No permit required for more than 2 dogs on rural properties
- Use current resources to deal with current issues
- Use a 5.3 type paragraph for clause 14.0 to enable Council to act on welfare complaints
- Allow dogs **under control** to walk with their owners off leash exercise in places where there are not wildlife or safety issues – look at the places where people predominantly do already walk off leash with very few issues
- Do not reduce off leash dog exercise areas
- Make more public land available for dog owners to use, decreasing the risks of problem behaviour

Submitted by Catherine Hay to WDC in opposition to the Proposed Dog Control Bylaw 2022

26 January 2022

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3295

Submitter name/organisation: Anna Dahlberg, Paws Awhile Animal Sanctuary

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not support the change to keep dogs at 11 limiting the number of dogs to two. If this change is made, the exception at 11.1 should include animal sanctuaries and not-for-profits that care for dogs. If a permit is required, animal sanctuaries and people who rescue or foster dogs should be exempt from the fees. Many individuals who dedicate their lives to dog rescue and rehabilitation do not own registered charities but do an enormous amount of essential, lifesaving work on their own time. Animal sanctuaries and dog rescues are the ones least likely to abuse dogs and also the least likely to have spare funds for additional fees. Paws Awhile is running at a continual loss and the animals are by-in-large funded from my personal earnings as a nurse. We support the Council by rescuing dogs and caring for those who would otherwise end up impounded or euthanized at the Councils cost.

Furthermore, this proposed amendment has been rushed through much too quickly. Most dog owners are not even aware of it. I have met multiple dog owners who had no idea this was happening. The proposal needs more time for consideration and for the public to be able to make informed decisions.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Dog Control Policy 2022 3.3 has an exemption for working dogs. An exemption for dogs residing in a sanctuary should also be included and extended to people who rescue and foster dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Oporu Inlet to Aerodome Bridge, Raglan: I do not support the proposal to remove this park as a dog exercise area. I do not support the removal of dog exercise areas generally as it is extremely important for their well-being to have exercise. Behavioural problems such as excessive barking, anxiety, depression, and aggression occur if parks are not accessible to dogs and their owners. The closing of these essential dog exercise areas will have extremely adverse impacts on the welfare of dogs themselves and of the whole Waikato community.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

We need more dog exercise areas to combat aggression, help socialise dogs and improve health for both humans and dogs alike through exercise. These areas also help foster community amongst dog owners through social interactions. Many elderly people or people who may be socially isolated are able to meet in a safe place with their dogs at dog friendly parks and beaches. This is also a safer and developmentally place for young children to practice interacting with dogs responsibly as there are always good responsible dog owners at these parks.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3294

Submitter name/organisation: Graeme Ashby

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

5.4(d): The proposal to delete the word "reasonable" brings no benefits, I believe NZ law requires us all to act reasonably anyway " so it just weakens the bylaw by damaging goodwill. I don't see removing the intention of reasonableness as improving any outcomes for the dogs.

11.1: The proposed changes to this clause wrongly seek to homogenise the urban and rural living environments. Zoning exists for a reason - to recognise the fundamental and significant incompatibilities of these two living environments. Demographic changes are afoot, with a great new influx of urban people to the rural zone - if council needs to reconsider zoning definitions then so be it - but simply whitewashing the rural zone as some sort of urban extension will not work and is unacceptable.

Specifically, the number "two". The urban context perhaps justifies this number, but in the rural environment it is unsubstantiated, adopted for convenience only. What due diligence can council provide to prove this number any better or any worse than any other number in the rural lifestyle?

12.1: The implications of the changes to wording in this clause are extremely troubling. The original wording must stand and council need to put in the work to develop and prescribe appropriate and practicable criteria. For the council to invoke sweeping, subjective, undefined powers in approving permits, completely oversteps the mandate of these bylaws. It is not acceptable, nor defensible legally, so ultimately would prove impossible to implement and detrimental to the outcomes for the dogs. A very ill-advised proposal and a precedent that must be denied in the strongest possible terms.

General

Resources/Revenue: The proposed changes, if implemented, will immediately drive a drop off in dog registrations from both good and bad owners alike, so there will be a drop in registration revenue and no offsetting inspection revenue. Simultaneously the workload for ACOs will go through the roof performing home inspections. How do council propose to resource the increased work-load whilst simultaneously wearing the inevitable hit in revenue? My fear is that ACOs will just find themselves more stretched and less able to deal with the very real issues they are currently battling.

Puppy Farms: Of great general concern, the changes proposed and in fact the entire bylaw seem to provide no reinforced assistance to the Animal Control Officer in policing the relatively new evil of puppy mills/puppy farms. This deficit needs to be addressed rigorously by council.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Graeme

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3292

Submitter name/organisation: Pam Douglas and Colin Douglas for Huntly and District Kennel Association Inc

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

see attached

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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No

2. Any further comments?

see attached

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

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Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3291

Submitter name/organisation: Fiona Robertson

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

From a business perspective, this will have a negative impact and flow-on effect on the district which has not been considered or researched. What will the cost of implementing this policy be when current financial records show a huge loss already incurred by animal control financials in its publicly available financial records?

The introduction of the bylaw requiring permits for more than 2 dogs in rural areas is based on flawed information and will not achieve the desired outcome of improved dog welfare. Out of thousands of complaints to animal control, over five years there were 58 complaints about 156 dogs over five years- however, this involved only SEVEN households. This by-law is discriminating against law-abiding rural dog owners! The council should not be introducing permits that negatively affect a law-abiding group of dog owners in order to address an issue with a very small group (7 households over 5 yrs.) That should reasonably be addressed through the animal welfare act (SPCA). I am sure in this day and age a process can be formulated for both entities to work together without a change of law occurring. If you need help consultation can be supplied.

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

At least 2 new facilities should be provided in this area with sufficient space for play activity for the owners and their dogs to meet optimal standards of mental health support and physical well-being. You must take into consideration Hauroa (be fit, well, healthy, vigorous, in good spirits) in Te Tiriti o Waitangi as part of the Waikato this would be expected to be high on the agenda.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Any new park should be fenced safely from the road as is done for OSSH with children's playgrounds and schools. By not doing so you endanger not just the public but also the dogs and their owners from potential boy racers.

Why would you decrease a resource that is community-owned and used for the safety of dogs and the public when you are unable to replace it with a better option. This is just theft from the rate-paying community.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

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Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

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B Permits-impact on businesses. 34 percent of New Zealanders own dogs in 2020 and this is likely to have increased due to Covid lockdowns as evidence has shown around the world. Dog owners spend money on a range of non-dog related activities. A council that looks dog unfriendly will not attract dog owners to move to the area and may also lead dog owners to leave the area. We already know of dog owners who have chosen to leave the area pending the possible implementation of the policy/bylaw. This impacts both business owners who offer dog related services and general business. E.g., purchasing groceries at the locally owned 4square, or bunnings, or mitre 10. Dog businesses also spend money in the area on non-dog related activities e.g., service companies for repairing equipment, car mechanics for WOF and repairs, and contribute to the general economy. At a time when businesses are struggling, bringing in a bylaw which will negatively impact businesses is badly timed to say the least.

Other councils are looking at ways to attract tourism through the promotion of themselves as dog friendly. Dog owners choose to travel with their dogs and want dog friendly accommodation, attractive spaces to take their dogs, dog friendly cafes etc... The promotion of the district as dog friendly is an opportunity to increase the tourist dollar into the area.

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households over 5 yrs.) that should reasonably be addressed through the animal welfare act (SPCA).

At a time when people are increasingly stressed due to covid and the associated impact on lives, placing a further stress on families as they face the prospect of an animal care officer deciding if they are suitable to keep their dogs, is both unfair and unreasonable. People's mental health is already suffering and the council introducing restrictions such as proposed indicates a complete lack of empathy and understanding on how effective the dogs are at decreasing mental health issues. This is backed by researched based evidence that is freely available in the public domain.

Policy around open hours.

The animal control pounds should have policy around access to the pound by owners to see their dogs (as sentient as described in the animal welfare act - the emotional needs of the dogs should be considered and met). Owners should be able to reassure themselves their dogs are healthy, safe and their needs are being met. Owners' vets should be able to visit to check in the well-being of dogs. Times to pick up dogs should be reasonable and flexible to allow for people with work and family commitments to collect impounded dogs. Furthermore, ways of paying off impounding and sustenance fees should be reasonable so that those on limited incomes are not discriminated against. It can be done via a subscription method and just requires a small software adjustment to most collection programs.

Policy

Dogs should be allowed to cemeteries as you know they also need to know what happens to owners take grey friars bobby as an example.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3290

Submitter name/organisation: Joanne Small / Kool K9

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not support the introduction of permitting for more than 2 dogs in rural area. People move to rural areas to be able to enjoy their dogs and many people with multiple dogs engage in sports and activities involving dogs eg obedience, agility etc... Making good dog owners obtain permits to address issues with 7 households over 5 years is both unfair and unreasonable.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Dogs require spaces to exercise to be mentally and physically healthy. Reducing the number of these spaces reduces dog welfare. It curtails opportunities for dogs to engage in enrichment activities which is so important to them. Reduced enrichment, socialisation and exercise opportunities lead to behavioural issues and increase the risk to the public. The council should increase, not decrease opportunities for dogs the exercise, socialise and engage in enrichment activities.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3289

Submitter name/organisation: Camilla Cameron

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Section 1: Changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

The stated purpose of this bylaw is:

To enable people to enjoy the benefits of dog ownership and provide for the exercise and recreational needs to dogs and their owners

To minimise danger, distress and nuisance to the community generally

There are elements of this proposed bylaw that are outside the stated purpose or scope of dog control. Other inclusions or amendments create unnecessary regulation to address issues that Councillors and Animal Control representatives have discussed in public meetings that are either already accounted for in the existing legislation or fall under the animal welfare act. An example of this is the prohibition of dogs from the CBDs of many Waikato towns. In discussion, the mayor referred to intimidating dogs on Harris Street in Huntly that would take somebody's leg off. The issue of menacing dogs is sufficiently covered in the Dog Control Policy without the need to instate blanket prohibitions for all dog owners.

I am concerned that the removal of the word "reasonable" from 5.4(d) creates an open mandate for Animal Control Officers to impose conditions on dog owners in a punitive or heavy handed way with no right of reply from the dog owner.

I am hugely concerned that Council are not meeting their duty to provide for the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners, should this bylaw be adopted. I live in the North Waikato, which is experiencing rapid population growth and intensification. An impact of this is that land parcel sizes are smaller, meaning it is more likely that dog owners will need to take their dogs to a public dog exercise area to meet their recreational needs. The fact that this bylaw intends to remove seven dog exercise areas while creating one new and one temporary dog exercise area is completely out of step with the needs of our communities.

I am confused by the criteria that have been used to assess which dog exercise areas should remain, and where new ones should be. It would be helpful to know what the criteria and standards are for dog exercise areas, and that these were applied consistently across the district. We are fortunate to currently have four off-lead exercise areas in Tuakau, however I am struggling to understand the decision to change Alexandra Redoubt Reserve to an on-lead area. The bush walk is an excellent place to exercise dogs, especially during the summer months as it is mostly shaded. The bait stations

are around the edge of the grassy, redoubt area rather than along the bush walk. The road that the walk is adjacent to is very quiet and is not a through-road. The roads that are adjacent to Les Batkin and Centennial Park have much higher traffic volumes and neither are fenced from the road.

If dogs are to be prohibited from cemeteries, which I believe they should not be, it would be impossible to treat the Alexandra Redoubt track as a loop track, as the only way to get back to the car park would be through a prohibited area, this is ridiculous. I would like to see council adopt a minimum standard of fencing and recreational equipment for dog exercise areas, to ensure that people can access these areas without having to get in their cars, that there is provision for disposal of dog waste and access to drinking water in each of these exercise areas, that dogs of different sizes and natures have areas that are appropriate for their developmental, recreational and socialisation needs. There are other areas of the country that have achieved excellent results in this regard, such as the Plimmerton Dog Recreation Area created by the Porirua City Council. There is not a single dog exercise area in Tuakau that is adequately fenced and none have dog specific recreational provisions. It is promising to see that the play area at Centennial Park has been fenced as perhaps this is the preliminary stage to having the whole park securely fenced.

The proposal of a temporary new dog exercise area at Whangarata Park seems short-sighted, given the intention to prohibit dogs from cemeteries. It appears the reasoning that Alexandra Redoubt should not be a dog exercise area due to it bordering a cemetery has not been applied in this planning. While I would welcome a new dog park in our area, it makes no sense to me at all to have a park that can only be accessed by car, and is a temporary arrangement.

I would like to see dogs permitted to exercise on sports grounds except when games are being played. The area adjacent to Lightbody Reserve in Tuakau which was originally designated as a dog pound would make an excellent off-lead exercise area given its central location and the fact that it is already fenced.

I am concerned that under clause 6.4 the Council would only need to pass a resolution to designate any public place to be a prohibited area. This removes proper democratic process as there is no provision for public input.

Regarding the imposition of permits for more than two dogs in rural areas, I completely disagree that this is necessary and do not believe it would achieve the stated purpose.

The evidential basis and reasoning for this change to policy is insufficient and inconsistent with the purpose of the bylaw. Concerns for animal welfare should be addressed through the animal welfare act, not through dog control.

In situations in residential areas where permits are required for more than two dogs, the conditions need to be clear, transparent and consistent.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I would like to see emphasis on the education aspects of the policy through council led initiatives. If we want to have liveable, thriving and connected communities we need opportunities for people to connect and to feel that they and their furry companions are welcomed. If we focus on the antisocial behaviours of some owners and try to legislate dogs and their owners into smaller and smaller

spaces, we fail everyone and unfairly penalise responsible owners. If we promote and emphasise prosocial behaviours and recognise the vast majority of responsible owners, we will have a community to be proud of.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

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2. Any further comments?

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Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

I think this is a decision for the residents of this ward.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3287

Submitter name/organisation: Sandie Meads

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Restricting the number of dogs on rural properties: -

I do not agree with the Councils proposal to limit the number of dogs on rural properties to two.

Reason:

- I believe this is a "knee jerk reaction from the Council. That the Council does not know what else to do, so the answer from them is to limit the number of dogs. This will not make the Dog Control Officer and Councils job any easier.
- The logistics of Dog Control Officers inspecting properties to approve permits of more than three dogs is unrealistic with the size of the Waikato District Council area and the number of rural households. How many months will this take?
- The Council has only received 58 complaints in the past five years of dogs, in rural areas, being kept in poor condition and showing signs of neglect. The total number of dogs this equates to is 156.
- Majority of households who have more than three dogs on their rural property, excluding working dogs, have excellent facilities for such dogs " kennels and safe yards with secure fencing, shade and housing.
- These people are law abiding with all of their dogs being registered with the Waikato District Council.
- A number of these households are members of Dogs NZ (New Zealand Kennel Club), partake in conformation showing, agility, obedience, Good Canine Citizen, Pet Therapy and Rally O. For members of DogsNZ there is a strict Code of Ethics which is to be agreed to when joining. This Code of Ethics covers all aspects of feeding, housing, animal husbandry and with conforming with local Council dog registrations.
- Their dogs are looked after extremely well with good quality food, veterinary attention when needed, including yearly or biannual vaccinations. Attention to animal husbandry, including breeding a litter.
- Households who have more than three dogs have moved into rural areas so they can have room for their dogs with no close neighbours.

- I believe majority of multiple dog households in rural areas do undertake responsible dog ownership, carry out and set examples of controlled dog services and they abide by regulations.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Where dogs are allowed: -

- I agree with the proposal to allow dogs, on lead, to be on the side-lines at sport games.
- With regards to distance from playgrounds, if a dog is quiet and on a leash, then this should be allowed so that families can take the dog to the park and then sit within a comfortable distance to watch and supervise their children on the playground apparatus. Fence off playgrounds with entry and exit gates so dogs are unable to freely roam into them.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- No
- 2. Any further comments?**

Dog Exercise areas:

- I strongly disagree with the removal of all of the seven current ~dog exercise areas. Whilst rural owners have the land and larger gardens to exercise their dogs, those that live in urban areas with smaller gardens this is their only œoff leash area to let the dog/s run and play freely.
- Responsible dog owners do have their dogs on lead when at ~public places, roads, footpaths, boat ramps and other public places.
- It is my belief that the Waikato District Council needs to look at other Councils dog exercise areas. For example, the Marlborough District Council has a superb œoff leash dog exercise area near Blenheim. These areas are deer fenced, with double gates at the entry and exit, divided into two exercise areas, one side for big dogs and the other for small. There are also seats for owners, jumps and other agility type structures.
- I would strongly ask the Waikato District Council to

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3286

Submitter name/organisation: Fiona Teat

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**

No

- 2. Any further comments?**

The Tamahere Park to be used before 9.30am and after 6.30pm at night

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**

No

- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**

Option 3 - Neither

- 2. Any further comments?**

Tamahere Hub Park beside Playground

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3283

Submitter name/organisation: James Carter Law for WDC Dog Owners Bylaw Review Group

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

See attached

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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No

2. Any further comments?

See attached

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Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

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**SUBMISSIONS TO THE HEARINGS COMMITTEE AS TO
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DOG CONTROL BYLAW 2015:**

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MAY IT PLEASE THE HEARINGS COMMITTEE:**Introduction:**

We act for the WDC Dog Owners Bylaw Review Group [The Group] and the following individual submitters to the Review of the Dog Control Bylaw 2015.

Ms. Kayla Cox
Ms. Cellina Fraser
Mr. Neil Moreland
Ms. Michelle Moreland
Ms. Kim Foster
Ms. Sarah Wilde
Ms. Charlotte Warren
Mr. Robert Matthews
Ms. Meola Grey
Ms. Toni Joll
Ms. Nicola Hinton
Ms. Tracy Wilde
Ms. Margot Wilde
Mr. Andrew Wilde
Mr. Kurt Parks
Mr. Hind Samy

We will be addressing the hearing, on behalf of the Group and individuals, which currently is set down for the 22nd and 23rd of February 2022. It is requested that time to address the hearing be allocated on the 22nd of February 2022 as counsel has District Court commitments on the 23rd of February 2022.¹

These submissions will focus upon six [6] areas:

Powers of Council to Make a Bylaw; and

Proportionality; and

Permits and Retrospective application [of the proposed bylaw]; and

Off Leash Exercise areas.

Legal issue will be raised, however this will not be in detail as this is not the jurisdiction to raise detailed legal argument, if the need arises post council's final determination, then further discussion will be had with the

¹ For the information of the hearing submissions on behalf of individual submitters will be summarised noting the time restraint applied on the hearing.

Group and instructions taken. That said, council will have likely taken its own legal advice.

New Zealand is a nation of animal lovers, and it is stated that within New Zealand there are 4.35 million companion animals. Second only to the United States New Zealand has the second highest proportion of households with companion animals in the world [an extract of the publication is attached and **Annexed “A”**].²

A third of New Zealand households share their home with at least one dog and there are a total of 851,000 dogs in New Zealand.³ Therefore, dogs are located within 34% of New Zealand households with the average number of 1.4 dogs.

New Zealanders overwhelmingly consider their companion animals to be members of the family with 78% taking this position and the percentage has remained relatively unchanged since 2011.

Over half [59%] of people who do not have companion animals would like to get one, being around 375,000 households. The main barrier being home or lifestyle not being suitable [37%], the landlord or property where people live not allowing animals [33%], cost [32%] and responsibility [26%] [it should be noted that the definition of companion animals also includes cats [41%], birds [6%], fish [9%], horses [1.6%], rabbits [2.8%] and reptiles [1.3%]]. Cats lead the number of companion animals with dogs second at 34%.

It is submitted that dogs are a dominant companion animal in New Zealand's society. This in turn may be aligned with the number of rate payers within the jurisdiction of the Waikato District Council [WDC].

² Companion Animals in New Zealand 2020; Companion Animals NZ Publications [Companion+Animals+in+NZ+2020+\(1\).pdf \(squarespace.com\)](#)

³ Ibid., 9

Good dog owners support good dog laws which enrich their own experiences with their dogs as well as protect the public from those dog owners who shirk their responsibilities as dog owners not only to the public but often to the detriment of their own dog's welfare.

In contrast good dog owners do not support laws that target the majority [of dog owners] to deal with the very small minority of poor dog owners.

1. **Powers of Council to Make a Bylaw:** Every local authority has the power of general competence to give effect to its purposes and to perform the duties and exercise the rights conferred under the relevant legislation [Local Government Act 1974, 2002] and in particular the council has full capacity to carry on any activity or business for the role and purposes of local government [s. 11 and 12 LGA 2002]. However, these broad powers do not extend to regulatory functions affecting the rights of others in a coercive manner, and the traditional restraints or limits on coercive powers remain applicable and therefore apply to the current review of the Dog Control Bylaw 2015.
2. Under the common law four elements are essential to the validity of a bylaw. A bylaw should be intra vires the powers of the local authority, should not be repugnant to the general law of the land; should be certain and positive in its terms; and should be reasonable. If a bylaw is severable, several parts may be upheld though other parts may be declared invalid [*Halsbury's Laws of England* (4th ed, Butterworth, London, 1973) at [1326]].
3. In New Zealand these common law principles are adopted and implicit in the Bylaws Act 1910 at s. 17. The Bylaws Act 1910 prevail over pt 8 of the LGA 2002 which contains the

empowering sections for council to make bylaws, and prevail over pt 9, which deals with offences and enforcement.⁴

4. **Proportionality:** Any Act or bylaw must be proportionate in what it is trying to address [the mischief] by how it is trying to address it [the Act or Bylaw]. In other words, not to take a sledgehammer to crack a nut. Counsel has received concerns from submitters, who have listened to the public workshops undertaken by the council regarding the proposed policy and bylaw. Concern has been raised that the bylaw is being targeted at all dog owners to address issues of dog behaviour that are isolated to a few.
5. **Harris Street** was clearly raised [during a workshop] by reference to “mongrel dogs on a chain looking to tear someone’s throat out”. The elected member then referred to getting a rifle out of a Ute to shoot the damn thing. The same elected member stated, “but at the end of the day those are the people we should build the law for”. This is not a criticism of the elected member as it was clear frustration was in play, but it did concern good dog owners as the proposed Bylaw contains severe restrictions on dog ownership targeted at all dog owners to deal with a small number of poor dog owners.
6. The Dog Control Act 1996 already contains laws and powers to deal with such situations. It does not require a Bylaw that targets all dog owners restricting the enjoyment of their dogs to target those persons who clearly will not comply with either the Dog Control Act or the Bylaw. Such a Bylaw would not be proportionate and runs the very real risk of alienating good dog owners from the council.
7. Targeted and intelligence led patrols are the clear answer for areas such as Harris Street. A prohibitive Bylaw targeted at all dog owners makes no sense if there is not a clear operational

⁴ *Willowford Family Trust v Christchurch City Council* [2011] NZAR 209 (HC) at [48], a challenge to the bylaw affecting brothel location.

and enforcement policy. In addition, Dog Control Officers should be experienced and well trained in investigative techniques which would permit such offences to be detected, the required evidence gathered [in a reasonable time frame] to support either infringement notices or seizure and prosecution. It is effective detection and enforcement that sends the clear message to poor dog owners [and their dogs with poor social interactions leading to attacks and rushing offences] not a restrictive Bylaw that is not enforced effectively.⁵

8. **Permits:** This is the change that is creating considerable concern. As the proposed Bylaw is written [Clause 11 and 12]. It is apparent that this proposed amendment is to be applied retrospectively and will directly affect those dog owners who lawfully have more than two dogs on a rural property.
9. It is not unusual for dog owners who have multiple dogs to move to a rural location so that they can enjoy their dogs without causing a nuisance [barking being the main urban nuisance].⁶
10. The Interpretation Act 1999 at s. 7 states an enactment does not have retrospective effect, it is submitted this also applies to Bylaws that effect the rights of a person.
11. Therefore, those dog owners who have more than two dogs when the proposed Bylaw becomes law will not commit an offence by being subjected to retrospective enforcement. The Bylaw will only apply to those persons applying to have more than two dogs who did not have them pre proposed Bylaw.
12. The question is raised is how the council will enforce clause 11.1 and 12 of the proposed Bylaw if it is brought into law as it stands as towards dog owners who currently have more than two dogs.

⁵ Often these dogs are not registered which grants a clear power to seize the dog which in turn permits the dog to be examined by an SPCA Inspector for any offences under the Animal Welfare Act. The Dog Control Officer has the power to enter the land and inspect the dog's conditions for food shelter and water [s. 15 Dog Control Act].

⁶ It is acknowledged at one workshop the issue of 15 dogs on one property was raised that barked. However, that, it is submitted refers to one property and set of circumstances, and again proportionality is raised.

13. It is submitted that current dog owners who have two or more registered dogs should be issued a permit for the number of dogs lawfully held. This includes any number reasonably held considering the rural location. These properties should be "red circled" and remain as such. Any properties raising the dog numbers above two dogs post implementation of the proposed Bylaw will fall within the proposed Bylaw. Current dog owners who comply with the Bylaw pre implementation of the proposed Bylaw must be permitted to keep the number of dogs they currently have thus preventing the Bylaw being retrospective.
14. Of further concern is the requirement for those seeking a permit to obtain neighbour consent. This is fraught with difficulty as council may not be aware of any dispute that would permit the neighbour to unreasonably refuse consent. Consent can only be refused if there are clear and evidential reasons to do so linked to the dog[s] behaviour. Leaving the process to the Dog Control Officer's discretion leaves the Bylaw ambiguous and will lead to inconsistency when permit applications are considered. Any decision by a Dog Control Officer is a decision of council and therefore subject to review. The proposed Bylaw does not include any appeal process.
15. It is noted that council workshops did discuss breeders and some reference was made as to what is a breeder. There are effectively three categories [i] the accredited breeder [NZ Kennel Club] [ii] the hobby or enthusiast breeder and [iii] the back yard breeder. **Kennel club accredited breeders** are registered as such and must abide by the standards imposed by the Kennel Club. **The hobby breeder** may be considered a person who breeds dogs and has the upmost concern for the dog's welfare whereas the **back yard breeder** is often shown to have no concern for the breeding bitch and is all about profit. The first two categories should, in our submissions be exempt from the permit system. Puppies will of course leave the property when ownership is handed to a third party.
16. The back yard breeder can easily be dealt with via other legislation including the Dog Control Act [s. 5 (1) (c) and (d) and s. 15] and by the SPCA via the Animal Welfare Act. It is submitted a Bylaw will have

little or no impact upon addressing back yard breeders and welfare issues that often arise.

17. All dogs are, or should be, registered. This will enable council to be aware of rural properties that have more than two dogs and if the number is sufficient to warrant a visit then the welfare of those dogs can be assessed and the activity of breeding assessed. An “across the board” permit requirement will not assist Dog Control Officer’s to detect poor breeders [back yard breeders].
18. The council submits that the use of permits within the rural area will enhance the wellbeing of all dogs and give the council the ability to act if there are issues with housing and health of the dogs.⁷
19. It is submitted this is difficult to accept, Tracey Oakes submits [in the stuff article] over the previous five years there have been 58 complaints about multiple dogs living in the Waikato District or 11.6 complaints a year. We are instructed these complaints have been restricted to seven properties, again it is submitted this argument by council to support the introduction of permits into rural areas can not be supported and is not proportionate to address the perceived welfare problems in the rural sector.
20. We are further instructed these dogs were also not registered which highlights that a permit would not have been applied for by these dog owners. Again, other legislation including the Dog Control Act is available to Dog Control staff. It should also be noted that all constables are SPCA Inspectors under their warrant and are available to Dog Control Officers to support operations if the SPCA are not available.⁸
21. The current permit process requires the applicant to complete the form and the form has five spaces to include neighbour consent which requires the neighbour’s signature. At the time of these submissions, it is stated that no decision has been made as to how the permit system

⁷ Dogfight looms as council proposes new rules to restrict dog numbers. 16 Dec 2021 [stuff] <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/waikato-news/news/dogfight-looms-as-council-proposes-new-rules-to-restrict-dog-numbers>

⁸ Police operations will dictate availability, however arrangements can be made to return to the property at a specific date and time.

would operate. This leaves Waikato dog owners vulnerable as to exactly what WDC is proposing.

22. Of note permits would not apply to dog day care operations. Dog day care operations are not regulated [except a resource consent may be required] and these operations are a recipe for disaster when not operated by suitable persons with adequate and experienced staff. It is submitted further consideration should be given to dog day care centres.
23. Matters arising from a dog that is classified as dangerous should not be addressed within the permit section of the Bylaw but rather should be dealt within a separate part of the Bylaw focused upon this particular set of facts.
24. Menacing dogs are classified either on type [schedule 4 of the DCA] or on behaviour. Dogs classified on behaviour may also be addressed within the dangerous dog part of the Bylaw and neither should be included in the general permit section.
25. It is concluded further consideration should be given to the proposed requirement for a permit in rural areas and should, in our submission not apply to those dog owners with currently more than two dogs.
26. **Off Leash Exercise Areas:** The council proposes to severally reduce the number of exercise areas that are available for off leash exercise. It is noted there are several off leash "runs." To reduce the off-leash exercise areas drives to the heart of the statutory requirements placed upon all dog owners to provide dogs with adequate exercise. The level of exercise required depends upon the breed. A toy breed can suffice with a walk an English Springer Spaniel is a high energy dog and required considerable exercise.

27. S. 5 (1) (d) of the Dog Control Act places a statutory obligation on a dog owner *to ensure that the dog receives adequate exercise*. This is reinforced by the Codes of Welfare [Dogs] 1st of October 2018 and falls under the authority of the Animal Welfare Act 1999 that highlights that exercise is extremely important for both the physical and mental health of the dog and meets the dog's social needs [Relevant parts attached and **Annexed "B"**]. This requirement is clearly linked to the well-behaved dog that reduces the possibility of the dog attacking.
28. The Code also highlights that exercise is usually a matter of walking and running on or off leash. The Code also notes that dogs can exercise by swimming. The Codes minimum standard states a dog *must* receive daily exercise sufficient to maintain their health and well-being [minimum standard 13].
29. It is submitted that council should not reduce off leash exercise areas, they are vital to good dog owners and will potentially isolate dog owners who do not have transport and bring them within the criteria to commit offences under the Animal Welfare Act and Dog Control Act.
- It is also submitted that the Bylaw should state that all other areas are on leash areas as this will eliminate any confusion by making off leash areas specific, understandable, and contained as a schedule within the Bylaw. No law should be confusing.
30. **Other Comments:** Clause 5.1 states no person shall keep a dog in a manner which creates or is likely to create a nuisance or which is, or is likely to be, injurious to the health of any person. Cl: 5.2 requires a person where the dog is customarily kept taking adequate precautions to prevent a dog becoming a nuisance or injurious to health. Cl: 5.4 grants sweeping powers to a Dog Control Officer if, in the sole opinion of the Dog Control Officer, fails to comply with cl: 5.1 to require the number of dogs to be reduced, alter the property or construct or improve the kennels, require a dog to be tied up [which is not considered best practice] or otherwise contained and take any other action deemed reasonable by the Officer.

31. It is submitted Clause 5.0 is confusing and ambiguous and will likely result in difficulty for dog owners and indeed Dog Control Officers attempting to enforce the provision. In addition, it is submitted that Cl: 5 does not require any specified offence to have been committed yet contains a punitive provision at cl: 5.4.
32. **Dogs on Vehicles:** Cl: 15.1 refers to a dog on an open tray on a utility vehicle in a public place shall be secured by a lead short enough so that the dog cannot fall from the tray and can be kept under control at all times. This does not apply to a working dog while it is working.
33. It is submitted that this offence may well be detected when driving and of course Dog Control Officers have no powers to cause a vehicle to stop. In addition, The Welfare Code [Dogs] at Part 9 [Transportation] sets a minimum standard [No. 20] sets greater standards that does the Bylaw [see **Annex "B"**]. It is submitted if this is to be included in the Bylaw that the full code [No. 20] should be drafted as the proposed Bylaw [as it is currently drafted] does not address the welfare of a dog on the back of a Ute. There is a conflict of laws between the two pieces of secondary legislation.
34. **Costing and Operational practices.** All law enforcement should be intelligence led, to do otherwise means the Unit is solely reactive or has no direction when patrolling. For example, it should be an operational requirement that Harris Street is patrolled as often as possible and at least once by each Officer each shift. This will promote visibility as well as lead to the detection of offences.
35. It is submitted that the additional rural patrols required to detect and enforce the proposed permit requirements will impose considerable time and financial pressure on the Unit to the detriment of other pressing public safety issues [such as Harris Street].

36. **Conclusion:** The Group opposes the reduction of off leash exercise areas and strongly opposes the issue of permits for more than two dogs in the rural area.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'James Carter', written over a horizontal line.

James Carter

Counsel for the WDC Dog Owners Bylaw Review Group



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Message from the Chair of CANZ

Kia ora koutou

New Zealand has traditionally led the way in the development of pioneering legislation explicitly recognising animals as sentient beings capable of feeling both negative and positive emotions. Companion Animals New Zealand is committed to advancing companion animal welfare to ensure that each individual animal in New Zealand lives A Good Life. We believe in facilitating responsible companion animal guardianship through providing evidence-based information to improve understanding of what animals' need to enjoy positive experiences and to thrive as a member of a loving family.

Our aim is to be world leading in knowledge creation and sharing, and to demonstrate how a socially responsible nation can work together, and in collaboration with others, to improve human-animal interactions. In order to advance companion animal welfare, we must first understand key information such as how many animals of each species are kept as companions, where these animals are being sourced, and what proportion are de-sexed and microchipped. The Companion Animals in New Zealand 2020 Report provides this information and more, and we are pleased to be able to share this with all researchers, educators, policymakers, organisations, and individuals working to improve animal welfare. Our hope is that the information from this report will enhance understanding of the role and significance of companion animals in New Zealand and be used effectively to improve their lives.



Ngā mihi nui

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A companion animal is any animal that shares a living environment and relationship with humans.

The term ‘companion animal’ is an all-encompassing phraseology given to an entire spectrum of animals with whom interaction and/or companionship is enjoyed by humans, and where a responsible guardianship is established and accepted for their welfare by humans.

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02 Executive Summary

New Zealand is a nation of animal lovers.

New Zealand is home to more than 4.35 million companion animals. They almost outnumber people, and more people share their homes with companion animals than almost anywhere else in the world. New Zealand has the second highest proportion of households with companion animals in the world, second only to the United States (67%*).

**American Veterinary Medical Association; Pet Ownership & Demographic Sourcebook 2018 PDF*

Cats are the most popular companion animal in New Zealand, with 41% of households sharing their home with at least one cat. There are over 1.2 million cats in the country. Second most popular are dogs; a third of New Zealand households share their home with at least one dog and there are a total of 851,000 dogs in NZ.

Only 9% of households have fish, with an average of 8 fish per household. However, the total number of fish is 1.37 million, outnumbering cats and dogs.

New Zealand companion animal population breakdown, 2020

Companion animal type	Household penetration	Average number in home	Total (000)
Birds	6%	5.2	560
Cats	41%	1.7	1,219
Dogs	34%	1.4	851
Fish	9%	8.1	1,368
Horses / ponies	1.6%	2.5	72
Rabbits	2.8%	2.4	121
Other small mammal *	1.8%	3.2	101
Reptile	1.3%	2.6	60
Total	64%	-	4,352

Figure 1

**Other small mammal includes rat, mouse, guinea pig.*

New Zealanders overwhelmingly consider their companion animals to be members of the family. This is true for 74% of people with cats and 78% with dogs, and these figures are relatively unchanged since 2011.

Over half (59%) of people who do not have companion animals would like to get one, which is around 375,000 households, a very similar figure to 2015. The main barriers to this group having companion animals is their home or lifestyle not being suitable (37%), the landlord or property where people live not allowing animals (33%), cost (32%), and responsibility (26%).

Vets are overwhelmingly considered as the best source of information for companion animal related issues, with 71% of people with companion animals having this view. Other trusted sources of information include the SPCA (48%), the internet (41%), and pet shops (35%). However, it is interesting to note the influence and credibility of the internet as a source has waned over the last 4 years while the credibility of the SPCA has increased.



We can see significant differences in where different companion animal species are sourced; SPCA/animal rescue is the most common place to acquire cats (28%), whereas dogs are more likely to be acquired from a breeder / hobbyist / enthusiast (21%). Informal networks are still popular, however; 41% of cats and 30% of dogs are acquired via a friend, family or are found / stray.

Pet shops are more common for rabbits; 21% were acquired from a pet shop. A quarter (26%) of horses were acquired via a friend, and interestingly 11% of horses were 'off the track'.

Many companion animals were acquired for free; half of cats (53%), over a quarter of dogs (29%), a quarter of horses and a third of rabbits (36%) were free.

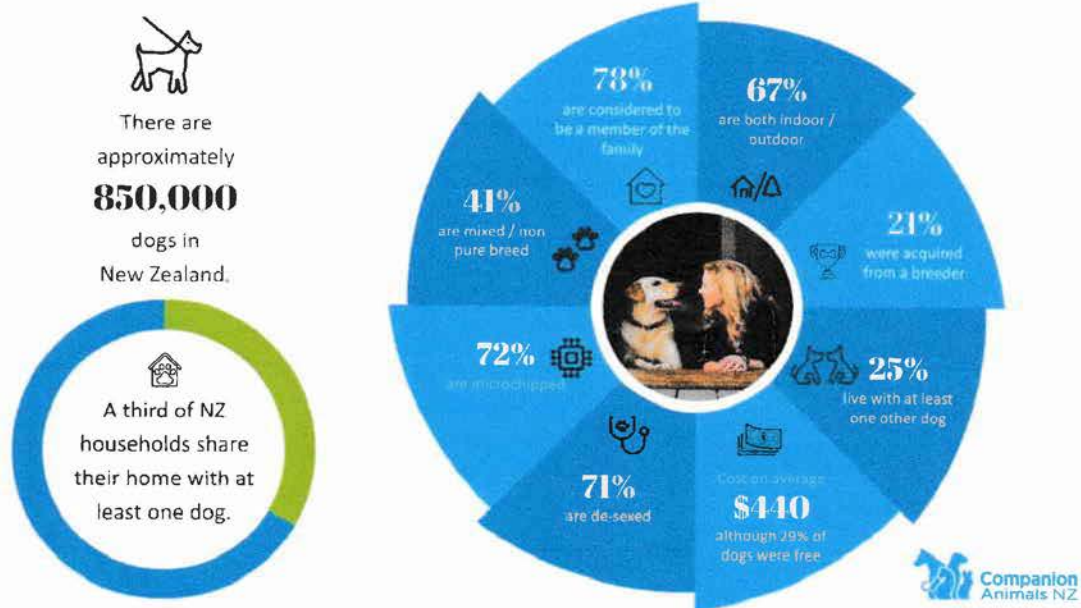
Responsible companion animal guardianship has a number of components. These include de-sexing, microchipping and registration on the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR).

De-sexing incidence is still high among the NZ cat population at 88%, however this is a decline compared to 2015 (93%). Within the dog population, de-sexing incidence has decreased slightly to 71% compared to 2015 (75%).

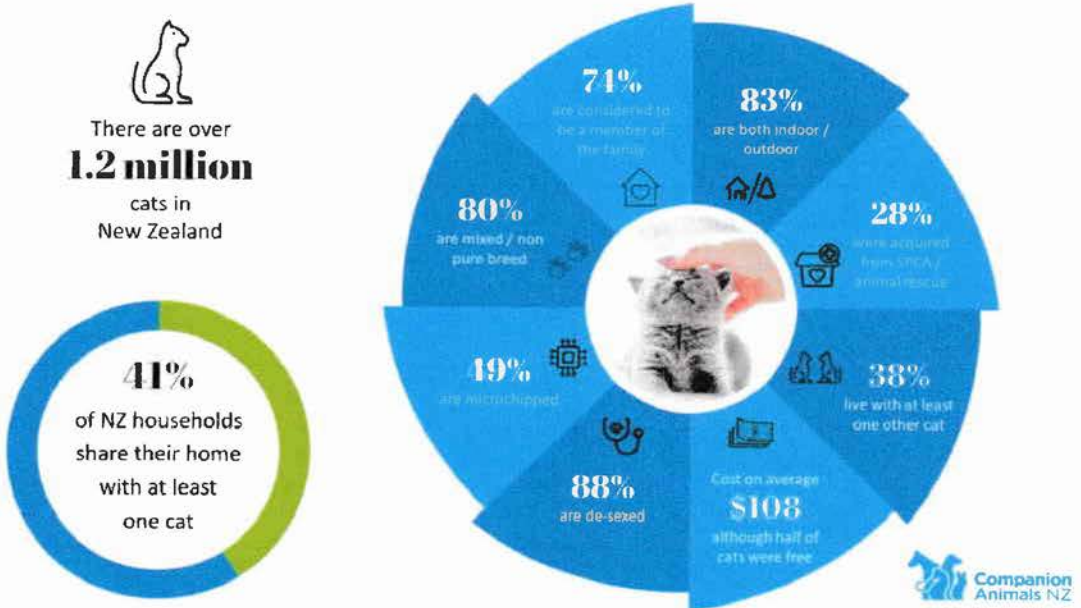
Microchipping incidence has continued to increase significantly among cats and dogs. Within the NZ cat population, we have seen a significant increase from 12% in 2011, to 31% in 2015 to 49% in 2020. However, we estimate there are over 600,000 cats in NZ that are still not microchipped.

Among the dog population, microchipping also continues to increase from 48% in 2011, to 71% in 2015 to 72% in 2020.

Companion dogs in New Zealand, 2020



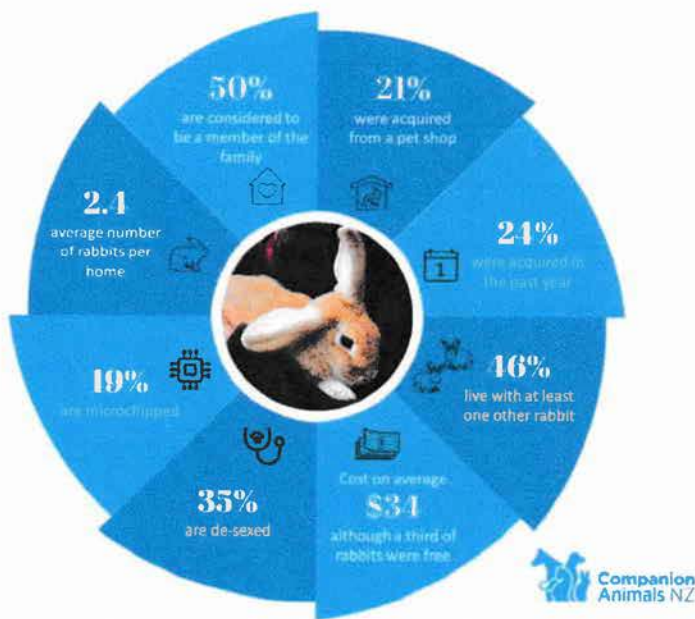
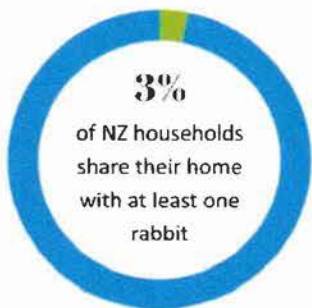
Companion cats in New Zealand, 2020



Companion rabbits in New Zealand, 2020



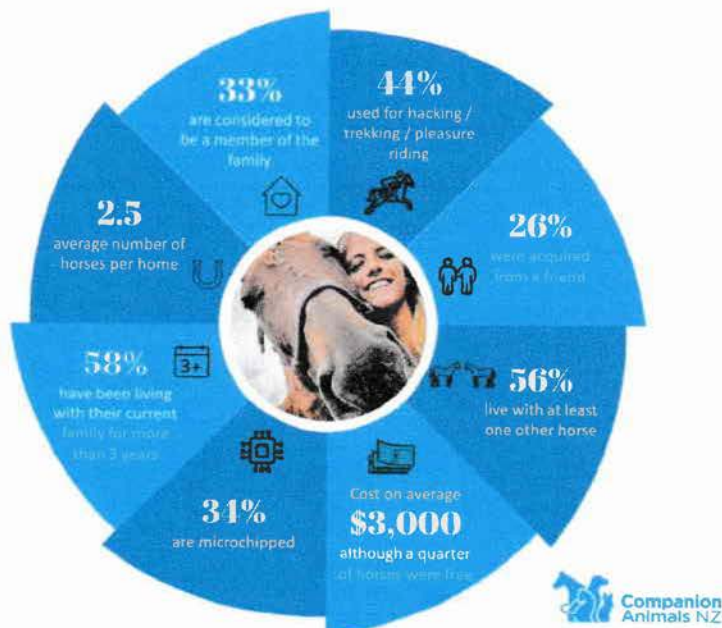
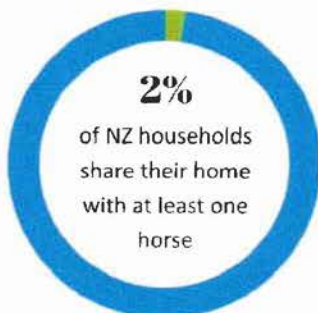
There are over
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companion rabbits in
New Zealand



Companion horses in New Zealand, 2020



There are over
70,000
companion horses in
New Zealand



Misunderstandings may result in the owner being unaware of the potential public health risk of a condition, putting the owner and their family at risk, or alternatively, having a dog unnecessarily euthanased.

7.7 Care of Claws and Coat

Introduction

Neglected coat and claws can cause considerable distress and suffering. Hygiene around the perineum, anus and tail is particularly important in dogs with long hair to reduce soiling and the risk of flystrike.

Minimum Standard No. 12 – Care of Claws and Coat

- (a) The coats of long-haired dogs must be groomed and/or clipped at a frequency that will prevent suffering and distress due to matting or infestation by parasites.
- (b) Claws must be clipped when necessary to avoid penetration of the skin and/or foot pads.

Recommended Best Practice

- a) Dogs should be groomed regularly so as to prevent matting.
- b) Claws, including dew claws if not removed, should be clipped as required.

General Information

Mats of hair harbour external parasites and dermatitis is likely to develop in the underlying skin. Mats can be brushed out or clipped off. Long haired dogs may require regular clipping or their hair tied back to ensure they can move freely and see where they are going.

Long hair can predispose to grass seeds penetrating skin and ears. Owners should regularly check dogs for grass seeds during the late summer period.

Shampooing and bathing dogs is generally not necessary if the dog is kept in a clean environment, but it can reduce unpleasant odours. Shampoos formulated for dogs should be used as human products may dry out the skin.

Dew claws, the claws of older dogs, and the claws of dogs that get little or no exercise on hard surfaces, may become overgrown. Long claws need careful trimming with sharp clippers taking care not to damage the quick of the nail (the nail bed) which will be painful and result in bleeding and possibly infection. Sharp nail tips can be removed with an emery board or nail file. Veterinarians, veterinary nurses or professional dog groomers and breeders can provide assistance and advice on trimming claws.

7.8 Exercise

Introduction

Exercise is extremely important for both physical and mental health, particularly where dogs are confined for prolonged periods, and also helps to meet dogs' social needs. Insufficient exercise can contribute to the development of behaviour problems. Exercise is usually a matter of walking and running on or off a leash, but dogs are also exercised in other ways, e.g. by swimming or using exercise equipment such as treadmills.

Minimum Standard No. 13 – Exercise

- (a) Dogs must receive daily exercise sufficient to maintain their health and well-being.
- (b) Dogs must be supervised at all times when exercising with exercise equipment such as treadmills, to limit the risk of injury or over-exercise.

Recommended Best Practice

- a) Dogs should have at least 60 minutes every day off the lead or chain or out of the run, with freedom to explore their immediate environment. However, owners should seek advice on the appropriate amount of exercise for their dog according to its age, breed and individual circumstances.
- b) Dogs being exercised should be under control at all times, or exercised in an enclosed area where they cannot come to harm.
- c) People training dogs for agility competitions or other impact sports should consider the stage of skeletal development, follow a structured training process and seek advice from skilled professionals. This is particularly important for dogs under the age of 18 months.
- d) The level of exercise should be appropriate for the age and level of fitness of the dog.
- e) Bitches should not be worked or exercised hard in the last two weeks of pregnancy.
- f) Bitches should not be worked until their puppies are close to weaning.

General Information

Exercise requirements vary with age, breed and individual circumstances. Over-exercising of growing dogs, especially those of larger breeds, may result in muscle or joint problems. Older dogs require relatively less exercise but physical activity remains important for both health and mental stimulation.

Regular exercise is important for working dogs to maintain their fitness, especially during periods of little or no work.

Gentle exercise is appropriate for pregnant bitches until the last two weeks prior to whelping.

Lactating bitches do not require regular exercise while their puppies are very young.

When exercising dogs beside a vehicle, due regard needs to be taken for the dog's fitness and safety.

Exercise on hard surfaces such as tarmac and long working hours can lead to worn footpads, especially where dogs are unaccustomed to this. Extremely hot surfaces, such as sandy beaches and hot asphalt in summer, can burn footpads.

7.9 Harmful Substances

Introduction

As natural scavengers, dogs are susceptible to accidental poisoning by many substances e.g. vertebrate pest baits, poisonous plants, illegal drugs, prescription medicines, household cleaners, and contaminated water. Dogs can also be poisoned by eating carcasses of poisoned animals.

Part 9: Transportation

Introduction

Dogs are frequently transported in a variety of vehicles. The Animal Welfare Act 1999 requires that every person in charge of a vehicle must ensure that any animal carried in a vehicle is secured and its welfare attended to. Additional information about transport is contained in the Code of Welfare: Transport within New Zealand.

See summary of regulations appended to this Code:

- Regulation 14 – Dogs left in vehicles
- Regulation 15 – Dogs on moving motor vehicles

Minimum Standard No. 20 – Transportation

- (a) Dogs must be provided with adequate ventilation when being carried in a vehicle.
- (b) Dogs must not be transported loose in a stock crate with livestock.
- (c) If dogs are carried in a purpose-built transport box fixed to a vehicle, it must be well-ventilated and free from exhaust fumes and road dust.
- (d) If dogs are transported on the open deck or open trailer of a moving motor vehicle (other than a moped, a motorcycle, or an all-terrain vehicle) on a public road,—
 - i) the dogs must be secured in a way that prevents them from falling or hanging off (for example, secured by a tether or a cage); and
 - ii) if a dog is secured by a tether, the tether must be short enough to prevent the dog's legs from reaching over the sides of the open deck of the vehicle or open trailer, but long enough to allow the dog to stand or lie down in a natural position.
- (e) Farm dogs may be unsecured on the open deck or open trailer of a moving motor vehicle on a public road while involved in driving or managing livestock (for example, when moving livestock from one paddock to another that is down the road).
- (f) A person who leaves a dog in a stationary vehicle must ensure that the dog does not display signs of shade-seeking behaviour, as well as 1 or more of the following signs consistent with heat stress:
 - i) excessive panting;
 - ii) excessive drooling;
 - iii) hyperventilation.

Recommended Best Practice

- a) Dogs should be transported using a specially designed, climate-controlled travelling crate if possible.
- b) Dogs should not be carried in the closed boot of a car unless they are injured and this is the most appropriate manner in which to transport them over a short distance.
- c) When dogs are transported on the back of trucks or in vans, non-slip surfaces should be provided.
- d) If a dog is transported on the back of or on the fuel tank of a farm motorbike, the driver should provide a non-slip cover for the dog to assist it to retain balance when the vehicle is moving at speed or cornering.
- e) Dogs should not be left unattended in vehicles. If a dog must be left in a vehicle even for a short time, the vehicle should be parked in shade with more than one window left open to allow air to circulate so that heat stress will not occur.
- f) Dogs should not be carried on the open back of vehicles during extremes of weather unless shelter is provided.
- g) When dogs are tethered on the back of an open vehicle for transport, the securing lead or chain should be attached so that the cab provides protection against the wind.

- h) When groups of dogs are transported together, submissive dogs should be protected from those that are more dominant by physical separation or restraint that prevents aggressive interaction.
- i) When dogs are transported together in a group, there should be easy and safe access to all dogs by the owner or person in charge.
- j) Dogs awaiting loading onto aircraft should be kept in a secure, tranquil and quiet environment and should be sheltered from the elements.

General Information

Dogs can be seriously injured if allowed to travel with their heads out of the window of a moving vehicle.

The temperature in a closed vehicle in full sun can reach 50 degrees Centigrade in less than 15 minutes. This will cause an enclosed dog's temperature to rise rapidly, followed by extreme distress and rapid death. Dogs that have been stressed in this way should be cooled by wetting down and providing cool water, then veterinary assistance should be sought.

Brachycephalic dogs (those with shortened noses such as pugs and bulldogs) are less able to regulate their temperature so are more prone to heat stress during periods of high temperatures.

Puppies which are transported by car, and continue to be transported at regular intervals as they age, will, in general, develop a higher tolerance for travel than dogs not introduced to cars at an early age.

Dogs being transported over long distances, either by road or by air, have additional requirements such as appropriate ventilation, and provision of water. Where dogs are to be transported over long distance, veterinarians and animal transport agents can provide useful advice. For air travel, the International Air Transport Association (www.iata.org) provides guidelines, which all domestic carriers follow.

Sedation of dogs for transportation is not generally recommended. Veterinary advice should be sought in the first instance where there are concerns that a dog may not settle.

Any person wishing to export a dog from New Zealand to any country, including New Zealand dependencies, should seek advice from MPI, their veterinarian or a licensed animal transport agent.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3282

Submitter name/organisation: Bruce Cameron

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

I farm, along with my wife, a sheep and cattle property in Glen Murray. We have been farming on this property for over 40 years and I also worked on other farms before this.

My entire time farming has involved owning and working dogs for the movement and control of livestock.

Dogs are an essential part of any farm operation where livestock are involved.

Dogs being as essential and they are, are highly regarded by their owners for the work that they carry out on the day-to-day farming operations. Many farmers engage in dog trial events where the skill of both dog and owner are show cased and judged. These events show how much work is put into training a dog, and the results that are achieved in working and controlling livestock. This does not happen overnight and a great deal of time is put into getting dogs to a high working standard. In my own family my Great Grand Father travelled to Scotland to bring back top-quality working dogs to compliment his dog team in New Zealand.

Dogs that have so much time put into them in training become very much part of the farming family and are looked after accordingly.

With what I have just stated above I feel it is very safe to say that farm working dogs give the least trouble of any group of dogs.

I support the two-dog limit with the exclusion of farm working dogs: i.e. Two dogs plus working dogs.

Also, in addition to this, I support a dog breeder or trainer of farm working dogs who specialises in this field and may be on a smaller property. It is essential for those in this field to be able to continue the very good work that they do.

Reverse Sensitivity.

With more urban people moving into the rural areas on lifestyle blocks this can become a concern. Barking dogs are part of rural life which can be from shifting livestock and also as a means of security on a farm. Any strangers coming onto a farm will, in most cases, incite a reaction from farm dogs.

Dogs barking are a normal occurrence in a rural environment and no further action should be required on the part of the council or dog owner.

Fees

As I stated earlier, farm dogs are the least troublesome of any group of dog ownership and this should be reflected in a reduced fee in dog registration.

Permits

I see no need for farm working dogs to require a permit and they should be exempted from such requirements.

If the permits and fees become too onerous this will only bring about owners not registering their dogs and this is not the outcome anybody is looking for.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3279

Submitter name/organisation: Judy Sargent

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Please see the attached document.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

No opinion on this aspect.

Submission to: Waikato District Council regarding changes to the Dog Control Bylaws

Dear Councillors,

I am Judy Sargent and I have been breeding show dogs for close to 30 years whilst living rurally under the Waikato District Council jurisdiction. I pride myself on having breed internationally renowned Scottish Terriers for the last 20 years with temperament and quality as the driving desire behind my breeding program.

Major concern 1

I am concerned that the changes to the rules will give neighbours too much control over their law-abiding neighbours ability to have more than two dogs. I enclose a detailed reason why, below:

1. Close to 20 years ago I built a new set of kennels on Gordonton Road and had a fellow friend live in a 2nd house on the property and share the new facilities. The Council Dog Control Officer was invited to inspect the kennels at our new address. They were very impressed with what had been built and asked if they could take photos as they thought it was perfect example to show other people who were considering building kennels. In all of the years living in the Taupiri area I have never had a complaint about my dogs.
2. Nearly 18 months ago we sold the Gordonton Road property and moved to Te Kowhai as I was now 70 years old and I wished to downsize, but still have a few dogs. **We purposely purchased a rural property to enable us to have five dogs during my retirement.** But it seems even with good quiet dogs, my family and I are now victims of an unreasonable and complaining neighbour.
 - a. The Dog Control Officers have twice visited the new property due to complaints from the lady neighbour **who is not close to our house.**
 - b. They have inspected the place, sat out on the road and they have no complaints at all about my dogs for noise or their lovely living facilities. In fact, they were pretty blown away by how nice the facilities are.
 - c. The lady neighbour has caused a lot of trouble over all our legal development on the property, building a proper council approved dependant dwelling and extending the family home.
 - d. I am retired and mostly home and currently not even breeding but my life has been made miserable by this inconsiderate neighbour.
 - e. I am of the understanding that this neighbour has now been put on a special troublesome list with the Council. Given what has occurred for us, I am concerned that the changes to the rules will give neighbours too much control over their law-abiding neighbours ability to have more than two dogs.
 - f. **THIS IS THE FINAL and VERY IMPORTANT POINT** - At one point before we continued with our plans to develop on the property, I raised the question with the council inspector that perhaps we should abandon our plans and move. He was horrified and had become frustrated with the neighbour's complaints about everything going on, on our property.

Major concern 2

Given that I have spent a good portion of my life breeding dogs for the showing and the enjoyment of many, many families, I am concerned that removing the ability for rural property owners to make

their own choice on the number of dogs to keep, reduces the chance for quality breeders to continue in the future.

Sincerely
Judith Sargent

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3278

Submitter name/organisation: New Zealand Pig Hunting Association

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

2. Any further comments?

A. The proposed changes lack justification.

I. The Council received 58 complaints about multiple dogs in the last 5 years out of a total of 17,046 dog complaints in total. This is .34%

II. The 58 complaints relate to 7 properties out of 913 rural properties with more than 3 dogs.

III. 906 compliant dog owners will be required to obtain a permit because of 7 non-compliant properties

IV. The severity of the offending at the 7 properties is not clear but the Council did allow dogs to remain at the properties?

B. Rural areas are designed to have different settings than urban areas

I. People expect that rural areas will have fewer restrictions to some activities e.g. than urban areas and this is one of the reasons they live there

C. The proposed changes will unfairly penalise law abiding Pig Hunters

a. Pig hunting by its nature more often requires the keeping of more than 2 dogs.

b. Hunting Dogs should be exempt from the proposed changes. The Council has made a conscious choice not to exempt hunting dogs from the proposed changes, not as is touted a result of the Councils decision to exempt working dogs.

c. A person in a rural setting can have any number of working dogs without requiring a permit but should they have more than two hunting dogs (which are actually working dogs by their very nature) they will require a permit. This is total hypocrisy.

D. There are other ways the Council can intervene if dogs are being neglected

I. Some of the justification for the proposed changes is the protection and wellbeing of dogs in the district and the ability of the Council to intervene if there are issues of neglect. Other legislation such as the animal welfare Act is available to be used in such cases.

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Similarly, the 7 properties, that had 156 dogs experiencing neglect and held in poor conditions could just have easily been 78 properties with two dogs on each property but it was not. It was a very few people causing all the problems.

Summary

This is another case of bureaucratic overload and unnecessary law making which penalises the law-abiding majority in a misguided attempt to fix a problem created by a small minority of people.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

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25th January 2022

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Dog Control Policy and Bylaws Consultation
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Re: Waikato District Council proposed Dog Control Bylaw 2015 and Dog Control Policy 2022

Introduction

The New Zealand Pig Hunting Association (NZPHA) was established to:

- Represent and advocate in the interests of pig hunters nationally
- Co-ordinate the activities of Pig Hunters and Pig Hunting Organisation's nationally where necessary
- Provide management and planning expertise and support to member clubs for the management of pig hunting for recreation and the conservation of indigenous species.
- To carry out research into pig hunting and related issues

Submission

The NZPHA submits as follows on behalf of its member club and pig hunters generally in the Waikato District:

- 1. The NZPHA opposes the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015**
- 2. The NZPHA opposes the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy 2022**

Rationale for this opposition:

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Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission and we ask to be heard in support if it

Regards



Garry Ottmann

Secretary NZPHA

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Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3271

Submitter name/organisation: Kay Dance

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

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Despite the lack of data readily available and the statistics quoted by Council only referring to the complaint numbers not an ownership percentage or number of repeat offences or whether these were registered or unregistered dogs, I suspect very few multi-dog owners who register their dogs are neglectful or 'nuisance dog' owners, regardless of whether they are rural or urban. Those who leave their single dogs at home all day unattended are in my mind the neglectful ones.

Unlike the current urban permits this is not a proposal to discourage rural people from increasing the number of pet dogs they already have in their home and thus limit disruption to their very near neighbours, this is for the immediate reduction of existing pets without due regard for people who have been diligently registering their pet dogs each year or for the mental welfare of those owners and their pets. The proposed permit would allow a 2 dog household to increase numbers dramatically yet a permit would also be required in order to allow existing registered dogs in multi-dog homes to humanely live out their days in a familiar environment, even though that would then naturally reduce numbers over time achieving the same end goal.

Dogs develop a strong bond with their family and other dogs within the family, and in some households a number of dogs are under ownership of different household members including absent owners away at University or stuck overseas. We now have more people working from home so pets are better supervised, and for some elderly owners their pets are one of the last things keeping them independantly in their own home. Why should they now have to allow personal scrutiny of their homes and justify to strangers the ownership of the registered dogs they have had for the past 5 or more years when others will just simply not register their dogs, or put static bark collars on them to avoid malicious claims of 'nusiance barking' from the new neighbours who have brought their urban values to the country and now also working from home. Breeders will simply adopt the common urban policy of putting their females into single dog 'guardianship' homes around the region so they only have one of them at home when they have puppies, it won't stop them owning multiple dogs.

To hold the threat of forced reduction of dogs in the household if no permit is granted will cause mental anguish for all concerned. Council gives no figures for how many households this will potentially effect, and how many invasive property checks their Animal Control Officers will have to

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This proposal will drastically increase the workload and personal risk for Animal Control Officers and will ultimately only impact on honest dogs owners and their registered pets, affecting the mental health of those who register their dogs and do their utmost to meet MAF and Bylaw requirements, and usually exceed them without scrutiny.

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3266

Submitter name/organisation: Geoffrey Henderson

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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Yes

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Yes

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Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Option 1 is not an ideal option at all. The current playground is fit for purpose and well utilized by the local community. This area would not be ideal for dogs running free. It does not have the parking to support its use as a dog running area. The picnic area is ideal for families + food + small children. This cannot exist with dogs running free.

The Tamahere Reserve is far more ideal.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3258

Submitter name/organisation: Mitchell Horan

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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No

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Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

I, Mitchell Horan from 182b Howden Road RD9, Hamilton strongly oppose the proposal to introduce permits in rural properties for the ownership of 3 or more dogs. I also object to being required to require neighbours' consent to house/own 3 or more dogs on my rural property.

I have been hunting since I was about 2 years old - with my dad and my Grandad. Now I am still hunting and own my own pack of hunting dogs. These dogs are registered with the WDC - and housed at my parent's home where I live. To hunt effectively you need more than 2 dogs to remain safe - not only you but also the dogs working for you.

I am a current member of the Dinsdale Hunting club - sitting on the committee, and the NZPHA (New Zealand Pig Hunting Association) . Dog welfare is paramount to me. My dogs are working for me when I hunt - which is most nights after work and nearly every weekend.

I strongly object to having a permit for more than 2 dogs on a rural property. This seems to me that it has nothing to do with dog welfare, but instead about the council trying to raise more money and unfairly target good dog owners. Remove the dogs from the owners who mis treat their pets - put by laws on those who are not following the rules. Leave the ones who are doing the right thing by registering their dogs and looking after them to get on with what they are doing.

I also believe that Hunting dogs need to be categorised under the working dog class, as my dogs often work for farmers whose livestock are being decimated by wild pigs eating lambs and destroying native flora and fauna. They also work to provide food, not only for myself but also for my family and friends.

Mitchell Horan.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3257

Submitter name/organisation: Craig Horan

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

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No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

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My Background

- Owned hunting dogs my whole life
- Registering dogs with council 25+ years
- Good dog owner status
- Need more than 2 dogs to hunt effectively and safely.
- Extended family with son at home with hunting dogs
- Currently have 6 dogs - 2 house dogs, 1 is a retired hunting dog with epilepsy, main dogs and pups training to be hunting dogs - these are needed to run an effective hunting pack
- All dogs housed in raised kennels, with large enclosed run, their own pool, sandpit and sun stage. (At 20k cost)
- Member of the NZPHA, Dinsdale Hunting club president, Peninsula Hunting Club member.
- Home/land owner with WDC, rate payer.

With applying for a permit to have more than 2 dogs I also object to this proposal as stated in the WDC Dog control bylaw 2015

11.2 Every application for a permit shall be accompanied by such permit fees as may be prescribed from time to time by resolution of the council.

I can only see this as another revenue collecting bid from the council which penalises law abiding dog owners.

11.3 The council may issue a permit subject to such term or special condition as are required to meet the criteria set by the council. This permit is specific to the number of dogs applied for at that

time, and any additional dogs obtain will negate the permit and the permit holder will have to re-apply for a new permit.

This is more revenue collecting. As stated earlier it is of the utmost importance that we have up and coming young dogs in training for our hunting packs.

I also submit that Hunting dogs are categorised under the working dog class.

Craig Horan.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015**Submission ID:** 3256**Submitter name/organisation:** Rebecca (Bex) Horan**Attachment:** Yes**Wish to speak to submission:** Yes***Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015*****1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**

No

2. Any further comments?***Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy*****1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**

No

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Submission Waikato District Council Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Review:

Rebecca (Bex) Horan.

I, STRONGLY OPPOSE the proposal to introduce permits in rural zoned areas for household with more than two non-working dogs. I also object to neighbours' consent being required to gain a permit should the bylaw pass.

Currently within our home we house 6 dogs. We brought our rural property where we could have our dogs. Our dogs are all registered, loved, fed and members of our family.

We have two full time house dogs (one is a retired hunting dog with epilepsy) and 4 hunting dogs. These dogs are housed in raised kennels – they have their own swimming pool, sandpit and exercise yard. They are loved members of our household and are run every night with us – they love nothing more than chasing after a tennis ball.

We have not had complaints about our animals – they are highly trained – will not touch livestock, cats, and have been through the kiwi diversion course so when they are hunting no other native wildlife is hurt. They have been bred to hunt pigs. Soley pigs. They are not dangerous, aggressive dogs, they are our family. Often if my husband or son is away, I feed them, run them and love them. Any of those dogs I trust. If we had a dog we didn't trust, we wouldn't have it as part of our pack/family.

To hunt effectively you need a pack of dogs. This minimalizes the risk of dogs getting hurt while doing what they love, and are trained to do. There is nothing more devastating than one of our dogs being hurt. They receive the best vet care – we have one who we have spent \$10,88.00 on in vet bills, but would do it all again tomorrow as we love him dearly and we understand the risks associated with the sport – and ensure that we take every precaution to make sure our dogs don't get hurt.

When I first met my husband – I was a wee townie and the thought of pig hunting dogs – scared me and made me envisage all the bad things that I believed hunters did to their dogs. The stories around dogs being beaten, starved to be more aggressive on pigs etc... How wrong could I have been.

Our hunting dogs have quickly become my pets – and I am proudly mum to them all.

Our main dog got diagnosed year before last with epilepsy – it was too dangerous for her to hunt any longer so she has become our full-time house dog. There was no other option we had in our minds – she is the most loving, affectionate and gentle dog you could meet. Our grandson adores her and when she licks he tells me love nana she loves me. People and friends often say – She never got pigs, she's too lovely and placid. (As they try to take her home!) We then show them some of her trophies and jaws. She was a hunting dog, and now she is our house dog.

All of our dogs whether they are actively hunting or our house dogs are part of our family. I love them all. There is not a dog I would get rid of for any amount of money. We have made the choice to buy large property so we can have our dogs, our kids and our lifestyle. We happily pay our rates, register our animals, love them and care for them – Why then, should you be penalising good owners of multiple dogs? The problem is clearly with seven households. Put your time and money in to these households not the households who love their pets.

If there are complaints around dogs and property – then yes, I fully support you investigating and taking action against those who are not fulfilling the needs of their dogs. Take full legal action – remove the dogs. But, don't think fairness is punishing all for the failings of seven rural households.

This is looking more like a revenue making effort by the council who have been elected to act in the best interest of those they are working for. With some comments during this proposal by councillors being quite offensive around dogs and dog owners. We already pay rates, dog registration fees...

Surely, a more solution focused way would be to penalise those not following the rules as opposed to lumping everyone in the same group and treating all dog owners like those who do not do the right thing.

I also would like the council to strongly consider the classification of what a working dog is – and move that hunting dogs be classified as a working dog.

Rebecca (Bex) Horan.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3249

Submitter name/organisation: Tamahere Community Committee

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

We generally support all the changes, however want to emphasize that:

1. The Tamahere Community definitely wish to continue to have a safe, secure off leash dog exercise area.
2. in updating this Policy we believe Council must set sufficient funds aside to enable a huge improvement in signage and education surrounding the rules for the Dog Policy.

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Community feedback tells us that the Te Awa off leash Dog Exercise area was previously well used before it fell into a state of disrepair. It was not well advertised and even people in the community did not know of its existence. As it is at the moment it is not fit for purpose, but it is still a good option if the dog exercise area could be fenced off from the childrens playground that shares the

current space. The erosion on the riverbank walk has rendered resulted in this part of the park being unavailable and that has detracted from the sites suitability somewhat.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

The reserve is centrally located, many people walk dogs around the area. There is space for the Dog Park to be a decent size. It would need to be well fenced and gated and owners must be present with their dogs. There is safe parking adjacent to the area and the area of land is near/on the Hall sewerage fields so will not be used for any other purpose. The space is occasionally used for overflow Hall parking but this is maybe 3 times a year. As a dog off leash area it will be used daily. It is also away from residential activity. This is a situation where signage will be vital. Locals who currently allow their dogs to run loose on the Tamahere Park are going to have to be educated that the dogs are not allowed on the playing fields at all and on leash in the environs.

Tamahere Community Committee

Additional Comments for Proposed Changes to Dog

Exercise Areas – Proposed Dog Control Policy 2022

This submission follows our feedback provided to Council on 23 September 2021, and on review and further discussion with residents since the new proposal came out for consultation the following comments are made:

- Signage and communication is going to be the game changer for the successful activation of the by-law when it comes to on-lead areas in public places. Many Tamahere dog owners are not aware of the fact that the Tamahere Park is NOT an off-leash area currently.
- The objectives of the policy can't be down-played. The public must feel safe in all areas of the community.
- On-lead and off-lead socialisation are different skill sets for dog training which is why the Council needs to designate and provide a safe off-leash area.
- The area described in Tamahere Park, all be it a small area, is centrally located for Community use and as it is over the Hall sewerage field cannot be utilised for many other purposes.
 - This area has been for several years unavailable for use as it had a stockpile of dirt on it and the adjacent area is used for overflow parking on very rare occasions but to make it a properly fenced area for off-leash dogs will see this space used by dog owners on a daily basis.
 - Clear signage needs to be provided along with pooh bags and rubbish bin as other local councils do.
 - This will become a destination for many local dog owners.
- The Te Awa Park is a great Community facility and should remain for the community use for picnics and playground and sports as it is currently primarily used for. No part of this area was ever fenced off for dogs to be off-leash which has resulted in some of the local community not wanting to see this developed for this purpose. The space suggested in this bylaw is away from the playground, commercial area and sports fields therefore should be of little concern to other park users.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3219

Submitter name/organisation: Tracy Wilde

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

please note I have already submitted - I have uploaded a new word file to accompany my submission. Please delete the earlier uploaded file . Thanks Tracy Wilde

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No

2. Any further comments?

please note I have already submitted - I have uploaded a new word file to accompany my submission. Please delete the earlier uploaded file . Thanks Tracy Wilde

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Submission Waikato District Council Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Review:
Tracy Wilde (note this is a *replacement* for my initial submission and contains additional and amended information)

My family and I have five family dogs. I moved from Hamilton city (where I had a permit for multiple dogs) so I had room to enjoy my dogs in a rural environment. My involvement with dogs is longstanding:

- Previous long-term instructor with Hamilton Dog Obedience Club
- Delivered many free seminars to new dog owners in conjunction with Clare Browne (University lecturer in animal behavior) and Amanda (from HCC).
- Certificate in Canine behavior (Massey University).
- Involved in the establishment of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ
- Fostering too many dogs to remember
- Been an Animal Welfare Inspector for the SPCA.

My working career has included project manager, acting service manager, charge nurse and nurse educator for the Waikato DHB, SPCA inspector, SPCA Centre manager and SPCA representative on three Animal Welfare Ethics Committees.

34% of New Zealand house-holds have at least one dog and of those, 78% consider the dog to be a member of the family (<https://www.companionanimals.nz/2020-report>). Dogs are companions, friends and work mates.

Permits

I strongly oppose the proposal to introduce permits in rural zoned areas for households with more than two non-working dogs. I also object to neighbors' consent being required to gain a permit should the bylaw pass.

Welfare

The proposal to issue permits for rural properties with more than two dogs has been put forward exclusively to manage issues with dogs (owners) that the animal control team are not easily able to deal with under the Dog Control Act (DCA), (as per statements by Tracey Oakes). This is the primary (only) reason given to bring in permits for more than two dogs in rural areas – as stated in the proposal (1st December 2021) - “to ensure the welfare of dogs is protected”.

Over the last five years, seven households in rural areas have been or are of concern. Of these, two households have 40 dogs, and one has 35. Of the remainder, one property had four dogs and the others all had 10 or more. Most of the dogs involved were not registered when the initial complaints were laid and investigated.

While the statement in the proposal may be technically correct (58 complaints affecting 156 dogs.) it is misleading in that it gives the appearance that there are a significant number of

dog welfare concerns and bad owners in rural areas, when in fact there are seven problem households. Note that rural complaints made up 0.3% of all complaints re dogs to WDC Animal Control Team (ACT). Council has a legal right to ensure that regulations are complied with, and it should do so. Council does not have a right to create unreasonable regulations because to do so might make its job easier. Nor should the ACT undertake work that should be reasonably expected to fall under the jurisdiction of the SPCA under the Animal Welfare Act.

While it is distressing to see dogs kept in suboptimal conditions, to impose a two-dog limit without a permit on good dog owners who have registered dogs seems both unfair and unreasonable. The same mechanism (permits) is not suggested to address dog welfare concerns with farm dogs (who may be included in permits should the council wish to) or for one or two dogs kept in non-rural zoned areas. To say there are no issues with farm dogs is disingenuous to say the least. As a previous SPCA inspector in this area I know this is not the case and the Animal Control Team can provide no evidence to support their claim farm dog welfare is not an issue- no more than it is an issue for the vast majority of rural dog owners. Similarly, one or two dog households are hardly all bastions of amazing dog welfare- but no permitting has been proposed to address any welfare issues in these households.

Council accountability and responsible resource allocation

The council is responsible to spend rate payers' money in a way that provides efficient and effective use of resources. Prudent use of council resources would suggest that change that impacts on the resources (such as vehicles, people/time) would be appropriately costed before being put forward as a proposal.

This is not the case. No costings have been undertaken, therefore there is no resource or financial information on the impact of permitting for more than two dogs in rural areas available. For Animal Control Officers (ACO's) to inspect over 900 properties over a year they would need to visit approximately 20 rural properties per week every week for that year. The district covers more than 400,000 hectares (418.893ha), with some very remote areas, accessed by less-than-ideal roads.

It appears between 2015 and 2021 there has been a very approximate increase in the ACT's workload by 40%. However Full Time Equivalentents have increased by 1.5 which is a 9.52% increase (pound workers excluded from all numbers). To consider a further increase in workload without a business case to support this appears irresponsible. Tracey Oakes noted in the council workshops that the extra workload would be difficult.

To fund the additional workload, either General Rates or Dog Registrations will need to increase, or other services provided to the community will have to be reduced. For example, the time to investigate genuine complaints may be prolonged, ability to attend urgent calls in a timely manner may be impacted, and the time ACT have to engage and educate (which the council indicates is its preferred approach) may be reduced.

The ACT have indicated the permit (for the first 18 months) would be free of charge. However, any increase in dog numbers would require a new permit- at a currently unspecified cost. Presumably anyone new to the area would have to apply with an

associated cost. This is not a cost neutral proposal but is being put forward without council knowing what the costs are.

This proposal has the potential to result in people simply choosing not to register their third or more dogs. If this happens, more ACT time will be taken up chasing unregistered dogs who are otherwise well looked after and cared for, but whose owners were concerned their neighbors might not give consent, or just worried that an ACO might decide that they aren't suitable to have additional dogs, and what this might mean to the dogs in their family. The lack of clear criteria around what is needed to be approved for a permit opens it up to subjectivity and discrimination by ACOs.

Reasonableness and fairness

The number of two dogs, after which a permit is required, is based on the permit rules for non-rural areas. While some rural properties may have property sizes like those in country living, this is not a good reason to change all rural properties to a 'two dog after which you need a permit' rule.

The requirement for neighbor's consent as per the urban permits would apply unless waived on a case-by-case basis by the ACO issuing the permit. I completely disagree with this, which is not in the proposal but has come to light subsequently. If there have been no substantiated issues with dogs at a property, why should neighbor's need to give consent? Should this misguided permitting rule be approved, neighbor approval should not have to be obtained.

Perception of Waikato District

People move to rural areas such as Waikato District because they can have multiple, well cared for dogs without out unnecessary bureaucracy and costs. This bylaw proposal risks the Waikato District being seen as anti-dog and not a good place to live if you have multiple dogs. This has already happened within the horse community with the council being perceived as non-responsive to any needs of horse riders/ owners. It would be sad if the same perception extended to dogs and dog owners. Waikato district is increasingly looking animal unfriendly. This may reduce the number of people choosing to move to or stay in the area- impacting those businesses who provide dog-based products and services.

Rehoming

And finally, but importantly - rescue and rehoming. If the council is concerned for the welfare of dogs it would seek to reduce the kill rate through the pound. Since 2015, 1145 dogs have been killed. Making it harder for people to have a 3rd or 4th dog does nothing to help adopt pound dogs. There is also a possible issue with people being unwilling to foster dogs, especially if they are unsure if they will be able to get a permit in a timely manner. While the ACT may say they can work around this with rescues, perception by the public is important- if it looks hard, they may choose not to foster.

Tiny homes/ caravans to be included as part of one property.

If a tiny home or caravan owner has their dwelling legally on a property, then their home should be counted as separate from other homes on the property for the purposes of permitting (should permitting unfortunately be passes). Home ownership has become increasingly difficult and out of the reach of many- especially the young and those on limited

incomes. Rental accommodation is not only difficult to find generally, but also exceptionally difficult for those with pets, especially dogs. Inability to find accommodation that allows dogs, place a huge burden on and causes significant distress for families with existing dogs should their situation change and they need to find a new home.

The Council approach to permitting, (which means that the single unit dwelling as defined in section 3 of the proposed bylaw and not individual homes on the property, would be permitted) discriminates against those who legitimately have a dwelling on the property of a friend/relative or through a lease arrangement. If both households have dogs, a permit would have to be applied for. This may well discourage people from offering the option of somewhere to put a tiny home or caravan if they think they may then need to apply for a permit. It may also discourage those needing a place to put a tiny home or caravan from taking up these offers if they are concerned their pet may not be able to live with them. In the context of significant housing shortages this approach seems unfair and unreasonable. As long as all dogs are registered as they are legally required to be, the council can see how many dogs are resident on a property and therefore check should it appear the number is unreasonable in relation to the property size.

The bylaw should allow tiny homes/caravans to be counted separately from other dwellings on the property should permitting for rural dogs go ahead.

“Pet limit laws are often used as a shortcut for public nuisance complaints, a hoarding situation or a puppy mill, but there is no magic number of animals that guarantees humane conditions. One-size-fits-all laws can make pet owners fearful of reaching out for needed services and can cause collateral damage to loving pet owners and to foster volunteers, who often house litters of kittens and puppies that may exceed these ineffective laws”. (<https://humanepro.org/magazine/articles/creating-animal-friendly-communities>)

Dog Exercise Areas

Under the Resource Management Act 1991, alongside other obligations, Council has an obligation to enable people and communities to provide for their social well-being and health. Research identifies significant health benefits from dog ownership, and has shown that the bond between people and their pets can increase fitness, lower stress, and decrease loneliness. Dogs provide increased opportunities for exercise and outdoor activities, and for socialisation. As individual dog owners we have a legal responsibility to exercise our dogs adequately and we can be prosecuted if we do not do so.

Council is required under S10 (4)(d) of the Dog Control Act (1996) “to have regard to ... the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners”, which means that Council needs to respect and acknowledge those needs. The exercise needs of dogs are further clarified in the (Dogs) Code of Welfare 2010 which derives from the Animal Welfare Act (1999). That Code states in Minimum Standard 13 “that dogs must receive daily exercise sufficient to maintain their health and well-being”. Thirty minutes a day is minimum, and 60 minutes a day is ideal (depending somewhat on the age/stage and breed of dog).

Dogs need to be exercised both on, and off, leash. Research indicates that dogs need to learn acceptable behaviour when in public and need to be socialised properly to prevent aggression. This is achievable by owners training their dog while out of the home (Hart 1990) and through play with the owner and other dogs (Bradshaw and Brown 1990) and through socialisation with other people when out in the community. Dogs need more than just initial socialisation; they need on-going exposure to people, and to other dogs, to be genuinely safe.

In addition, some dog breeds need more exercise than others . When there are too many dogs being exercised in one small area, aggression can occur, and smaller dogs need to be able to be exercised away from larger dogs at times. If dogs are exercised in too small an area, it can create behavioural problems.

However, to be safe and effective for the public and dog owners, good dog parks must have

- Materials for cleaning up after dogs (bags and rubbish bins)
- Drinking Water and shade
- Enough space to avoid crowding

And additionally

- Separate entrance and exit gates if fenced
- Entrances and exits with a two-gate system so dogs can't escape from the park accidentally
- Natural visual barriers within the park (hills, trees, etc.)

Other nice to have but not essential considerations include

- No 90-degree angles in the fence where dogs can get cornered by other dogs,
- Several entrance and exit gates if park is fenced
- Special enclosed areas for smaller dogs; e.g., under 9kg
- Fun stuff (agility equipment, etc.)

- ***The Council proposal is to reduce the number of off lead parks by seven. I strongly oppose any move to reduce access to off-leash exercise space for dogs. The council should endeavor to identify and implement alternative areas for off-leash exercise for dogs BEFORE it reduces existing spaces and should include identification and funding of suitable areas as part of its annual and long-term plans.***

- The council should apply best practice principles to its dog parks to improve the experience of owners and dogs, not just provide a minimum so it can say it has provided a space.
- The Council should provide parks in areas where people who have limited ability to drive to or otherwise can access off lead parks.
- ALL parks and recreation areas should be off-leash under-control unless there is a specific reason for on-leash or banned (e.g. DoC requirement for no dogs, close to children's playgrounds). At very least the council should designate parks/recreation areas that are currently not off-leash but have limited use outside of certain hours, as off-leash at specified times. For example, beaches in winter, general parks before 7.00am and then between 0900 and 1400 during the week.

- Dogs should have access to water to swim and safe places to learn to swim off lead (on lead risks drowning). In spite of an extensive coast-line and rivers, the WD area has limited safe off-lead water access. For dogs with specific injury/conditions eg post cruciate surgery, swimming is an important part of rehab, and also allows overweight dogs to exercise without risk. There is also no place for water rescue training as swimming between the flags with dogs at port Waikato is banned. Access to beaches and safe river areas should be addressed when designating off lead areas.

Cemeteries

I disagree with the proposal to ban dogs from Cemeteries. Dogs should be allowed on lead in cemeteries. They provide significant emotional support at critical times in people's lives and should be able to provide this support at the grave of a loved one. The cemeteries bylaw should be amended to reflect this, not the Dog bylaw changed in line with the Cemeteries Bylaw

Dogs in the Pound

Care of dogs in the pound is addressed under section 10 of the bylaw
Fees are referred to in 10.3 and 10.4 of the bylaw:

According to the bylaw, all fines and sustenance charges must be paid prior to a dog being released. The council should include a mechanism so those on low or limited incomes can take their dog out of the pound (assuming it is able to otherwise be released) so that sustenance charges do not continue to accrue and so that the dog may return to its home as soon as is possible with the outstanding fees paid off over time. It is unreasonable to place a significant and unexpected financial burden on people who may be good owners generally but who have had an unfortunate accident eg gate left open and then ended up with a dog in the pound. This is not to allow a free for all of unpaid fines but to allow a formal mechanism for the Dog Control Team to decide reasonable release and a payment of fee schedules as appropriate to specific situations.

There is no reference to ability of owners to assure themselves that their dog is being cared for in accordance with animal welfare codes and is in, itself ok. As sentient beings, separation from family will be distressing to many dogs and the ability to see family may be needed to maintain the dog's mental health in a stressful and unnatural environment. The bylaw should describe how access to visit their dog can be made available to owners. The owners own vet should be able to access the dog in reasonable timeframes to assure the owner of the health of the dog should the owner be unable to visit and should this be requested.

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Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3216

Submitter name/organisation: Katrina Daysh

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I 100% disagree with limiting the number of dogs in rural areas to two. As I see it the Council is punishing good dog owners and this rule will have no impact or help control the actual issue. The Council are going to be busy issuing permits to good owners who have never had a complaint and not actually working on the issue. I can not see how the Council will keep this process free of charge at some point you will need to charge for this permit and you have given no guidance to the cost or the timeframes around this. Where is the money coming from for the extra staff to issue these permits. I would understand if you were limiting dog numbers in urban areas or small sections but rural areas I can not understand. I have already been through the process of becoming a "Selected Owner" and I have never had a complaint and never expect to as I take pride in my dog, so please explain why I should be penalised for having more than two dogs on my property, when you have shown little evidence how this rule will actually help with the complaints you receive or improve this situation. I also take offence to seeing a application form available online for this permit, when this rules is meant to be proposed and under consultation.

I also oppose dogs not been allowed at cemeteries. I often take my dogs to visit my sister and this would be heart breaking not being able to do. They are also on lead and under control. I understand not allowing dogs to run around free and use the cemetery as a dog park, but you should be allowed to take your dogs to visit family members.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

You are taking the joy of owning a dog away which is meant to be the purpose of this policy. I am confused as under the proposed policy as a "Selected Owner" which I currently am it stated in one point holds a permit where more than two doges are kept on the premises. However I would not comply with this point so would that mean I would lose this status? Again I disagree with the Dogs not being allowed in cemeteries and limiting of dog parks as stated in section one of the policy.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps**1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not support the proposed changes as the Council are removing areas where we need to be increasing and improving what we have. We have had an increase in dog ownership over COVID and this means there is an additional increase and pressure on the areas we currently have. Even though I live on a farm I like to drive to other locations around the Waikato to socialize my dogs. My options are becoming more and more limited. You as a Council are putting all dog owners in the same bucket assuming we don't pick after ourselves, we have unruly/uncontrolled dogs and we don't appreciate and look after the areas we do have. How about providing dog poo bags, water bowls, rubbish bins instead of just removing parks or limited their use. I like to visit Raglan and enjoy taking my dogs with me. This has become increasingly harder not being able to take them for coffee or lunch, limiting my spending in Raglan as I can not leave them in the car. I understand not allowing dogs on sports fields, however I do enjoy taking my dogs to watch the kids morning rugby and they are part of the team. I don't however let them run wild on the fields as your Councilors seems to infer. They are on lead and by my side at all times, which should be allowed (and they are not small hand bag dogs, they are large breed dogs).

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park**1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

It should be both.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3207

Submitter name/organisation: Jude Ryks

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I strongly oppose the proposal to limit the number of non-working dogs kept in rural properties and the requirement of a permit for this. I strongly object to the requirement for neighbour consent as a part of the permit.

I strongly oppose the proposal to prohibit dogs on Council cemeteries.

I strongly oppose the proposal to prohibit dogs on skateparks.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

I strongly oppose the proposal to remove seven off-leash dog exercise areas to be removed without Council first identifying alternative areas.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Neither of the proposed dog exercise areas in Tamahere are fenced. The Devine Road area is close to access to SH1 which makes it very unsafe unless there will be adequate fencing and a two-gate

system to ensure dogs cannot escape from the area. The proposal states there is no provision in the budget for fencing of dog exercise areas with funding sought through the next Long Term Plan, which will not be until 2024, so nothing would change in the short to medium term should the Devine Road option be chosen. The Devine Road area is very small, and to have a separate area for small dogs (preferable) would render the area not fit for purpose.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3200

Submitter name/organisation: Federated Farmers

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

SUBMISSION



To: Waikato District Council

Submission on: Dog Control Bylaw and Policy proposal 2022

Date: 3 February 2022

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Submission to Waikato District council on the proposed Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.

OUR SUBMISSION

1. Federated Farmers welcomes the opportunity to submit to Waikato District Council on the Proposed Dog Control and Policy Proposal Bylaw 2022.
2. We would appreciate the opportunity to speak to our points during the hearing process. Due to the size of our represented group in the Waikato district we deem it important to be allowed additional time to speak.
3. Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a primary sector organisation that represents farmers, and other rural businesses. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand farmers.
4. The Federation aims to add value to its members' businesses. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:
 - i. Our members may operate their businesses in a fair and flexible commercial environment;
 - ii. Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and
 - iii. Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.
5. The Council's boundary falls within both Auckland and Waikato Federated Farmers branches and engagement has been made with every impacted member which this submission represents. We have over 400 members within the Council's boundary.
6. It goes without saying that almost every farmer in our membership would have at least one dog. They rely on their dogs for working cattle, sheep, for companionship, security, and overall mental wellness. It is in our rural people's interest to manage their dogs appropriately.

Dog Restrictions

7. Federated Farmers strongly believe that farmers dogs are well trained, educated and looked after and that our farmers are some of the best dog handlers in the district. Farm dogs are under supervision and control throughout a larger proportion of the day compared to urban and lifestyle counterparts which also plays a huge role in their management.
8. Our farmers operate successful businesses on their properties that they take pride in. Our farmers also have vets, contractors and staff on farm daily which provides opportunities for their animal welfare to be reviewed and criticized. We would suggest any issues are addressed well before council needs to become involved.

9. Rural landowners often have teams or different types of dogs, working, heading, eye dogs and general pets. Rural dogs have the least need for council's dog services and are less likely to create additional work for councils. Federated Farmers also suggest that by creating additional barriers and compliance for dog owners this may be incentivising people to not register their dogs.
10. One example where a non-working dog is important is the use of dogs as a form of rural security via barking and signalling that something isn't right on the property. As council can respect, crime in the rural setting is increasing and rural people use their dogs as a warning signal that they need to inspect what's occurring. Will this classify every rural dog as a working dog able for an exemption?
11. Council's statement of proposal also stated that complaints lead to 156 dogs being found in poor conditions or neglected. The majority of these cases do not relate to working rural farms but cases which the property is within a rural zone.
12. Our team has reviewed every district council bylaw in the North Island and has only identified a few councils which restrict the number of dogs in a rural area. Only four of the North Island Councils have restrictions on dog numbers in the rural zone.
13. We do understand that council needs to better manage dogs in the rural area and understand that setting a two-dog restriction is the most efficient way to do so without impacting farm working dogs. We do support this decision so long as farm Working dogs are excluded. This should exclude the working dog throughout its life and continue whilst the dog is retired.

Amendment sought

- Federated Farmers supports the two-dog limit only with the exclusion of farm working dogs.
- Retired Farm working dogs need to continue as exempt past their work life.

Reverse Sensitivity

14. Federated Farmers wants to take time to address the issue of reverse sensitivity caused by growing lifestyle areas in the Waikato, particularly focusing on clause 5.0 Prevention of nuisance.
15. Barking and noise from working dogs is commonly occurring in rural areas and our concern is that complaints will increase as lifestyle properties grow and people start to move rural. We wish to remind council that like tractor and livestock noise, dogs are also required to make noise as a part of a normal functioning farming operation which lifestyle blocks should expect to hear.

Amendment sought

- Federated Farmers submits that complaints of barking farm dogs are reminded that this is a normal and expected aspect of living in rural areas, and no further action by council or the dog owner is required.
- 5.2 (b) to read "Take steps as are necessary to prevent the dog(s) from becoming a nuisance or annoyance by **unreasonable** persistent barking or howling".

Fees and Charges

16. Federated Farmers understands this can be discussed during councils planning consultation.
17. We do however want to address that rural dog owners should be subsidised as dog numbers increase. Our members dogs have little to no involvement with council's dog facilities and resources and therefore need to be charged accordingly.

Amendment Sought

- Federated Farmers will be looking to seek additional relief from council on a tiered user pays model with large discounts applied to working dogs and additional dogs above one on rural areas.

Permits

18. Federated Farmers wants to reiterate that rural working dogs need to stay exempt from the permit requirements.
19. Federated Farmers also believes that the current dog registration charges should cover the permit costs. Federated Farmers reviewed the 2021-2024 fees and charges, and dog registration fees are not heavily subsidised. And as the number of dogs increase making owning 3-4 dogs in the rural setting expensive let alone adding additional compliance and cost through a permit that we feel will not resolve council's issue.
20. We appreciate councils' intent to hold an 18-month buy-in period for permits.
21. Within the Bylaw Federated Farmers deems it reasonable to include the conditions that will be permitted in the Dog number permit. An example of a council's bylaw with this included can be viewed in the appendix.

Amendment sought

- Federated Farmers wants the to support the 18-month free permit buy-in period.

Ends

Appendix one – Examples of dog restrictions in the North Island

Hauraki DC	No restrictions
Waipa DC	Two dog's urban, 5 dogs everywhere else
Far North DC	No restrictions
Whangarei DC	No restrictions, good clause giving effect to controlling dogs.
Kaipara DC	Two dogs for Urban, No restrictions Rural
Auckland Council	Two dogs in Urban, No restrictions on rural
Thames Coromandel DC	No restrictions
Western Bay of Plenty DC	Two dogs everywhere but Rural, refer to appendix for clause.
Rotorua Lakes DC	Two dogs in Urban, No restrictions on rural
Taupo DC	Two dogs anywhere except for rural environment.
Ruapehu DC	Two dogs anywhere except rural zone.
Otorohanga DC	One except working dogs.
Waitomo DC	Two dogs anywhere except rural zone, have setback distance from boundary
South Waikato DC	Two dogs inn Urban, No restrictions on rural
New Plymouth DC	Two dogs Urban, No restrictions on rural
Stratford DC	Two dogs urban, No Restrictions on rural
South Taranaki DC	Two dogs Urban, No restrictions on rural
Gisborne DC	One dog urban, No restrictions on rural
Hawkes bay DC	Two dogs Urban, No rural restriction
Hastings DC	Two dogs Urban, No rural restriction
South Wairarapa DC	Two dogs Urban, No rural restrictions
Wellington DC	Three dogs Urban, No rural restrictions
Hamilton City DC	Two dogs Urban, No rural area
Kawerau DC	Two dogs
Matamata DC	Two dogs urban, No rural restrictions
Tararua DC	Two dogs <2 hectares, Farms no restrictions
Whanganui DC	Three dog's urban, No rural restrictions
Opotiki DC	Two dogs everywhere except rural zone.
Central Hawkes Bay	Two Dogs urban, No rural zone restrictions
Wairoa DC	No limit on working dogs, restrictions elsewhere

Appendix two - Western Bay of Plenty District Council example

7 Limitation on Number of Dogs

- 7.1 No more than two dogs of greater age than three months shall be kept on or within any premises, other than in areas zoned Rural in the Western Bay of Plenty District Plan, unless an application for the premises is made by the owner or occupier of the premises, and subsequently approved by a Dog Control Officer and a permit issued. The above limit of two dogs applies irrespective of the number of owners residing in, or using, the premises.
- 7.2 Council may place conditions on the permit and the holder must comply with them. If the holder fails to comply with the conditions, Council may cancel the permit. Any failure to comply shall be a breach of the Bylaw.
- 7.3 In assessing every application for a permit, Council shall have regard to:
- (a) The adequacy of the land or premises for the keeping of additional dog(s) specified in the application, giving consideration to their size and breed;
 - (b) The likely effects which keeping the additional dog(s) would have upon the surrounding neighbourhood;
 - (c) The likelihood of the dog(s) becoming a nuisance;
 - (d) Any previous complaints made to the Council about the owner or their dog(s);
 - (e) Whether there is adequate fencing;
 - (f) Whether there is dog-free access to the property; and
 - (g) Any other matter considered relevant.

Appendix three - Whangarei District Council dog control bylaw clause 8**8 Dogs becoming a nuisance or injurious to health**

The owner of any dog or the owner or occupier of any premises whereon any dog or dogs are customarily kept shall take adequate precautions to prevent the dog or dogs, or the keeping thereof, from becoming a nuisance or injurious to health.

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Dog Management Bylaw 2013



If, in the opinion of Council, the dog or dogs or the keeping thereof on such premises has become or is likely to become a nuisance or injurious to health, Council, or any other person duly authorised on that behalf by Council, may by notice in writing, require the owner or occupier of the premises within a time specified in such notice to do all or any of the following:

- a reduce the number of dogs kept on the premises
- b construct, alter, reconstruct or otherwise improve the kennels or other buildings used to house or contain such dog or dogs
- c require such dog or dogs to be tied up or otherwise confined during specified periods
- d to clean and keep clean the dog kennel and associated area
- e take such other action as Council deems necessary to minimise or remove the likelihood of nuisance or injury to health.

Any person to whom notice is given under the preceding provisions of this clause who fails to comply with such notice within the time herein specified shall commit an offence against this part of this Bylaw.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3192

Submitter name/organisation: Stephen Hawkins

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

These comments are combined against both the 2015 & 2022 proposals. Absolutely i do not support. I have been actively following a concerned dog owners group, and have seen no compelling issue that your proposed changes will solve. The arguments for are nonsense, for example it will allow us to know how many dogs we have (in zone). Your current registration process can do this. IF it fails because some people do not register dogs, these same people are HARDLY going to come forward for a multiple dog permit. It appears Council have a problem (which you can't even quantify/justify properly) with a very small number of serious complaints/dogs/owners (reportedly 7 properties have virtually all of the complaints) and decide to solve it with poor policy that only achieves alienating the very people who you are supposed to WORK FOR and who pay YOUR WAGES. Responsible dog owners do NOT need additional controls, instead simply give yourself more powers to deal with the problem people/properties. There are so many issues with your process I cannot go into complete detail, but some thoughts are:

1) what a waste of Council money this is, and you've burnt a lot of political capital by alienating so many responsible dog owners

2) behavior of certain Councillors (and or maybe staff) has been terrible, I've seen footage where you have already made your mind up, the Mayor talking about shooting dogs, a Councillor referring to the groups as unruly females. This is unacceptable from elected officers.

3) refusal to give information, even under OIA.

4) You have no idea how much this extra work will cost, the current control group won't be able to do with existing resources, this will cost huge extra/new resources and Council will charge for this. Again very deceptive from Council to say free and then bring in charges in near future.

5) About 100 more which I don't have more time to waste on.

In summary, please discard this and do it properly - there are numerous Councils around NZ who you can learn off, copy policy that works well. And no doubt numerous people submitting that will give their time to help.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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No

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

I can't comment on them all, but in general I would suggest following other Council models (which other respondents will be more able to explain, I have seen the debate from concerned dog groups) for example banning dogs in that Raglan area rather than a holiday season model, which typically allows in early/late hours and restricted during day.

The facilities near Tamahere/Cambridge are generally quite poor, I would like to see Council working with Waipa & Hamilton Councils, and dog groups and creating another Days Park type area. Not tiny little spaces the size of a match book where the owner & dog have to walk about 100 laps to even walk a couple of kilometers (ie the Tamahere parks).

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Sorry but as per above, these are really too small and Council needs to create or allow others to create a large dog friendly area ala Days Park in Hamilton.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3189

Submitter name/organisation: Anne Cochrane

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

The limit to two dogs in rural areas, not including working dogs, should also not include dog rescue farms. The one I know of at Te Mata takes dogs that have been neglected or abused and takes very good care of these dogs. I have found them to be very well behaved also.

Here in Raglan there are many urban dog owners who leave their dogs off leash wherever they are, even though we have great off leash beach areas. This has often caused problems with on leash dogs being attacked and general disruption with some of these dogs. Although it is not permitted there is no monitoring in Raglan. My point is there is no point in having dog rules if you cannot also monitor the rules. My dog has been attacked three times by off leash dogs in on leash zones my neighbours dog also. A neighbours child was knocked over by an off leash dog near her home and then abused by the dog owner. Raglan is known for the sometimes aggressive stance of some dog owners. It became much worse during lock down but when I contacted the dog control officers in council they said they were too busy to do anything about it. Im sure you will agree that the rules are meaningless without adequate monitoring.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

As noted above the changes to rural numbers of dogs should exclude dog sanctuaries

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3187

Submitter name/organisation: Amanda Banks

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

See attached submission

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

See attached submission

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

See attached submission

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

See attached submission

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the review of Waikato District Council's Dog Control Bylaw 2015 and the Dog Control Policy 2022.

My submission relates primarily to the proposed dog park areas in Tamahere.

DOG CONTROL BYLAW REVIEW

I **SUPPORT** the proposed wording changes in the no track-changed bylaw review which relate to Te Awa Reserve (page 15): "Te Awa Reserve Walkway grassy area, but does not include playground area or walkway".

This is largely status quo and works well for the local community.

PROPOSED NEW DOG EXERCISE AREAS

I **OPPOSE** Option 1 (creating a dog exercise area by fencing Te Awa Reserve).

I **SUPPORT** Option 2 (creating a fenced dog exercise area at Tamahere Park).

There are a number of reasons for opposing the proposed new dog exercise area at Te Awa Reserve. I provide my rationale for this opposition below.

The current value of Te Awa Reserve as a space for everyone

Te Awa Reserve is a small community park which is very well used by the local neighbourhood. I regularly (at least four times a week) walk from my house at the top of Te Awa Road to the end of Te Awa Road and back again – I walk past the reserve twice on this journey. My times for doing this walk vary across the day (sometimes 8.00am, 2.00pm or early evening). Across all of these times, Te Awa Reserve is rarely empty.

A number of dog owners use it to exercise their dogs. Many of these dog owners are from around the local neighbourhood – I often recognise both the dogs and their owners. The dogs are all well-behaved and their owners work hard to ensure that their dogs behave appropriately in public space. I've also observed children being at the playground at the same time as dogs have been running around, and I've never seen any safety issues.

Furthermore, Te Awa Reserve is a small local reserve in a neighbourhood where residents use the area for a range of activities. Community picnics have taken place there, parents kick a soccer ball around with the children, and the playground is well used by families. Such activities are important for creating and maintaining social cohesion and connection, which has multiple benefits including crime reduction and improving the liveability of the area. Having a reserve which is well used by a range of people, including dog owners, is a vital factor in creating a safe public park.

Fencing the dog exercise area would have the effect of privatising the space for dog owners

I oppose the fencing of Te Awa Reserve to create a fence dog park as it would essentially commandeer the space for dog users only, thus rendering the area unusable for people who do not have dogs. In essence, the fence would act as a means of privatising the space for dog owners only and would mean that Te Awa Reserve would no longer be a local community park.

Additionally, the removal of the playground to make way for this proposed fenced dog exercise area would remove the opportunity for young children to play and be active. Such activity is vital for learning physical literacy and can assist in making physical activity part of a family's culture.

The removal of the well-used playground would be a retrograde step and would have a negative impact on the community.

Effects on the Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River

Council is required to deliver on the Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River (Schedule 2 of the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010) in all activities which relate to the use and enjoyment of the Waikato River.

The potential fencing of Te Awa Reserve around the boundary would prevent, or at least visually limit, public access to the Waikato River. This would have the perverse effect of being inconsistent with the Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River, namely Objective 1(3) of the Act which calls for "the promotion of improved access to the Waikato River to better enable sporting, recreational, and cultural opportunities".

Increased vehicle movements

Option 1 would likely create a significant increase in vehicle movements which would not be appropriate for the neighbourhood.

As previously mentioned, Te Awa Reserve is a small community reserve for the local neighbourhood, and most people access this park by foot or by bike. Te Awa Road is also used by a range of road users, including horse riders, children riding bikes, parents walking children pushchairs and residents walking dogs. There are also some properties which have animals such as chickens, sheep, pigs, goats and horses.

Increased traffic movements as a result of progressing Option 1 would be incongruent with the rural nature of the area and likely increase the risk for the abovementioned road users.

Principles of consultation

I understand that in consulting on the Dog Control Bylaw review and the Dog Control Policy 2022, Waikato District Council sent information to dog owners within the area. Option 1 of the proposed new dog exercise areas indicates that the playground at Te Awa Reserve be removed and essentially removes the area as a reserve available to the local neighbourhood.

In line with Section 82 (Principles of Consultation) of the Local Government Act 2002, I would have expected that Waikato District Council would have deemed residents living within walking distance of Te Awa Reserve would be affected by, and have an interest in, the proposed fenced dog exercise area. To this end, I would have expected that information be sent to all households within walking distance of Te Awa Reserve, not just dog owners.

Support for Option 2 – Tamahere Park

I support Option 2 – the creation of a fenced dog exercise area at Tamahere Park.

There is adequate existing car parking and access on Devine Road for dog owners, and additional parking near the skate park on Wiremu Tamihana Drive should it be required. Tamahere Park is an excellent facility, which provides for multiple opportunities for recreation, sporting and community use. The addition of a dog park at Tamahere Park would only enhance the offering to the community.

A fenced dog exercise area at Tamahere Park would also be an ideal central location for people living in the Matangi/Eureka area.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3166

Submitter name/organisation: Genevieve Rorke

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Definitely not!

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Definitely not

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Looking after the rich folk again!

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3165

Submitter name/organisation: Tim Moore

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I disagree with the amendment that requires one to have a permit to keep 3 or more dogs in a rural area. This is unnecessary. A permit will not address the issues the council is concerned about, the keeping of dogs in poor conditions.

There is no reason the council cannot already monitor the conditions of the few properties that have many registered dogs.

The number of dogs anyone owns has no relevance to the conditions that they are kept in.

People with 1 or 2 dogs are just as likely if not more so to mistreat their animals, as shown in the councils own data.

Once a permit is obtained, there is no guarantee that the initial good conditions would be maintained.

Were it to come in, working or farm dogs should not be exempt as these owners are just as capable of not looking after their animals.

Permission from neighbours, as required in the new proposed permit, is a very poor idea as in rural areas neighbours residences are often hundreds if not thousands of metres away. It also leaves one vulnerable to vexatious or unfriendly neighbours.

I do not believe the council has the right to tell me I cant have as many dogs as i want as long as they are well looked after and not harming anyone else.

I am a rural owner of many happy dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I don't have specific comments here but the council needs to do as much as possible to increase the number of areas where people can exercise and socialise their dogs.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3164

Submitter name/organisation: Robyn Hutton

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Re: WDC Dog Policy & Bylaws Review:

Robyn Hutton

25.01.2022

To Whom It May Concern:

This proposal would prevent / hinder the ability of good dog owners to rescue / foster / look after Whanau dogs for a period

Exercise- all dogs need off leash areas- reducing them does not enable or improve dog welfare or foster good ownership behaviors - Un-exercised, un-socialised dogs would become a greater problem. We need more areas not less. Enriching parks should be the focus

If dog welfare was the basis of these changes, then all dogs including working dogs should be included

Council should be incorporating dog friendly initiatives as other council do rather than trying to drive honest good dog ownership and your constituents into the ground

The proposals may result in more people not registering their dogs to avoid needing to apply for a permit and having to get neighbors' permission.

Where is the rationale behind the selected number of "two" dogs as opposed to 3 or 4- what is the reasoning? There are plenty of good owners doing various dog sports who will have a small group of dogs of varying ages as they are training up the younger dogs to eventually take over from the older dogs as they retire

Fostering /rescuing becomes almost impossible in this type of scenario as you have dogs coming in for a period prior to being re-homed via various rescues, and makes caring for whanau's dogs while they are unwell difficult

Permits and inspections would then prevent the inspectors from being where they need to be- reviewing the properties with actual dog welfare concerns /

complaints and using the relevant parties/ animal welfare act to step in- many of which are un-registered anyway

Punishing the many for the crimes of a few? Education and encouragement should be promoted.

I disagree with the proposal

Thank you

Robyn Hutton

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3162

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Rural Permits

I am opposed to the permits for more than two rural dogs. Rural areas are the only properties where you can easily have more than two dogs on larger properties.

If the issue that the council is trying to fix as stated is the welfare of dogs, applying permits to only rural non-working dogs does nothing to improve dog welfare. If problem dogs are not registered, then they should be dealt with and not allowed to be registered and kept. The dog registrations is how the council keeps track of the dogs in the region and the problem dogs in the urban areas are unlikely to be registered dogs or from properties with permits as these people tend to not bother to register their dogs, so I would suggest the removal of permits from urban and country zones to bring these into line with rural and save time of the council needing to follow up on the good dog owners who bother to follow the instructions and the distressing process that this currently is while dealing with the council.

The bylaw is to minimise danger, distress and nuisance to the community generally, it does not say to remove to zero the danger, distress and nuisance and permits appear to be pushed by councillors based on specific incidences are trying to use permits to reduce issues to zero. There appears to have been no assessment of the cost of implementing these changes and with such little breakdown on where the actual money is spent between dog and stock issues and extra should go into training of the animal control staff.

Dog Parks

I am opposed to the removal of dog exercise areas.

The bylaw also needs to enable dog owners to enjoy the benefits of dog ownership and to provide for exercise and recreational exercise and recreational needs of dogs and owners. The current dog parks and prohibited areas do not provide enough exercise and recreation and socialisation areas to meet me and my dogs recreation needs as the off leash areas are not suited to allowing dogs off lead safely, and they are not safe for myself as a single woman to be able to walk my dogs as most are away from built up areas where unsavoury type people hang out so can only tend to be used during the peak time when there are plenty of people around.

Part of being a good dog owner is being able to give your dog areas to run free off leash and socialise with other dogs and conduct natural dog behaviours with sniffing etc. Forcing dog owners to drive

further to run their dogs is not looking after the dog or owner population as we are being forced to drive when petrol prices are increasing and less driving is being pushed. There are currently no well fenced good off leash areas near the suburban part of Tuakau which should be rectified.

Currently in Tuakau there is Centennial park which is an off leash dog area which is easy for people to walk their dogs to for a run and then walk home without driving. The playground within this park has just been fully fenced to keep children safe from running onto the road and separated from dogs. Quite a large number of people take their dogs with them to this park to exercise the dogs while their kids are in the playground. The large north side of the park could now be fully fenced to allow it to be used correctly as a safe dog off leash area in an urban area.

The Kowhai Domain in Tuakau which is also off leash exercise area is poorly fenced and not safe for off leash dogs. This is another area that should be fully dog fenced to make it safe for dogs to be run safely

With the removal of the Alexandra Redoubt Reserve in Tuakau with the reason being that it is between two cemeteries, when the dog ban from the cemeteries could be reversed with submissions soon from the cemeterys bylaw review. The road that runs alongside is low traffic and is a dead-end road, so it would be easier to reduce the speed limit along this point of the road as traffics is not travelling fast anyway. Signage for poison could be added to current signage. This off leash exercise area is important as it is attached to the redoubt forest track which is a great on lead walk as it is under tree cover and shaded so important during summer and this off-leash area gives dogs a place to have a run as part of the outing.

The addition of the Whangarata Domain in Tuakau would be good as a start to adding more off leash exercise areas for dogs in the WDC area. However, with it only being viable at this stage until 2025 does not make it a good option for a dog park as it would be lost again. Unfenced and near a very busy high speed road also does not add an extra safe dog exercise area as large breed working dogs can cover large distances and make it to the main road very quickly.

To cater for all dog types the WDC should provide for good exercise off leash areas for small dogs and those who are dog reactive. Set areas for these dogs should be looked at being fenced next to the main dog parks. Areas that this could be looked at to be made is at the Pokeno dog park, the area between the current dog park and the fenced area of the tennis club with uneven ground and tree stumps could be fenced to provide a small dog only off leash area. There is a large area in the Les Batkin Reserve which should also be fenced for safe off leash dog exercise. This area is also large enough to give the ability to have a smaller fenced section for small dogs and another for reactive dogs too. The council should look to engage with local dog owners, clubs and behavioural experts to design some good dog exercise areas as physically and mentally exercised dogs are better behaved with less barking and other issues.

Socialisation of dogs around people in the main streets is important in making dogs good canine citizens and taking the dogs up the street to cafes for coffee and lunch are a large part of having a dog. So, I would like to see all town centres be changed to include dogs on lead and the prohibited areas removed. It even says in the current bylaw that the council is supportive of dogs in the food business outdoors dining areas yet the councillors on the zoom meetings are looking to push to make all town centres prohibited places.

Cemeteries

I am against making dogs prohibited in cemeteries under this bylaw as they currently are under the cemeterys bylaw, but if brought in under this bylaw then it makes it nearly impossible to be able to get this prohibition removed from the cemeterys bylaw and dogs to be allowed back into cemeteries. Dogs are often people's only form of solace while visiting their loved ones and should be

allowed in the cemeteries with owners on lead. Cemeteries are also lovely large green spaces which should be utilised for recreation for walkers and dogs. Again, being prohibited appears to target zero issues in cemeteries which does not work with the stated aim of the bylaw.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

The whole policy should be reconsidered as it appears that there is little to no professional outside training given on yearly basis to ACOs. Even highly experienced people in other industries are expected to complete independent competency training yearly or bi-yearly to remain up to date with information in their field. So, how can the council give training courses on threatening dog behaviour (7.5) when they are not trained themselves? How can ACO staff members have only some internal training and be deemed competent especially when dealing with dogs often under stress and be allowed to make decisions on the euthanasia of sentient beings without formal evaluated training.

The cost of euthanasia in total appears very expensive for the number of dogs that they euthanise. Given that there is a body disposal code used so that the vets are not paying for the disposal of the dog bodies as well, it would appear that these costs are either paying for the euthanasia of animals other than dogs or the vets are charging very high fees and other vets should be considered.

The desexing of the dogs using the registration money also seems to be very expensive given the number of dogs that are said to have been desexed and that the community card holders do pay towards the cost as well. Vets that work with rescues give big discounts working with charity works so clearly some of this could be investigated as well to increase the number of desexing the dog registrations pay for, as the desexing and reduction of unwanted pups that end up being passed around the community to unprepared and dog uneducated people also causes increases in the issue that are trying to be addressed. Free desexing campaigns would probably go further towards reducing the issues the council is trying to fix with the permits then the permits themselves would do.

Overall the general impression given by a few vocal councillors on zoom workshops and council meetings about the dog bylaws and policy is that the council has made up its mind that these changes are being pushed through and that they do not want any opposition from even other councillors and that the long term plan is to only have on lead or prohibited dog areas in the WDC area. The lack of notification of the bylaws to registered dog owners in a timely manner of which I only received a letter 12 days after the submission period had opened and that the submission period was put across the busy Christmas period when people were heavily focused on other matters looks like the council were trying to rush these changes through with as few dog owners as possible seeing the changes and being able to submit. Several councillors in the zoom meetings appear to be extremely frightened of dogs and are anti-dog so unless there are independent dog behaviourists consulted on bylaw and policy changes then the council is acting in direct opposition to the laid-out statement of intent in the policy and bylaws.

A lawyer will be speaking for me at the submission hearing.

I wish to keep my name confidential.

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Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Neither option looks large enough for the growing population and neither of the options given are fenced.

Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015 Submission

25th January 2021

To Whom it may concern,

Rural Permits

I am opposed to the permits for more than two rural dogs. Rural areas are the only properties where you can easily have more than two dogs on larger properties.

If the issue that the council is trying to fix as stated is the welfare of dogs, applying permits to only rural non-working dogs does nothing to improve dog welfare. If problem dogs are not registered, then they should be dealt with and not allowed to be registered and kept. The dog registrations is how the council keeps track of the dogs in the region and the problem dogs in the urban areas are unlikely to be registered dogs or from properties with permits as these people tend to not bother to register their dogs, so I would suggest the removal of permits from urban and country zones to bring these into line with rural and save time of the council needing to follow up on the good dog owners who bother to follow the instructions and the distressing process that this currently is while dealing with the council.

The bylaw is to minimise danger, distress and nuisance to the community generally, it does not say to remove to zero the danger, distress and nuisance and permits appear to be pushed by councillors based on specific incidences are trying to use permits to reduce issues to zero. There appears to have been no assessment of the cost of implementing these changes and with such little breakdown on where the actual money is spent between dog and stock issues and extra should go into training of the animal control staff.

Dog Parks

I am opposed to the removal of dog exercise areas.

The bylaw also needs to enable dog owners to enjoy the benefits of dog ownership and to provide for exercise and recreational exercise and recreational needs of dogs and owners. The current dog parks and prohibited areas do not provide enough exercise and recreation and socialisation areas to meet me and my dogs recreation needs as the off leash areas are not suited to allowing dogs off lead safely, and they are not safe for myself as a single woman to be able to walk my dogs as most are away from built up areas where unsavoury type people hang out so can only tend to be used during the peak time when there are plenty of people around.

Part of being a good dog owner is being able to give your dog areas to run free off leash and socialise with other dogs and conduct natural dog behaviours with sniffing etc. Forcing dog owners to drive further to run their dogs is not looking after the dog or owner population as we are being forced to drive when petrol prices are increasing and less driving is being pushed. There are currently no well fenced good off leash areas near the suburban part of Tuakau which should be rectified.

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Cemeteries

I am against making dogs prohibited in cemeteries under this bylaw as they currently are under the cemetery's bylaw, but if brought in under this bylaw then it makes it nearly impossible to be able to get this prohibition removed from the cemeteries bylaw and dogs to be allowed back into cemeteries. Dogs are often people's only form of solace while visiting their loved ones and should be allowed in the cemeteries with owners on lead. Cemeteries are also lovely large green spaces which should be utilised for recreation for walkers and dogs. Again, being prohibited appears to target zero issues in cemeteries which does not work with the stated aim of the bylaw.

Policy

The whole policy should be reconsidered as it appears that there is little to no professional outside training given on yearly basis to ACO's. Even highly experienced people in other industries are expected to complete independent competency training yearly or bi-yearly to remain up to date with information in their field. So, how can the council give training courses on threatening dog behaviour (7.5) when they are not trained themselves? How can ACO staff members have only some internal training and be deemed competent especially when dealing with dogs often under stress and be allowed to make decisions on the euthanasia of sentient beings without formal evaluated training.

The cost of euthanasia in total appears very expensive for the number of dogs that they euthanise. Given that there is a body disposal code used so that the vets are not paying for the disposal of the dog bodies as well, it would appear that these costs are either paying for the euthanasia of animals other than dogs or the vets are charging very high fees and other vets should be considered.

The desexing of the dogs using the registration money also seems to be very expensive given the number of dogs that are said to have been desexed and that the community card holders do pay towards the cost as well. Vets that work with rescues give big discounts working with charity works so clearly some of this could be investigated as well to increase the number of desexing the dog registrations pay for, as the desexing and reduction of unwanted pups that end up being passed around the community to unprepared and dog uneducated people also causes increases in the issue that are trying to be addressed. Free desexing campaigns would probably go further towards reducing the issues the council is trying to fix with the permits then the permits themselves would do.

Overall the general impression given by a few vocal councillors on zoom workshops and council meetings about the dog bylaws and policy is that the council has made up its mind that these changes are being pushed through and that they do not want any opposition from even other councillors and that the long term plan is to only have on lead or prohibited dog areas in the WDC area. The lack of notification of the bylaws to registered dog owners in a timely manner of which I only received a letter 12 days after the submission period had opened and that the submission period was put across the busy Christmas period when people were heavily focused on other matters looks like the council were trying to rush these changes through with as few dog owners as possible seeing the changes and being able to submit. Several councillors in the zoom meetings appear to be extremely frightened of dogs and are anti-dog so unless there are independent dog behaviourists consulted on bylaw and policy changes then the council is acting in direct opposition to the laid-out statement of intent in the policy and bylaws.

There will be a lawyer speaking for me at the submission hearing.

I wish for my name to be kept confidential.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3157

Submitter name/organisation: Mary Lyall-Brennan

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I Strongly oppose the proposal to introduce permits to rural properties with 3 or more dogs. If permitting is pushed through, I object to neighbor consent being a condition of these permits and I object to the permit being issued on the say so of an individual dog control officer without a stringent appeals process in place. If the proposal is pushed through. I object to Working dogs, multi purpose housing and Papakaainga housing being exempted from the permit process. As the basis of the proposal is welfare and I do not believe they are exempt from welfare issues.

From Tracey Oakes statement at a meeting I attended in November attended by councilors Gibb and Patterson and again on a zoom q&a she said the introduction of permits was all about welfare. That over the last 5 years there have been 58 complaints involving 156 dogs in rural Waikato that have been found in poor conditions with signs of neglect [This information is also in the proposal documents] what the proposal documents fail to say [but Tracey Oaks did state when questioned] this involved 7 properties. So of the approximately 900 properties that will need to be permitted for 3 or more dogs council is basing there proposal off 7 properties over a 5 year period. What councils proposal also fails to say is that the majority of these 156 dogs where unregistered when first contact was made by council.

5 years 58 complaints involving 156 dogs that's 0.3% of complaints from that period. Council euthanized 1,145 dogs over the same period.

There are already laws in place to deal with owners such as these the Animal Welfare Act 1999 gives warranted inspectors the ability to uplift dogs. Council could easily work in conjunction with the SPCA to achieve the outcome you want with bad dog owners of neglected dogs. Why is council not doing this?

Budget: Council doesn't have one. You are trying to introduce this without having a clue what its going to cost ratepayers. How exactly are you going to stretch staff [as its been stated by Tracey Oakes no more staff will be hired] to visit 900 properties without it impacting there current work load. Janet Gibb suggested a cut back on education may be in order to fund permit inspections. With the exception of school visits, How do you cut something that's barely there to begin with. Weather it be council engaging with dog owners for education purposes or dog control staff education both are sadly lacking.

Tracey Oakes stated that the majority of rural dog owners are good so why treat us like criminals.

I would like to highlight that the primary purpose of the Dog Control Act (DCA) under which the Animal Control Team work “ is just that -DOG CONTROL and prevention of danger to the public. Dog welfare lies predominantly with the SPCA under the Animal Welfare Act (AWA), supported by the Code of Welfare- Dogs (2018).

We disagree that the change in permitting will do anything to improve dog welfare. It impacts people who the council themselves say are good dog owners, it does nothing to identify those with welfare issues anywhere (rural or urban), and excludes sectors of the rural dog owning community who have no more claim to being good dog owners than the rest of us.

If dog welfare is not being suitably addressed then the reason it is not being addressed needs to be taken up with the relevant agencies. The bylaw should not be penalising good owners in an attempt to expand the role of the Dog Control Team to do something that is not their core business, and that another agency has far more legal scope to deal with.

Below are sections from the DCA and the AWA which describe their purpose:

The Dog Control Act (1996) : "An Act"

- (a)to make better provision for the control of dogs; and
- (b)to make better provision in relation to damage caused by dogs; and
- (c)to repeal the Dog Control and Hydatids Act 1982 and its amendments

Objects

The objects of this Act are"

- (a)to make better provision for the care and control of dogs"
- (i)by requiring the registration of dogs; and
- (ii)by making special provision in relation to dangerous dogs and menacing dogs; and
- (iii)by imposing on the owners of dogs, obligations designed to ensure that dogs do not cause a nuisance to any person and do not injure, endanger, or cause distress to any person; and
- (iv)by imposing on owners of dogs obligations designed to ensure that dogs do not injure, endanger, or cause distress to any stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife; and
- (b)to make provision in relation to damage caused by dogs".

Animal Control Officers have no formal training or qualification in animal welfare unless they have previous experience/ training prior to becoming an ACO.

The Animal Welfare Act (1999): "An Act"

(A)

to reform the law relating to the welfare of animals and the prevention of their ill-treatment; and, in particular,"

(I)

to recognise that animals are sentient:

(IA)

to require owners of animals, and persons in charge of animals, to attend properly to the welfare of those animals:

(II)

to specify conduct that is or is not permissible in relation to any animal or class of animals:

(III)

to provide a process for approving the use of animals in research, testing, and teaching:

(IV)

to establish a National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee and a National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee:

(V)

to provide for the development and issue of codes of welfare and the approval of codes of ethical conduct"

SPCA inspectors undertake a nationally delivered, structured program consisting of both theory and practical assessments on the legislation and animal welfare.

I want to quickly tell you about my dogs,

Bella is the queen of the house. She is a 7 going on 97 year old blind basset hound who barely leaves her bed. Registering her is like paying tax for a goldfish. But I do.

Grievous is a 2 year old German shepherd, He would spend the entire day fetching his stick if your arm didn't get sore throwing it.

Sidious is a 1 year old German shepherd, He is glued to me like poo.

and then there is Zoe.

Zoe is ? old. She came to us when her owner died. She was extremely over weight having been spoiled fat by owner. And traumatized having lay next to her owner all night until she was found. Zoe would have been put down if we didn't take her. She is now fitter than shes ever been and fitting in well with our family.

Neighbor consent: Here's the thing, My neighbor is a total ass. When he put his house on his property he filled in all his drains, it rained, We flooded [knee deep flooded] when I tried to talk to him he told me to f off. So I had to call council who came and put a stop work order on him and made him fix his drains. I had to pay to fix the flood damage he caused. Why should I have to approach this man or have council approach him for permission to have my dogs. Its just ridiculous that you would give a neighbor this power over someone.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Parks: If as council this whole thing is about welfare how could council conceivably think that removing dog parks is a good thing for the ratepayers they are meant to work for. As a council you should be working with rate payers to improve dog parks, expand dog parks and create new dog parks that enrich the lives of the ratepayers and their dogs.

I ask that Waikato district looks to dog parks done well in other areas such as Plimmerton dog park in the Wellington region.

<https://porirua.govt.nz/services/animals/dog-owners-porirua/walking-your-dog/plimmerton-domain-dog-recreation-area/>

In summary, Councils role in dog welfare = Off lead dogs parks, Dogs on lead in and around all areas of the Waikato for socialization and dog friendly councilors who want to make the Waikato a better place for their Ratepayers.

Thank-you

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3148

Submitter name/organisation: Dave Norris

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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No

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No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Submission Waikato District Council Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Review: David & Linda Norris

Linda and I have four family dogs - two being puppies as our other two dogs are getting older and one has health issues. We moved into the Waikato District some two years ago to a rural property where our dogs would have greater space to run. Both Linda and I have had dogs for many years and they are very much a part of our family. The dogs are also very attached to our grandchildren and our older dog (Niah) has a long standing attachment to our eldest grandchild.

Councillor Prejudice

We note that during the Bylaw review process, both councillors and the mayor have been very vocal in their determination to see the proposed changes to the bylaw passed. Such is the prejudice shown that it raises the question concerning the impartiality of councillors and the mayor when the public submissions are reviewed.

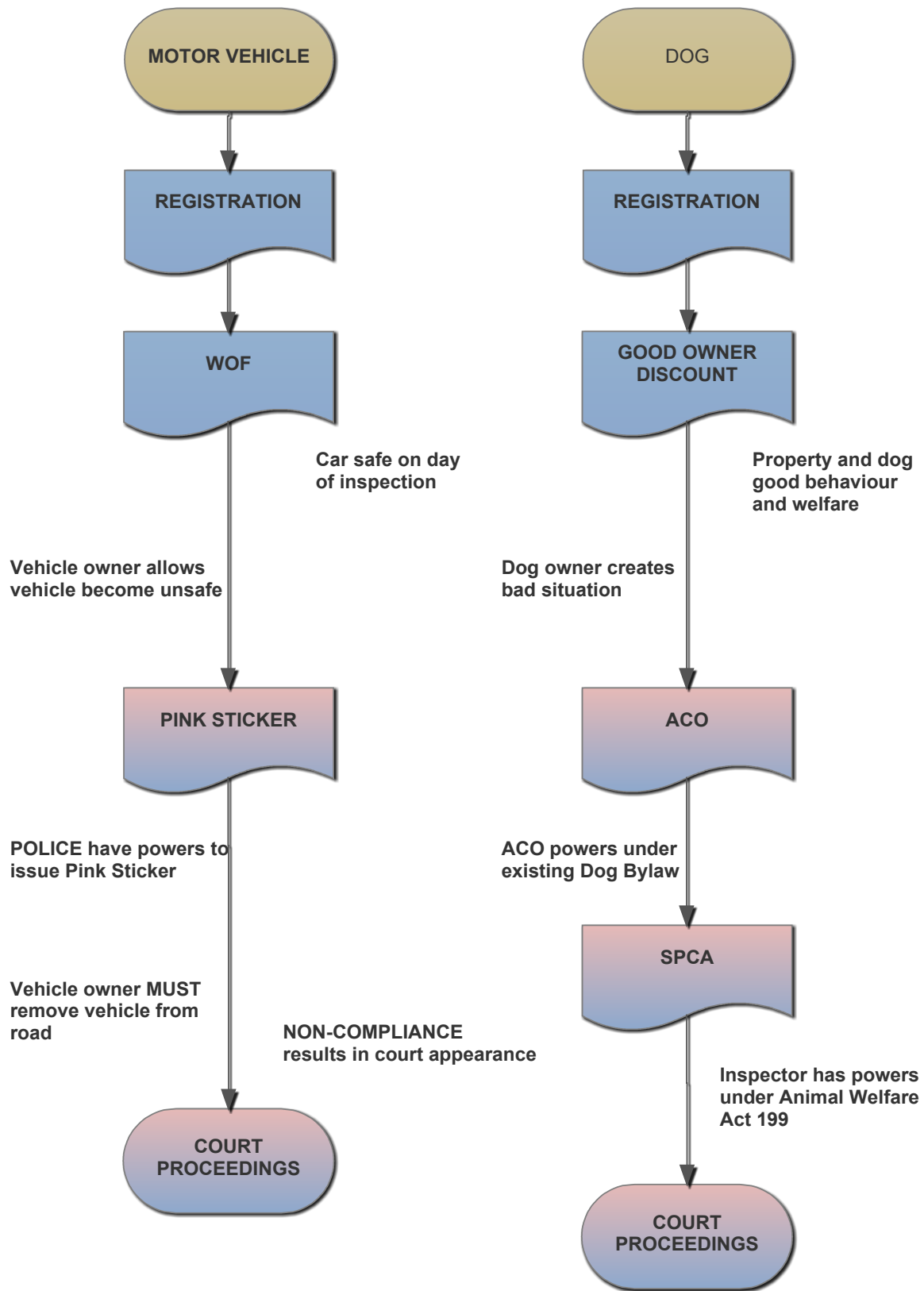
The prejudicial comments are on the posted council zoom meetings and these have also been reported recently in several news media articles. There is no need to document them all here.

Based on these prejudices, we recommend that Council contract an independent third party to review both the Council and public submissions so as to prevent any legal challenge to the outcome and so further delay the approval of a new Dog Bylaw for the Waikato District Council.

The Law as it Stands

The following shows an analogy between a car owner and a dog owner and the powers of enforcement agencies. What it demonstrates is that the enforcement agencies for dog owners do address all the concerns of Council – what is required is a more robust and seamless operational process between them. It is not the role/function of the Animal Control Officer/Council to try and invoke the functions of other agencies.

ANALOGY BETWEEN OWNING A VEHICLE OR DOG



The Animal Welfare Act 1999 gives the Animal Inspectors powers to enter and seize.

The introduction of a permit for 3 or more dogs makes no difference to the above illustrated process. On the day the permit is issued, the dog owner(s) is deemed to have the welfare of the dogs at heart and is providing a safe and nurturing environment for the animals. SO WHAT – that could change and all the permit allows for is to enforce the owner to only have TWO dogs. If an owner cannot look after 3 or more dogs, what are the chances that they can continue to look after 2 dogs in a safe and nurturing environment. The permit gives no manner of dog control.

There are processes already in place to manage such situations as has been recently broadcast on national news.

34% of New Zealand house-holds have at least one dog and of those, 78% consider the dog to be a member of the family (<https://www.companionanimals.nz/2020-report>). Dogs are companions, friends and work mates.

Permits

Both Linda and I strongly oppose the proposal to introduce permits in rural zoned areas for households with more than two non-working dogs. We also object to neighbours' consent being required to gain a permit should the bylaw pass.

Welfare

The proposal to issue permits for rural properties with more than two dogs has been put forward exclusively to manage issues with dogs (owners) that the animal control team are not easily able to deal with under the Dog Control Act (DCA), (as per statements by Tracey Oakes). This is the primary (only) reason given to bring in permits for more than two dogs in rural areas – as stated in the proposal (1st December 2021) - “to ensure the welfare of dogs is protected”.

Over the last five years, seven households in rural areas have been or are of concern. Of these, two households have 40 dogs, and one has 35. Of the remainder, one property had four dogs and the others all had 10 or more. Most of the dogs involved were not registered when the initial complaints were laid and investigated.

While the statement in the proposal may be technically correct (58 complaints affecting 156 dogs.) it is misleading in that it gives the appearance that there are a significant number of dog welfare concerns and bad owners in rural areas, when in fact there are seven problem households. Note that rural complaints made up 0.3% of all complaints re dogs to WDC Animal Control Team (ACT). Council has a legal right to ensure that regulations are complied with, and it should do so. Council does not have a right to create unreasonable regulations because to do so might make its job easier. Nor should the ACT undertake work that should be reasonably expected to fall under the jurisdiction of the SPCA under the Animal Welfare Act 1999.

While it is distressing to see dogs kept in suboptimal conditions, to impose a two-dog limit without a permit on good dog owners who have registered dogs seems both unfair and unreasonable. The same mechanism (permits) is not suggested to address dog welfare concerns with farm dogs (who may be included in permits should the council wish to) or for one or two dogs kept in non-rural zoned areas. To say there are no issues with farm dogs is disingenuous to say the least. The Animal Control Team can provide no evidence to support their claim farm dog welfare is not an issue- no more than it is an issue for the vast majority of rural dog owners. Similarly, one or two dog households are hardly all bastions of amazing dog welfare- but no permitting has been proposed to address any welfare issues in these households.

Council accountability and responsible resource allocation

The council is responsible to spend rate payers' money in a way that provides efficient and effective use of resources. Prudent use of council resources would suggest that change that impacts on the resources (such as vehicles, people/time) would be appropriately costed before being put forward as a proposal.

This is not the case. No costings have been undertaken, therefore there is no resource or financial information on the impact of permitting for more than two dogs in rural areas available. For Animal Control Officers (ACO's) to inspect over 900 properties over a year they would need to visit approximately 20 rural properties per week every week for that year. The district covers more than 400,000 hectares (418.893ha), with some very remote areas, accessed by less-than-ideal roads.

It appears between 2015 and 2021 there has been a very approximate increase in the ACT's workload by 40%. However Full Time Equivalents have increased by 1.5 which is a 9.52% increase (pound workers excluded from all numbers). To consider a further increase in workload without a business case to support this appears irresponsible. Tracey Oakes noted in the council workshops that the extra workload would be difficult.

To fund the additional workload, either General Rates or Dog Registrations will need to increase, or other services provided to the community will have to be reduced. For example, the time to investigate genuine complaints may be prolonged, ability to attend urgent calls in a timely manner may be impacted, and the time ACT have to engage and educate (which the council indicates is its preferred approach) may be reduced.

The ACT have indicated the permit (for the first 18 months) would be free of charge. However, any increase in dog numbers would require a new permit- at a currently unspecified cost. Presumably anyone new to the area would have to apply with an associated cost. This is not a cost neutral proposal but is being put forward without council knowing what the costs are.

This proposal has the potential to result in people simply choosing not to register their third or more dogs. If this happens, more ACT time will be taken up chasing unregistered dogs who are otherwise well looked after and cared for, but whose owners were concerned their neighbors might not give consent, or just worried that an ACO might decide that they aren't suitable to have additional dogs, and what this might mean to the dogs in their family. The

lack of clear criteria around what is needed to be approved for a permit opens it up to subjectivity and discrimination by ACOs.

Reasonableness and fairness

The number of two dogs, after which a permit is required, is based on the permit rules for non-rural areas. While some rural properties may have property sizes like those in country living, this is not a good reason to change all rural properties to a 'two dog after which you need a permit' rule.

The requirement for neighbor's consent as per the urban permits would apply unless waived on a case-by-case basis by the ACO issuing the permit. I completely disagree with this, which is not in the proposal but has come to light subsequently. If there have been no substantiated issues with dogs at a property, why should neighbor's need to give consent? Should this misguided permitting rule be approved, neighbor approval should not have to be obtained.

Perception of Waikato District

People move to rural areas such as Waikato District because they can have multiple, well cared for dogs without out unnecessary bureaucracy and costs. This bylaw proposal risks the Waikato District being seen as anti-dog and not a good place to live if you have multiple dogs. This has already happened within the horse community with the council being perceived as non-responsive to any needs of horse riders/ owners. It would be sad if the same perception extended to dogs and dog owners. Waikato district is increasingly looking animal unfriendly. This may reduce the number of people choosing to move to or stay in the area- impacting those businesses who provide dog-based products and services.

Rehoming

And finally, but importantly - rescue and rehoming. If the council is concerned for the welfare of dogs it would seek to reduce the kill rate through the pound. Since 2015, 1145 dogs have been killed. Making it harder for people to have a 3rd or 4th dog does nothing to help adopt pound dogs. There is also a possible issue with people being unwilling to foster dogs, especially if they are unsure if they will be able to get a permit in a timely manner. While the ACT may say they can work around this with rescues, perception by the public is important- if it looks hard, they may choose not to foster.

“Pet limit laws are often used as a shortcut for public nuisance complaints, a hoarding situation or a puppy mill, but there is no magic number of animals that guarantees humane conditions. One-size-fits-all laws can make pet owners fearful of reaching out for needed services and can cause collateral damage to loving pet owners and to foster volunteers, who often house litters of kittens and puppies that may exceed these ineffective laws”. (<https://humanepro.org/magazine/articles/creating-animal-friendly-communities>)

Dog Exercise Areas

Under the Resource Management Act 1991, alongside other obligations, Council has an obligation to enable people and communities to provide for their social well-being and health. Research identifies significant health benefits from dog ownership, and has shown that the bond between people and their pets can increase fitness, lower stress, and decrease loneliness¹. Dogs provide increased opportunities for exercise and outdoor activities, and for socialisation. As individual dog owners we have a legal responsibility to exercise our dogs adequately and we can be prosecuted if we do not do so.

Council is required under S10 (4)(d) of the Dog Control Act (1996) “to have regard to ... the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners”, which means that Council needs to respect and acknowledge those needs. The exercise needs of dogs are further clarified in the (Dogs) Code of Welfare 2010 which derives from the Animal Welfare Act (1999). That Code states in Minimum Standard 13 “that dogs must receive daily exercise sufficient to maintain their health and well-being”. Thirty minutes a day is minimum, and 60 minutes a day is ideal (depending somewhat on the age/stage and breed of dog).

Dogs need to be exercised both on, and off, leash. Research indicates that dogs need to learn acceptable behaviour when in public and need to be socialised properly to prevent aggression. This is achievable by owners training their dog while out of the home (Hart 1990) and through play with the owner and other dogs (Bradshaw and Brown 1990) and through socialisation with other people when out in the community. Dogs need more than just initial socialisation; they need on-going exposure to people, and to other dogs, to be genuinely safe.

In addition, some dog breeds need more exercise than others . When there are too many dogs being exercised in one small area, aggression can occur, and smaller dogs need to be able to be exercised away from larger dogs at times. If dogs are exercised in too small an area, it can create behavioural problems.

However, to be safe and effective for the public and dog owners, good dog parks must have

- Materials for cleaning up after dogs (bags and rubbish bins)
- Drinking Water and shade
- Enough space to avoid crowding

And additionally

- Separate entrance and exit gates if fenced
- Entrances and exits with a two-gate system so dogs can't escape from the park accidentally
- Natural visual barriers within the park (hills, trees, etc.)

Other nice to have but not essential considerations include

- No 90-degree angles in the fence where dogs can get cornered by other dogs,
 - Several entrance and exit gates if park is fenced
 - Special enclosed areas for smaller dogs; e.g., under 9kg
 - Fun stuff (agility equipment, etc.)
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- ***The Council proposal is to reduce the number of off lead parks by seven. We strongly oppose any move to reduce access to off-leash exercise space for dogs. The council should endeavor to identify and implement alternative areas for off-leash exercise for dogs BEFORE it reduces existing spaces and should include identification and funding of suitable areas as part of its annual and long-term plans.***
- The council should apply best practice principles to its dog parks to improve the experience of owners and dogs, not just provide a minimum so it can say it has provided a space.
- The Council should provide parks in areas where people who have limited ability to drive to or otherwise can access off lead parks.
- ALL parks and recreation areas should be off-leash under-control unless there is a specific reason for on-lead or banned (e.g. DoC requirement for no dogs, close to children's playgrounds). At very least the council should designate parks/recreation areas that are currently not off-leash but have limited use outside of certain hours, as off-leash at specified times. For example, beaches in winter, general parks before 7.00am and then between 0900 and 1400 during the week.
- Dogs should have access to water to swim and safe places to learn to swim off lead (on lead risks drowning). In spite of an extensive coast-line and rivers, the WD area has limited safe off-lead water access. For dogs with specific injury/conditions eg post cruciate surgery, swimming is an important part of rehab, and also allows overweight dogs to exercise without risk. There is also no place for water rescue training as swimming between the flags with dogs at port Waikato is banned. Access to beaches and safe river areas should be addressed when designating off lead areas.

Many councils throughout the country have actively supported dog owners with off-lead dog parks with an environment in which the dog can actively exercise and socialize. Linda and I have both visited such a dog exercise area in Rolleston where at the time there were dog agility type challenges which challenged the dogs both mentally and physically. Why in the Waikato District Council area does a private resident have to create such a dog exercise area! There are many Councils supporting dog owners by providing such exercise areas and consider the majority of dog owners as law abiding when it comes to having their dog(s) in a public area.

Council provides playgrounds for the youth of our communities – why not also for the canine population. What would an increase of \$1 per dog annual registration allow – it should easily cover the cost of upgrading one exercise areas per annum AND cover operational overhead.

Cemeteries

We disagree with the proposal to ban dogs from Cemeteries. Dogs should be allowed on lead in cemeteries. They provide significant emotional support at critical times in people's lives and should be able to provide this support at the grave of a loved one. The cemeteries bylaw should be amended to reflect this, not the Dog bylaw changed in line with the Cemeteries Bylaw

Education

Reference to and commitment to educating the public on dog safety and a commitment to providing resources, education and support to dog owners is required within the policy statement.

Education is not included in the policy or the bylaws and one of the councilors is on video saying education is not needed in the policy. I strongly disagree. Accessible resources and education are crucial to encourage and increase good dog ownership.

- The council should include in the policy / bylaw reference to both public and owner education and dog obedience courses.
- The council has almost no information on its website on dog training or behaviour to support good, knowledgeable dog ownership.
- There are no links or information to help people find good trainers or dog obedience clubs assessable to people in the area
- The council ACO's appear to offer no behaviour or training support for people who are wanting to be good dog owners, as opposed to those who have had issues and therefore encounter ACO's because of problems
- Initiatives such as Train Your Dog Month <https://trainyourdogmonth.com> are easy and low cost to promote- if council wants good dog ownership it should provide people with information so they can be good dog owners.
- Any references/information should be in accordance with best practice dog behaviour and training information.

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Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3147

Submitter name/organisation: Leo Koppens

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Object to the Tamahere Park site

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Tamahere Park (not Reserve) is not a suitable site for dog exercises mainly because the spare areas not occupied by fields have insufficient parking available. There have been many occasions where all the spare areas are fully needed.

I have a concern that Tamahere will become a destination for dog owners from outside the area to exercise their dogs.

I think that a tall fence will spoil the ambiance of the Park.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3144

Submitter name/organisation: Glenys Round

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

25 January 2022

Waikato District Council

Proposed Dog Control Bylaw 2015 and Policy 2022

I am a resident of Te Awa Road, Tamahere, and I live close to the Te Awa Reserve. I wish to oppose the proposed change in use of the Te Awa Reserve upper area from a park with children's playground to a designated dog off-leash exercise area. This opposition is based on the following reasons.

1. I am one of the few remaining residents of Te Awa road who were in residence at the time the Reserve and park were formed from a neglected, leased paddock. The Council consulted with the local residents on the use of the land prior to the formation of the Reserve with the residents deciding in favour of a park with playground. The land has been a park since, although the lower area has recently been used for a dog exercise area. The loss of the existing use of the park and current playground (which under the new proposal would need to be moved or removed altogether) is not in keeping with the original intention for the use of the land.
2. The park and the playground are currently well used. The proposal would see the loss of the playground, or possibly moving it to another site within the fenced dog exercise area. Removing an established playground for children altogether when it is in good condition and well used in favour of an exercise area for dogs prioritizes dogs over children. Shifting the playground to another site within the fenced dog exercise area where children and dogs mix risks dog incidents and attacks.. There has already been one dog attack on a child and adult at the park, and it is possible that more may occur if the exercise area is not fenced off from a picnic and playground area.
3. There is inadequate parking at the Reserve to allow for safe parking for more dog owners. The carpark can accommodate 4 cars at most at any one time. Currently, drivers frequently do not use the carpark, but park under the trees on the road adjacent to the playground. This is on a sharp, 25km/hr corner on a narrow road with virtually no berm on either side. Any increase in cars parking illegally to exercise dogs, either because of inadequate parking spaces or by choice, is concerning and dangerous.
4. There are no toilet facilities at the Reserve. Council does not consider Te Awa Reserve a priority. Currently Reserve users are using the trees adjacent to the playground (and bordering 65 Te Awa Road) as a toileting area. This inappropriate and unhygienic practice is only likely to increase with increased use associated with a dog exercise area.
5. The lower esplanade reserve will effectively be cut off from the road, with access only through a dog exercise area. Not everyone is a dog lover, or would feel safe crossing a dog exercise area. People may well be put off accessing this area.
6. Inevitably there will be an increase in nuisance to neighbours from increased traffic, barking and fouling.

7. The area is heavily infested with rabbits. Council controls these with the use of pindone pellets. This practice could not continue if the proposed change was made and an alternative control method would need to be found.

I support the formation of a dog exercise area at Tamahere Park. Tamahere Park is a more central location where there is separation from the playground, there are adequate on-site toilet facilities, and there is ample parking.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3140

Submitter name/organisation: Giselle Jeannes

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Permitting law abiding dog owners will not improve animal welfare - the current by-law has the tools required for effective animal control. If these are not working then maybe the problems should be addressed where the actual problems are, which is not rural properties.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Permits limiting rural properties will not improve animal welfare and may well result in a flow on affect and an increase of dogs being surrendered as you remove homes that currently foster, do rescues and offer dogs in need a home.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Removing the 2 areas in Te Kowhai and Whatawhata and not replacing them with anything is unacceptable. Removing 7 of 28 areas and adding 1 new one is not in the best interests of animal welfare. Removing the Taupiri area due to 1 dog attack is over reaction. If some off-leash areas are unsuitable for off-leash dogs then turn them into leashed areas and fence off an area where dogs can free run. Removing areas because people don't pick up faeces is dumb, provide more bins. Bad owners will do this in dog areas or just on the sidewalk, but penalising good owners again because bad owners.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

No selection above as I don't live there therefore not qualified to comment

Submission on the Proposed New Dog Control By-Law 2022

There are a number of facets to this proposed new by-law that have not been addressed by Council and answers to questions that have not been forthcoming. The fact that questions cannot or will not be answered indicates that either there has not been enough research done by the council into the actual figures related to reasons for this new by-law or that publishing these will indicate that there is actually no good reasons for wanting to permit rural properties with more than 2 dogs and good law abiding dog owners are being targeted as it's much easier to get the rule followers to abide than it is to deal with the rule breakers and those who are responsible for problematic dogs.

I have worked out a few figures from council documents that show rural owners with 3 or more dogs are the biggest contributors to dog registration income and also the group with the lowest number of complaints and therefore council should be looking at what this group do right instead of slapping more rules and permits on the most complaint sector of dog owners in the Waikato District. The FAQ states there are 1132 rural properties of this 913 are owners of 3 or more dogs (excluding working dogs) and there are 9088 dogs registered to rural properties. If we assume all those owners have an SOP then we contribute \$490 752 towards the total dog registration income of \$809 697 that is 60% of the total income and yet we only account for 0.31% per year of the total complaints of 3529 (58 in 5 years approximately 11 complaints per year). Maybe we should be querying how our dog registration money is being spend as it's not going into investigating, uplifting or impounding dogs from rural properties! We have asked for and been declined the numbers of complaints for farm/working dogs and as these properties and dogs are exempt from the proposed permit, these figures are vital in painting a full picture as to why they should be excluded. We have been told that animal welfare is the basis for permitting rural properties, but since when has animal control now branched out into the field of animal welfare? Animal control is exactly that, control of wandering dogs, stock worrying dogs, aggressive dogs, noise complaints, surrendered dogs and strays. Animal welfare is covered by the MPI Code of animal welfare and there are numerous agencies that are tasked with carrying out those duties. Currently animal control already has the means to attend to noise complaints, aggressive dogs, stock worrying dogs and strays found on rural properties and permitting existing law abiding owners will not offer any extra "powers" for animal control to carryout their core business of animal control.

Current owners of unregistered dogs are not going to suddenly apply for a permit or suddenly become compliant as there's a limit on numbers. If the tools are not there for animal control to carry out their current business effectively then those problem areas should be addressed instead of wasting tax payers money carrying out property inspections of law abiding people, especially those already with an SOP who have already had a property inspection to gain that and obviously had no complaints against them. To cover the 913 rural properties with 3 dogs, means AC officers will need to inspect 3 properties a day for 300 days of the year just get permits approved in 12 months. What plans have been made to remove an officer for a whole year from regular duties simply to chase up 99.2% of people with no complaints? How will AC be able to investigate the other 3518 complaints? Broken into working time that's 11 complaints per day for 300 working days that need investigating.....these numbers should start ringing bells as to where the real issues exist.

We all know that any owner can be a bad owner and if animal welfare is the basis for the permitting or rural properties then NO rural property should be exempt, working dogs included. This proposal is discriminatory and basically says if we live on a rural property with more than 3 dogs we have the disposition to be an animal welfare issue and need more policing than farmers or urban people with 1 or 2 dogs. We have know how our Mayor feels about the dogs on Harris Street yet us rural folk are bearing the brunt of his anti dog tirade. One of the other councillors has mentioned that he has seen

many rural dogs kept unsafely – what does “unsafely” mean? If you’re an SOP owner then your property has to be fully fenced, that sounds pretty safe to me. I get more concerned about farm dogs running on roads next to farm bikes as they can get run over at any time, that to me is “unsafe”. I have also noted that there is a high percentage of councilors that are farmers or ex-farmers making decisions about this and in my mind the exclusion of farm dogs seems to be conflict of interest in this area or self serving.

I have done a bit of research of various councils around dog registration and have found most offer their rural owners a reduced fee compared to urban, this is indicative of the amount of time they have to spend policing complaints on rural properties and shows that NZ wide rural dog owners are some of the best and most law abiding around. Yes we don’t dispute that puppy farmers mostly live on rural land, however that is an issue for the animal welfare agencies and not animal control unless there are complaints in the area of animal control and still seizing of dogs on welfare grounds fall outside the animal control act.

We as rural land owners and dog lovers are the people that put our hands up when animals are in need. We are able to temporarily foster rehomes, help out rescue organisations, help out friends and family by being able to offer a safe place for a dog in need due to the fact we have the space and no limits or permits. This whole ability to be able to take Auntie Sally’s Fluffy for 3 months while she is in hospital, or taking on Granny’s 12 year old stinky breath Pooch when she move into the nursing home or retirement village so that she can still visit and see Poochie at times. Or that friend that has just ended a relationship and has to sell their house but they can’t find a pet friendly rental immediately, we are the people that can help them due to where we live. Some of us are dog breeders and part of being a responsible dog breeder is to take back any dog your bred if the owner needs to rehome them. Sometimes this happens in emergency and with a permitted number of dogs we will not be able to do this as we will be in breach of the permit. By permitting law abiding owners you are taking away the ability to be a responsible breeder and more dogs will end up in the pound as we cannot help out or carry out our responsibilities to the dogs we breed when they are in need. Most of us who partake in dog sports, be it breed showing, agility, obedience will own a variety of dogs are variable age. You cannot partake in these events with an old dog and therefore we keep our veterans and get a younger dog to carry on enjoying our hobbies. For those people who are simply dog lovers, you will be removing their ability to foster a dog in need in an emergency, or simply take on another dog who needs a home without having to go through hoops to be able to do so.

I live next door to 43 Bone Road where 35+ dogs were uplifted from a puppy farm in April 2021 due to the owner passing away. I believe this property was already known to both AC and SPCA due to conditions the dogs were kept in and I was told by other neighbours there had previously been dogs removed. They were kept in pig pen like areas 3 or 4 to a pen, in garden sheds and a few in kennel runs. In the 2 years I have been living there not once did I see AC visit them, not once was I contacted after the owner passed and the dogs were collected and some had escaped and run away, even when I rang to say I could hear them come back to the shed at night howling and barking. I have requested information on these dogs registration status which I have not yet received, I have also asked how Council envisages how permitting would have improved the lives of these dogs. As the land is in excess of 20ha and the owner also ran sheep and horses (both in bad condition I have questioned whether these dogs were called farm or working dogs in the council records and if so, there is the basis for including farm/working dogs in the permit scheme as this property was an animal welfare issue. The owners themselves lived in a shed with no wall o one side and no power and no running water and yet owned 35+ dogs that AC officers and council were aware of. If these dogs were unregistered then they would be even less likely to apply for a permit.

I could own 12 goats on my section that climb through the fences, eat my neighbours trees, shrubs and vege garden and stand and bleat next to their fence and I would not need a permit to keep them or have 6 pigs ripping up everything and defecating next to my neighbours fence and I wouldn't need a permit because I live on rural land.

At the end of the day us rural owners of more than 3 dogs are NOT the problem, your own council figures tell that story and yet we are being targeted and discriminated against because we are dog lovers, your animal control officers spend 0.3% of their time investigating complaints from rural properties with 3 or more dogs and 99.6% investigating and carrying out animal control business on everyone else!

Yours sincerely

Giselle Jeannes

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3130

Submitter name/organisation: Lot Hawkins

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

I don't support these changes as they are taking away the ability to contribute to the general welfare of our dogs (and owners).

As responsible dog owners we are meant to exercise, and socialise our dog with other dogs and people. This should be done for a minimum of 60 minutes per day for medium to large dogs. However by minimising off-lead areas Council is removing the ability to do so and thus does not want us to be responsible dog owners.

The last 2 years have been hard enough on the country as a whole and putting obstacles in the way for responsible dog owners to be able to exercise their dogs, might decrease their mental health as well as decreasing the health and overall well-being of the dog.

What Council needs to look at is way whereby the constituents are being treated as adults, rather than being old-school and thinking the only way to control people is by belittling them and being punitive. History has shown time and time again this does not work. So if this work is being done because there is a few unruly people, deal with them directly and do not, I repeat, do not punish responsible dog owners. Council needs to understand the dogs are a part of society, we need to include. By excluding dogs, the responsible owners, Council will actually start to see an increase in unwanted behaviour.

By not providing options for constituents to exercise and socialise their dogs, in an area that is qualitatively well set up (meaning lots of space to run dogs off leash, areas to swim, exercise and opportunities to take a dog that might be slightly more anxious - really they are no different to people!), Council is actively increasing unwanted behaviour in dogs. Therefore, I conclude this bylaw has the opposite effect of what you are trying to establish.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

As per above, neither of these areas offer quality that is needed to be a responsible dog owner and have a well socialised and exercised dog.

- size - both areas are way too small, especially if exercising multiple dogs at the same time (SOCIALISING!). Dogs need room to run, room to roam and be free. They do not need prison cell. (days park is awesome!)

- At the moment we are using Tamahere Reserve as a whole, which offers a fantastic opportunity to exercise dogs. People tend to exercise their dogs either before Tamahere Model Country School starts at 8.30am or just after. It offers a great opportunity to meet other dogs and owners, to exercise and socialise our dogs and perhaps even more importantly to be great members of our community. We as a group of responsible dog owner, are also responsible community members and take great pride in the Tamahere Park. On our walks, we collect rubbish, pick up dog faeces if accidentally left by someone and overall are good users of the park. Our children play on the play ground and we are teaching them what being a good citizen means.

I would like to propose to Council that they treat us as the adults we are, we are involved community members and we are dog owners. These do not exclude one another.

Our proposition is as follows:

- Like at beaches in summer time, understand that dogs are a part of the community. Off leash - between 6am-9am and after 6pm in summer, after 5pm in winter. If sports are being played, dogs on-leash on the path only.

- In high traffic areas, around shops and playground - leashed is the only way.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3125

Submitter name/organisation: Mike Moss

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

While I can see the merit in most of what Council is trying to achieve, I am concerned about the WDC putting more rules in place while they are in some cases failing to enforce the existing rules. I and others on our road have been effectively terrorised by a neighbouring dog and their owners. In spite of repeated attacks and injuries the dog was always returned to the owners. During a meeting with our elected member and two council staff we were told how the Council would be dropping prosecution proceedings and returned the dog as they had given in to threats from the dog owner. The whole experience had took a huge personal toll on ourselves and staff causing us to move house and be armed when going past the offending house.

I think there needs to be a broader conversation around whether councils are equipped to handle the above example and/or at what point it becomes a police issue.

My biggest concern is that what happened to us doesn't happen to others. To that end I would rather Council used their time and talent to please address enforcement of current rules before putting too much effort into new ones.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3123

Submitter name/organisation: Shane & Teresa Borrell

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

We strongly oppose the proposal to introduce permits in rural zoned areas for properties with more than two non-working dogs.

We also object to the proposal for neighbours consent being required to gain a permit should this proposed bylaw pass.

The bylaw is based on complaints over five years which relate to only seven different properties and most of these dogs were unregistered at the time.

On an annualised basis that is only 1.4 issues per annum yet this proposed bylaw will adversely affect 913 ratepayers in the Waikato District

Council have stated "We cannot express strongly enough that the purpose of this proposed change is to protect the wellbeing of all dogs in our district. [The changes] will give us the ability to act if there are issues with housing and health of the dogs."

If the intent of the change is the wellbeing of all dogs in the district, then include all dogs (including working dogs) in the bylaw.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3122

Submitter name/organisation: Heather Westerby-Jones

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Dogs- a life style

Keeping of dogs is a lifestyle. Owners pay a fee to the council to monitor and provide facilities. Those using skateparks and playgrounds do not. It would be helpful if Council would instruct urban planners to incorporate the dog lifestyle more into our community facilities and transport. The dog lifestyle can be incorporated well as seen in Trentham Memorial Park. I have spent many years frequenting this great shared park; Jet Park Hotel, Rotorua and Hilton Hotel, Taupo both permit dogs up to 35kgs in accommodation.

LIFESTYLE BENEFITS- Extremely important

Elderly- companionship, motivated to exercise, lower heartrates, travel with dogs

Children- stronger immune systems (much research on this), learn responsibility of caring for others, sport and recreation. Many go into dog-related jobs- Police handlers, training of disability dogs, MAF detector dogs, K9 Medical detection to name a few.

Childless couples- companionship, health, sports, outings, travel with dogs

Families- all of the above and food gathering too (Hunting)

Prisoners- training of dogs whilst in prison is recognised as helping with their return to public life

Healing and confidence- people who find it difficult for others to accept them find acceptance by dogs. Reading confidence can be seen in children in the buddy reading programme.

PROPERTY PERMITS- 12.0 Permits more than two dogs

There are a number of instances where people may want more than two dogs on their property.

'family competing in dog obedience/show/sports

'looking after family members' dogs while they on holiday, are ill

' Agility competitor. Often three dogs are needed ' one retired (not shot or given away), competing dog, and young dog in training (not able to compete until 18 months old).

' Hunting dogs ' often more than two needed here

12.1 Wording not specific enough

12.2 Creates more unnecessary paper work

SUGGESTIONS

How about keeping tabs on change of owner properties by liaising with council property department. Pay a visit to see the lie of the land when new owners arrive on property and start the new dog owners off by being friendly but letting them know how WDC dog laws operate.

Look at what information is within Council that Animal Control could utilise to make their jobs easier, quicker and more productive.

Hand over Buddy Reading and Dog programmes in schools to knowledgeable people in the community. Pay a contribution for their time and travel.

Look at what other Councils are doing to make dogs more acceptable in more places in their regions.

Look at what dog knowledge and dog organisations are in the community and liaise/cooperate/contribute finance to build good systems and processes so dogs are just part of our everyday society.

Dogs are too precious to humans for WDC to keep on with restricting, restricting restricting as well as asking dog owners to pay.

CEMETERIES AND SKATEPARKS

These are areas that dogs should be able to attend with their handlers ' Lifestyle.

Cemeteries Dog on lead and accompanied by person should be able to visit graveyards. Have you not read the true story of "Greyfriars Bobby". With dog's nose it knows exactly where the person is.

SkateParks ' Dogs too are good at tricks and need to learn. They too should also be able use skateparks but free of skaters. Commonsense rules apply ' under control.

FINAL NOTE

I believe by placing dogs in the appropriate category ' LIFESTYLE and with education (a big emphasis needs to be put on this) as well as utilising those with dog knowledge in the community plus all information within Council will give Animal Control staff the tools to make the Waikato a positive dog friendly area safe for all.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. **Any further comments?**

Te Kowhai Park- Proposed prohibition of dogs to exercise freely on this park

This is the only free run area located in Te Kowhai where dog owners can train/play with their dogs. There are many dogs in Te Kowhai already and with 2 subdivisions underway this park is essential. People need parks they can walk to or quick access by other transport. Walking distance is particularly important to elderly, those with eyesight or other disabilities who have transport. There is no public transport in Te Kowhai. Council needs to plan for dogs on public transport (trains and buses) too.

It is good for dogs to play with owners while other activities are happening- assists with their socialisation. Many who call to buy products in Te Kowhai use this park too.

WHAT IS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS A SHARED PARK

-Education, education, education. The Council should adopt the Canine Good Citizen 4-stage qualifications set up by DogsNZ. This programme is specifically developed for dogs to be accepted in public. Qualification content includes: Bylaws, health and caring for dogs, behaviour expected in public.

Suggestion: Council support the Huntly club to run these classes. Provide financial help too. Council would gain in less time spent and better behaved dogs.

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Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

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Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3119

Submitter name/organisation: Shane & Teresa Borrell

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

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2. Any further comments?

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In part

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Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3117

Submitter name/organisation: Julie Bedford-Pope

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

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No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL

RE: **CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED DOG CONTROL BYLAW & POLICY**

I wish to make a submission regarding the above proposal.

I OBJECT to the proposal of *“Limiting the number of dogs in rural areas to two, with some exemptions, such as working dogs. Three or more would require a Council permit.”*

I base my objection on the following:

1. I believe that the vast majority of multiple dog owners are good, law abiding citizens, and that any changes to regulations need to address the very few people who are not.
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3. Would it not make more sense to direct any changes to regulations to people that have previous complaints on record? That is that if people have never had complaints directed at them in the past then they should be able to continue as previously.
4. If the Council's reasons are one of Animal Welfare issues then surely existing bylaws / laws as implemented by MPI and the SPCA could / should suffice. If these bylaws / laws are insufficient to address Animal Welfare issues then surely it is these that should have the focus?
5. I disagree entirely that Working dogs should be exempted. Working dogs have as much right to being treated well as any pet dog. The number of animal welfare issues directed at farmers regarding Dairy cows, bobby calves etc should be reason enough to INCLUDE farm / working dogs into any proposed dog regulations.
6. I believe that the potential for enormous stress and emotional harm on dog owners to obtain permits is totally unacceptable. Already since the announcement of the proposal there has been significant stress to many people.
7. The cost of implementation is hugely concerning? Irrespective of initial costings I believe dog owners will be penalised financially in the future to facilitate these changes.
8. It would appear that Animal Control has already identified the problem people / dogs. I believe greater effort should be made to address 'these' people / dogs utilising the existing laws/ by laws already in effect.
9. In closing I would like to state that I currently have a RESOURCE CONSENT for 35 dogs and 20 cats. I have never had a complaint about any of my animals in 47 years of dog breeding.

I would like the opportunity to present my objections verbally to Council.

JULIE BEDFORD-POPE

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3114

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

All of the proposed changes are extremely disappointing, it seems Waikato District council is anti-dog where a number of other councils are doing the opposite and are trying to foster good dog ownership under a variety of initiatives.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

please keep my details confidential

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

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No

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The Council proposal is to reduce the number of off lead parks by seven. I strongly

oppose any move to reduce access to off-leash exercise space for dogs. This is counter intuitive it will cause more issues than present for both dog owners and the general public. By limiting the number of parks and creating greater restrictions you are isolating dogs and their owners. You are removing the few places that owners have to exercise their dogs at present within our region. This is a breach of the councils obligations as per the Dog control act and the Resource Management Act 1991

The proposed changes mean owners are forced to travel much further or more likely what happens is dogs don't get exercised as it is too onerous, time consuming and expensive given the rising costs of petrol so it results in bored dogs that bark, escape and in some cases become aggressive as they don't get the basic mental and physical stimulation that dogs require.

I see no merit in removing access to the Te Kowhai and Whatawhata sports grounds, both these locations are under utilized and there has not been issues to date so why again penalise good dog owners.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3101

Submitter name/organisation: Keith and Carmen Sharrock

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Te Awa Reserve should not be included in the list of Dog Exercise Areas on Page 15, for the 9 reasons listed in our uploaded additional file "Sharrock's submission re Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.pdf".

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Te Awa Reserve should be removed from the list of Dog Exercise Areas in Schedule One, for the 9 reasons listed in our uploaded additional file "Sharrock's submission re Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.pdf".

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Te Awa Reserve (Map 29) should not be made into a designated of-leash dog exercise area, for the 9 reasons listed in our uploaded additional file "Sharrock's submission re Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.pdf".

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Option 2 (Tamahere Park) is ideal, whereas Option 1 is most unsuitable for the 9 reasons listed in our uploaded additional file "Sharrock's submission re Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.pdf".

65 Te Awa Rd
RD3
Tamahere
Hamilton 3283

24 January 2022

Submission re. changes to the proposed Dog Control Bylaw and Policy

As resident owners of 65 Te Awa Rd, on the south-eastern boundary of Te Awa Reserve, we strongly oppose the proposal to make Te Awa Reserve a designated dog off-leash exercise area, for the following reasons:

1. **Insufficient off-street parking**, likely to result in cars being unsafely parked along the verge near a blind corner on the narrow road. The small unmarked ~5-car gravel carpark typically has 2-3 cars in it, serving the needs of playground and riverside esplanade track users.
2. **Playground equipment and structures would evidently need to be moved or fortified.** This seems an unnecessary expense, since it is well-designed, safe, meticulously maintained and well-used. Some families come considerable distances to use it, describing it as a "hidden gem". **Small, noisy, active children and free-running dogs would not be a good mix.**



3. **Loss of a peaceful recreation park** that is currently enjoyed by picnickers, walkers and family game players. Two picnic tables and seats have recently been replaced and are well-used.
4. **Need for unsightly and expensive fencing** on the two longest sides of the park, currently unfenced, in order to keep dogs from escaping onto the road or down onto the riverbank. Dog-owners expect their dogs to be safe in a designated off-leash exercise area. The river, visible from the edge of the proposed exercise area, will be a strong lure for many dogs, requiring the area to be very securely fenced and gated. **If dogs do escape down to swim in the river, retrieving them could be difficult, due to swift currents in this deep, narrow part of the river and the eroded, unmaintained riverside track.**

5. **Poison pellets** laid by WDC contractors and dead or disabled poisoned rabbits may be eaten by any dogs running free on the river bank esplanade adjacent to Te Awa Reserve..
6. **Some dog-owners may take their dogs down to the river for a swim to cool off after exercising in the designated area, regardless of the safety risks** and the proposed rule change that will require dogs to be leashed while on the riverside esplanade reserve. Our property has an unfenced boundary on the esplanade reserve adjacent to Te Awa Reserve, so we expect more dogs will invade our property via this route if the park is advertised as the only off-leash exercise area in Tamahere.
7. **The noise of barking dogs** will be a nuisance for the immediate neighbours and those wishing to continue to use the riverside esplanade for peaceful picnics.
8. **Smell and flies associated with dog faeces** likely to accumulate under trees along the south-eastern boundary, **just 8 m from the dining room of our house.**
9. **The threat to the safety of our hens**, that are free-ranging in our orchard separated from the reserve by just a wire farm fence that could easily be jumped by an agile large dog.

As dog-owners ourselves, we appreciate the need for an off-leash exercise area in Tamahere, and would make use of the alternative area suggested to be in Tamahere Park. The latter patch of land seems relatively under-utilised and would be a more suitable location than Te Awa Reserve since it has far more off-street parking (22 marked spaces in an adjacent sealed carpark) and the playground equipment would not need to be moved. The Tamahere Park option would also be much safer, with a far greater separation from the children's playground, and lacking the tempting hazards of a swift river and poisonous rabbit pellets nearby.

Yours sincerely,



Keith and Carmen Sharrock

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3100

Submitter name/organisation: Darran rowe

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Dated : 24/01/22

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Further, the Dog Control Acts purpose is to limit damage/ nuisance of dogs to people. There are no animal welfare objectives sitting behind this piece of legislation. The Animal Welfare Act 1999 covers these animal welfare objectives in their entirety and the SPCA is the recognised authority with the rights and obligations to implement this law. If the SPCA can not carry out its obligations in the Waikato, then this issue should be addressed “ perhaps via a partnership between the SPCA and Dog Control. The current attempt to use the Dog Control Act to implement animal welfare objectives is surely ultra vires.

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What is the real driver behind these proposed changes?

The council meetings on public record clearly demonstrate that council members are working very hard to push through their own agenda, responding to their own personal issues with dogs, people with dogs, in the areas that they frequent.

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Submission ID: 3093

Submitter name/organisation: Sarah Wilde

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

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No

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy**1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**

No

2. Any further comments?

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No

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Submitter 3093- James Carter will present my submission at the oral hearing**Permits:**

I oppose the proposal to require a permit for three or more dogs in rural areas. Animal Control say this will improve dog welfare, but it appears there are very few welfare issues in rural areas compared to non-rural areas. The dog control act is not the best way to address welfare issues - the Animal Welfare Act is much stronger, with inspectors having many more powers to address animal welfare concerns than the animal control officers do under the dog control act. Council should pay attention to where the most issues are- which is not rural areas. Dogs are part of families and imposing this bylaw will cause distress and concern for many good dog owners for no gain in animal welfare and likely increased costs to either dog owners or rate payers down the track to fund it.

That this proposal has been put forward with no cost/benefit analysis or business case does not inspire confidence in council processes. As a young adult with autism and an anxiety disorder, I have a dog who provides a high level of emotional support, although he is not officially designated as a support dog.

With the high cost of housing and rentals, it is likely while I complete my studies that I will remain at home with my parents and sister, all of whom also have dogs. If we have to get a permit to allow me to keep my dog, as someone who already has an anxiety disorder, compounded by the stress of studying with Covid, this will cause me a significant amount of stress and distress as I need my dog to function well. Given rental costs and the difficulty getting rentals with pets I have nowhere else I can reasonably move to should our family not get a permit for more than 2 dogs. I am sure there are many who are also very concerned and anxious about the fate of their four-legged family members should this bylaw be approved, and it seems very unreasonable and unkind of the council to cause people so much anxiety when we are all dealing with the stress of Covid, and the pressures this has brought, especially when this proposal will have no affect on dog welfare.

The ability also for people to have dogs when they may have to live even for a temporary about of time, in a caravan or tiny home on the property of a friend or relative is also important and permits for more than two dogs may discourage people offering this option to people in need of a home. It is extremely difficult for people with pets to find rental accommodation and the permit proposal potentially closes off one more avenue for people and particularly discriminates against the young and against those on low of limited incomes.

Dog exercise areas:

Dogs need decent off lead areas to learn to be social and to get adequate physical and mental stimulation. Reducing the number of dog parks without consideration to other alternative areas should not happen. Council should look at improving and expanding opportunities for off leash exercise areas for dogs. Dogs should be able to be off leash in areas that are not highly used, eg beaches in winter and parks off peak times. The district should not be on lead unless in specific areas as there are times when green spaces are

hardly used, and dog owners should be able to have their under-control dogs off leash at these times.

Policy

I oppose the proposal to exclude dogs from cemeteries in this bylaw as it stops the potential to allow dogs to accompany their people to grieve and we should have the opportunity to change the cemeteries bylaw so dogs are allowed on lead in cemeteries

The policy should allow people to visit their dogs in the pound and to allow peoples own vets to provide oversight of the care of dogs in the pound should they required veterinary care.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3091

Submitter name/organisation: Paula Sullivan

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

No justifiable reason to punish majority of responsible dog owners for actions of minority of irresponsible owners. The mayor's personal and uninformed views should not form policies. Council has means to deal with problems under existing bylaws. No evidential basis to support proposals. Reducing number of dog parks may encourage dog exercising in unsuitable places.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

As above

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Should be more dog parks not fewer.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3086

Submitter name/organisation: Kenneth J Kelly

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

No change to rural dog numbers.

This is the 3d time since moving to Waikato District that I have felt it necessary to oppose a poorly-thought-out part of the proposed Dog Bylaw. Frankly enough is enough.

I, refer to the proposal to introduce a Permit for people in the Rural sector to hold more than 2 Dogs.

It is well known that a Permit is a long-standing method of both Urban control of Dog Numbers and a

revenue gathering mechanism. Many of the Rural dog owners are dog enthusiasts who have made the decision to relocate to a rural location in order to follow their particular passion. In doing so they have chosen to forego Urban services such Council supplied u/ater, ready access to shopping and health services, so as NOT to be considered a nuisance. Now Dog Control are proposing to disenfranchise a whole sector of its Rural ratepayer community, with no democratic recourse should an Animal Council inspector decide against you. Don't tell me can't happen because it does. Civil servants or not.

As a longstanding member of the NZKC (now Dogs New Zealand) and an exhibitor of pedigree Newfoundlands I should also point out {as you should already know regardless of the type of show}, that one only shows animals (be it Dogs Cats Horses or Whatever) when they are in their prime condition. That is a very short period in every animal's life. After which we still need to retain that animal. They are not "Stock". Is Animal Control suggesting we get every animal put down once they have given us their best? One hopes for the Council's sake that this is not the case. The publicity would be spectacular. We need to continually have new younger dogs coming through which under this proposed Permit system means we must continually be applying for a new permit and paying the Council for that privilege. The council already has a stringent system with its list of Classifications for owners. It does not need more!

Essentially you are seeking to increase your revenue take from the existing captive base of

Ratepayers that have registered their dogs with you. Your Statistics are misleading, to say the least.

The basis given is that 58 incidents with 156 dogs in 5 years led to this control requirement. I find this very hard to believe given (a) The district has, according to your records, 15,000 dogs, in other words, 0.01%. and (b) how many of the 155 dogs mentioned were from Registered owners?

Looking at the number of incidents that is 11.6 per year. That doesn't sound a lot per officer. How many Animal Control Officers do you have? Try finding parking in TK when your Animal Control officers gather for their regular meeting at the Council Library building in their Council signed Utes.

You are proposing this for another control/revenue permit based on .01% of the dogs registered and probably not even that number if you take into account non-registered owners involved in these incidents.

Granted the Waikato district has grown in the territory and demographics with its new boundary changes and influx of new ratepayers seeking to build and live in the district. Changes to exercise areas with

the Urban spread are a logical necessity. I accept that there is a need to restrict numbers in Urban areas for again logical reasons, but not to disenfranchise RURAL.

It is a clever move to eliminate Farmers (and their political lobby) from this little bit of poorly thought-through legislation, but not enough thought has gone into this Permit proposal. Time for a rethink. This is a change for change's sake. Animal control is there to work on behalf of the ratepayers, not the other way around. Stop laying extra and unnecessary costs and controls on the captive registered owners and deal with those with unregistered animals.

I am more than willing to once again front Council on this non-democratic issue and I also do not mind working with Animal Control to come up with a better plan" It will not be the first time in 22 years as a Ratepayer for the Waikato District.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

No change to rural dog numbers

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3085

Submitter name/organisation: Paul H Robinson, BEM

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Contained within the attached submission

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Contained within m attached submission

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

I am writing this submission to oppose the proposal to introduce a permit to limit the number of dogs on a rural property to two dogs, unless a permit is approved. We are also opposed to the removal of off-leash dog exercise parks and whilst we have no need for these facilities and have never used them, we believe that urban dog owner should be provided with facilities that enable them to have access to off-leash exercise areas for residential dogs. We provide numerous different services for our differing community groups and their interests yet for our dog owning community we are looking to reduce their ability to access and use specific dog facilities despite the statistically proven increase in dog ownership within our community.

My wife and I are long-time members of DogzNZ, formerly the New Zealand Kennel Club, with a combined membership of 92 years. We have been multiple dog owners throughout this time. Whilst we are irregular breeders of pedigree dogs (Irish Setters and English Pointers) we have owned and raised between 7 and 12 pedigree dogs on our properties throughout this time. We have lived in 4 different rural properties within the Franklin/Tuakau/Waikato areas during these years and at each of these properties we have invested heavily in providing purpose-built facilities to accommodate these dogs and to provide enclosed exercise areas so that our dogs can exercise in securely contained areas. We have lived in this area for in excessive of 30 years and currently reside in rural Tuakau. My wife, Carolyn Cederman, attended and secured a Dog Owner's Licence (No 0201), in 1994 from Waikato District Council, which confirms our commitment to animal welfare and care of our dogs. We are also fully compliant with DogzNZ Code of Conduct and Breeders Code of Ethics

Whilst we have no objection to a process that would enable responsible dog owners to secure an owner's permit, we are totally opposed to a permit process when the process and criteria to secure a permit has not been divulged or laid out. We are being asked to support a process that would empower council staff to determine if a permit is to be issued without any knowledge or information about what criteria they will use to inform that decision. Similarly, there is no detail or information to govern any appeal process should the staff member determine not to issue a permit. We also oppose the proposed process where neighbours' permission is required prior to a permit being granted when the basis for a neighbour's ability to withhold permission could not be challenged. In our view this is simply creating an ability for an aggrieved neighbour to withhold permission regardless of the foundation of any objection. In our view the neighbour's permission requirements should only be allowable based upon substantiated and documented complaints that should require

independent validation. To simply withhold permission without criteria or foundation is unworkable and thoroughly problematic.

As dog owners we are required to pay registrations fees to council. As responsible dog owners who have invested in dedicated facilities and exercise areas for our dogs to enjoy, we derive no benefit whatsoever for the fees we are compelled by our council, to pay. The fees that we pay, along with all the other responsible dog owners, simply subsidises those in our communities who do not comply with their responsibilities to care for their dogs and to contain them. We receive no direct benefit from the registration costs we pay. The details regarding the volume of complaints received and the number of properties these complaints relate to, provided to justify this amendment, simply confirm that we are intending to impose an even greater burden on the law abiding and complaint residents as a mechanism to deal with a very small number of non-complaint dog owners. Why is it that further regulations are being contemplated for those law-abiding citizens when the focus should be on introducing measures that allow council staff to readily address and act upon the non-compliant members of our community.

I would like the opportunity to attend the hearing of submissions and I request permission to speak to this submission

Paul H. Robinson, BEM

Waikato Rural Resident
398 Pokeno Road
Tuakau

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3079

Submitter name/organisation: Lorna Bird

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I spent a week in Australia near the Gold COAST. Everyone had their dogs with them, there were a lot of dogs. They were all on loose leads. They walked with their families, occasionally acknowledging another dog with a quiet wave of their tail. They lay down quietly and patiently while their family had lunch. The streets were packed and there must of been anti dog people among the crowds but everyone seemed to understand dogs and no one interfered with strangers dogs. it was all part of their normal life. wouldn't it be lovely if Ngaruawahia and W.D.C area could be like that. the present system doesn't work, why not totally change it.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I feel a lot more research and thought needs to be put into the Dog Control Policy.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

more dog exercise areas are needed, not less. Makes me feel good to see so many dogs at the Horotiu Dog Park. Have never noticed any problems with unsocialised dogs there.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

no comment as I don't know the area.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3078

Submitter name/organisation: Michelle Morland

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I wish to have my submission read by my lawyer as I am unable to attend.

Please see attachment for comments

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

see attachment

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

see attachment

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Tamahere is too far to travel from Te Kowhai so I really can't comment on the best for Tamahere

I do not support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015, they are unfounded and outdated.

I do not support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy 2022, changes based around a minority group (statistics around 58 complaints in 5 years around just seven properties, most of which were unregistered dogs) does not justify this.

Information has not been provided on how these changes will be funded which leaves ratepayers with a huge cloud looming – are we going to see large increases in our registration/permit costs over the next few years??? Exempting farm dogs shows a bias, why are you targeting the smaller group of dog owners and not making it a full blanket policy?

Proposing permits that require neighbour consent is demeaning and unqualified. How can you expect people to be lawful and upstanding when they know through no fault of their dogs or the way their dogs are homed (no neighbour complaints to council) they will not get neighbour sign off on a permit application due to a totally irrelevant issue, ie: boundary hedges. This will only make ratepayers/owners break the rules and not apply for permits. Why would a council target good owners when the largest portion of dog related issues are with currently unregistered dogs, do you really think that by changing the rules and requiring owners to apply for permits for over 2 dogs will suddenly make these people abide by the rules!! The council is already understaffed and underqualified so this proposal will be at a huge cost. Why are you planning on punishing good owners, those who pay their registration, exercise, feed and ensure the health of their dogs is paramount, by trying to bring in this policy?

Is there going to be an amnesty period for those that currently have over two dogs on the property but plan on NOT applying for a permit? Example – son has moved home and brought his dog, there are already two dogs on the property so that makes three – son will have to move out, taking his dog, its not easy to find rental accommodation when pets are involved so how long before fines/warning are issued? Rental accommodation is hard enough to find without pets, this new policy will reduce the number of rental properties available in the district making it even harder.

If you really believe in the welfare of dogs in your district, why would you even be considering reducing the number of off leash areas, WDC is so far behind what other councils are providing for ratepayers and visitors to their districts, therefore more facilities and improvements to existing areas should be on the agenda, not closing some!

Banning dogs from Cemeteries is disgusting, how can you ask someone who wishes to quietly sit at a grave site and mourn the loss of a loved one with a family pet, that is often mourning the same loss, to not be able to take the family pet. How uncompassionate is our council becoming?

When has there been any number of complaints to substantiate the call to ban dogs from Playgrounds, Skateparks and Cemeteries? Where are the numbers??

In closing I would like to address the nature of the Council Zoom meetings. I find the content very disturbing. As our voted, chosen representatives, I find this unacceptable behaviour and personally I am disgusted with the tone and bullying nature. We are not a communist state and I find it intolerable to hear a council meeting to be undertaken in such a way that there is not discussion or chance of questions as a predetermined outcome has been entered into by some who chose to bully others.

Thank you for your time

Michelle Morland

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3075

Submitter name/organisation: Kayla Cox

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I wish to have my submission read by myself or my lawyer on the day if I am unable to attend.

I have attached my comments in a seperate format as they will not fit here

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

As per attachment

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

as per attachment

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Never been there, don't live in Tamahere so can't comment

I do not support the dog control bylaw 2015 because it is inadequate

I do not support the 2020 dog control proposed changes because they are bigoted, bias, unfair to a small minority group based on statistics around 58 complaints in 5 years around just seven properties, most of which were unregistered dogs.

How can anyone support a policy that has no costings or final agreements in place, and is based on inaccurate or misleading information, my request for answers about how many complaints have been received in the past 5 years regarding farm dogs or dogs from 1-2 households under the information act was point blank refused even though it is highly relevant to this bylaw proposal, You state it is : to much work; which indicates either your record keeping is extremely poor or you are hiding something. If its "to much work", how will you keep up with the added workload of permitting 900 plus rural properties?

To base a bylaw on statistics of just 58 complaints in 5 years, amongst the 30000 plus complaints you receive yearly is nothing short of ludicrous, and a complete waste of money and resources! You are referring to less than 0.003 percent of complaints!!

The fact you have exempted farm dogs shows yet another bias, especially given many councilors are farmers, and I have enough friends in SPCA and animal rescue work to know that farm dogs are neglected and abused also, yet you leave them out of a supposed welfare-based bylaw. I have no doubt you are avoiding a battle with federated farmers, choosing instead to pick on an easier target, being a small group of registered law-abiding dog owners, which simply put, equvalates to bullying and harassment, we should not be used as a slush fund to control your "seven problem properties" You talk about welfare being important, whilst abolishing several dog off leash areas and increasing on lead areas, and exempting farm dogs, your councilor made false statements at a council meeting saying Fonterra monitors farm dogs, you statements are misleading and bias and detrimental to dog welfare.

More to the point, dog welfare isn't even the job of dog control, it is the job of the SPCA and any welfare issues should be getting referred to them.

You state on your website a 3E engagement stance, where you ENGAGE WITH THE PUBLIC BEFORE ENFORCEMENT, THUS LESSENING AGGRESSION TOWARDS YOUR DOG CONTROL TEAM and that you are proud of it????

You need to take this statement down, because it is false, forcing people to get their neighbors permission to have more than 2 dogs in a rural setting is enforcement, not engagement, and will create hostility towards neighbors, the strong possibility of false complaints if neighbors don't get along, extreme anxiety for dog owners in that situation and aggression toward dog control .The situation you have created, for no just cause, IS WASTING TAXPAYER MONEY, AND TAKING RECOURCES AND FUNDING AWAY FROM LEGITIMATE COMLAINTS AND EDUCATION

As if covid hasn't bought enough stress into people's lives, you have added to dog owners anxiety by hanging a threat of removal of furry family members from their home, and many parts of society.

The behavior and anti-dog statements made in several public council zoom meetings have shown council to be anti-dog, ignorant of knowledge of dogs and disdainful and disrespectful of some dog owners depending on their sex or where they live, and assumptions made about their financial status. This is disgraceful and the behavior of the mayor and noel smith show a pre-determined bias and extremely unprofessional approach to the bylaw proposal. No mayor that publicly states he wants to shoot peoples dogs in the street should be in charge of anything to do with a dog bylaw. Forcing property inspections and neighbor permission is an infringement on people's peace and privacy and causes anxiety and very possibly aggression, in owners. The neighbors are far enough away to have no business saying what I can or can't do on my property and people move to the country for this very reason, as well as to have more pets and freedoms, in a lawful manner. It will encourage people not to register any new dogs, and result in noncompliance.

34 percent of NZ has dogs, a massive increase from several years ago, and other councils are accommodating this in their future planning with more dog parks and dog friendly shops, motels, and places to go,

While other councils are stepping into the future, proactively encouraging dogs into society, and thus increasing internal tourism and expenditure in the community, and looking out for the welfare and mental wellbeing of dogs and owners, Waikato district council has taken the opposite approach, seeking to remove dogs from society where possible and by removing off lead dog areas, and a very dog unfriendly environment, you are actually creating unstable dogs that won't cope well in society, thus leading to more aggression and dog issues.

Dogs are sentient beings, healers and man's best friend, but Waikato district council is treating them and their owners like pariahs

Hopefully the Waikato District Council has the sense to realize the errors and impacts of this draconian proposal before election time

I do not support a corrupt bias prohibitive dog bylaw proposal in any form.

Sincerely

Kayla cox

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3073

Submitter name/organisation: Working Dog Instincts

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

restricting dog numbers isnt the answer to the animal welfare concerns in this area; you are only going to piss the dog owners in the area who actually are being responsible dog owners.

the 99% of the waikato offer the correct care and training to properly look after our dogs, and essentially you are punishing the majority for the crimes of the minority by imposing these restrictions. Alot of us in the area have multiple dogs for training purposes i.e. agility, obedience, breeding, scent work and behavioural work. What happens when one of our dogs passes on and we want to get another dog? or we need to take in a rehome or rescue? then we need to go get the councils permission? its overstepping the bounds of freedom. I shouldnt have to check every small detail regarding my dogs with the council. If i am looking after a dog for one or two nights, do i need to come tell you then too? its ridiculous, and your going to have more issues of people ignoring your restrictions because they thinks its silly.

Also how are you going to address neighbour issues? if we want to get another dog and you need to check with my neighbour... what happens if me and my neighbour dont get along for whatever reason? are you going to take their word over mine that i can care for my dogs properly? its my business alone whether i get another dog and shouldnt have to consult with them; i would understand if my dog was constantly barking or escaping but in most cases thats not what happens.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

dont remove the off leash parks entirely, your better to make them on leash, where people can put their dogs on long lines and allow them to do exercsie while the owners still have control.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3072

Submitter name/organisation: Carla Amore

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

It is highly unfair and unethical for the Waikato district council to impose dog number restrictions on those who live in its districts. Many of us who live in the area have multiple dogs for sports i.e. Agility or competitions like obedience. and the vast majority of us who have multiple dogs for our hobbies look after our dogs extremely well. we shouldnt be punished or restricted due to the small minority not obeying the rules and giving the rest of us a bad rep.

Honestly, the number of dogs i have shouldnt be the business of anyone else but my own. So long as i can afford to provide them with food, entertainment, training, health care etc, then why should my neighbours be involved? i would understand if my dogs were barking 24/7 or were considered dangerous, but most arent.

i somewhat agree with reducing some of the offleash areas and but instead of removing dogs entirely, make them on leash areas (so that people can use long lines to give their dogs exercise space but be in control).

i honestly feel like the council is using the crappy dog owners to restrict the good owners. Don't let the Muppets who dont give two shits ruin it for the rest of us.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

i believe that removing the areas is a bad idea, instead of removing them, make them on leash areas. that way people can put their dogs on long lines and allow their dogs to have more space to stretch their legs while having the owners still in control. making the Waikato less dog friendly isn't the way to go about solving the problem.

it would be better to go about adding restrictions, and educating the owners who aren't as knowledgeable about managing their dogs in exercise areas; or helping provide or encourage further training. For those of us who like to take our dogs out and know how to manage our dogs, dont take away those parks because they are amazing resources in terms of training.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3054

Submitter name/organisation: Cellina Fraser

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I request that my submission is presented on behalf of myself by James Carter, Lawyer.

¢ Addressing the proposal for limiting the number of dogs permitted on a property to a maximum of 2, with a permit required to have 3 or more. The justification for this provided for this change is based on the statement that over a five year period 58 complaints have been received relating to 7 properties. The council has provided very little detail about the details of these properties. How the addition of permits would prevent this from happening is unclear as the additional cost of a permit would not likely induce compliance. The claim is that this change will give another tool to address welfare concerns, however permits will not allow seizure of neglected dogs, who were largely unregistered in the first place. The addition of permits only targets good dog owners who respect the law already. Permits are proposed to exclude working dogs. The exemption of working dogs has been poorly defined in the proposal, with the councilor's deeming by opinion what will be classed as a œworking dog. In these times where the effects of Covid are being felt regarding financial impact that has come with it, permits will add to this burden and potentially prevent legitimate income for rate payers that will be affected. It is disappointing that the Council is moving to penalise most good rural dog owners who choose to live in a rural location that allows for the safe keeping of multiple dogs. This proposal will put barriers in place for people's ability to foster, which is so important to many rescue and re-homing groups. The impact of this proposal looks to have been poorly considered and the council has not provided substantial evidence to warrant it or detail on how it will work which by indication will rely on neighboring properties and subjective opinions which are open to discrimination, to be able to support it.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

The proposed changes are not given in enough detail for me to support them. I cannot agree to changes that will be finalised after which could adversely affect me.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps**1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**

No

2. Any further comments?

Add any further comments here

Removal of seven off lead dog exercise areas reduces the availability of areas which dog owners can use. This will put pressure on those that remain increasing numbers. Exercise is an important part of owning a dog and we should not be making it harder to do this. Regarding prohibiting areas because of dog owners not picking up dog droppings will not stop this issue. Those dog owners do not follow the rules now and it is most likely that they will not follow more rules. The council do not have the manpower to enforce this so again it will affect those that follow rules, and these owners are not the problem and should not be punished. In Covid times, having multiple areas outdoors that people can safely exercise their dogs at a distance from others, reducing this availability of space does not seem like a sound decision in the current conditions. The council should ensure that the welfare of dogs as they claim is at the root of these changes should be paramount. Exercise and the ability of owners to easily access areas should therefore be encouraged not restricted.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park**1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3041

Submitter name/organisation: Jan Eatock

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I disagree with the proposed amendments to the 2015 Dog Control By-Law.

My husband and I do not have any relatives in New Zealand, at present we have eight dogs, our dogs are our family. For the past 17 years we have had WDC Selected Owner status enabling us to keep multiple dogs. All our dogs have always been registered with the Local Council. As responsible people all our dogs, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, have always lived in our home, are well cared for, well exercised, are fed quality food, bathed and groomed often, and are loved.

Our property is securely fenced, and the main gate is kept padlocked for the safety of our dogs, no uninvited visitors and no accidental escapes. Our dogs are valued family members, as well as being valuable purebred Cavaliers descended from a number of UK and Australian Cavaliers we have imported over the years. Our dogs are not a nuisance to anybody. Not all owners are irresponsible, just because they have multiple dogs. You should not class everyone the same, and we certainly are not bad owners.

I have a hobby, which is exhibiting/competing at Dog Shows. Following my hobby means there is a need to have the occasional young dog/puppy join my show team. Our older dogs retire from the show ring and live on happily as our family pets.

The proposed changes to WDC dog by-laws, limiting rural ownership to 2 dogs would hinder my freedom of choice to take part fully in the 'sport' of my choice.

As a member of Dogs NZ (formally The NZ Kennel Club) there is a Breeders Code of Conduct that I follow:

I will practice and promote responsible dog ownership ensuring that dog welfare is a priority at all times. This will be demonstrated by the following. My dogs will be:

*appropriately housed, fed, exercised, socialised and have received regular veterinary attention

*appropriately controlled to avoid them becoming a public nuisance

*properly identified (including micro-chipping and registration)

*cleaned up after in public places

*compliant with all legislation and by-laws governing dogs and the sale of dogs

Obtaining a permit to keep more than 2 dogs rurally, with a new permit needed each time we get another dog is just simply another form of extra revenue collecting. This applying for permits is also a worry as to whether new permits would be issued, and at what cost. There is also the potential of a permit to be cancelled, and what would happen to my dogs then.

Permits will not solve the problem WDC and Animal control have with those who chose to abuse the system.

I read a Permit may be free of cost for the first 18 months, but after that what price will we pay? This is just another added expense to dog ownership.

If a Permit is introduced will Selected Owner status be abolished, along with the discounted registration fee that comes with Selected Owner status? If so this would mean a permit fee, plus an increase in registration fees.

Suggestions of closing some dog exercise areas is such a backwards step. More, not less, well fenced areas are needed. It's a proven and well documented fact, dogs are social animals, they need physical exercise and mental stimulation, and interaction with other dogs and people.

Exercise for dogs, and people, is an important part of daily healthy living. Dogs bring enrichment and companionship to their owners. Being free to walk, run and play with dogs should be encouraged not impeded by even more restrictions on exercise areas. Other districts of NZ allow dogs on beaches, reserves and parks, even outdoors at Cafes. Why does Waikato District need to be so negative and anti-dog.

Waikato DC could benefit all dog owners by following the example of dog friendly councils. For instance Tauranga City Council have Policy and By-Laws where dogs can exercise in all public places:

"We recognise that the large majority of dog owners are very responsible, and as a result the interaction between dogs and the public is generally positive. Dogs need the ability to exercise unrestrained and within a social setting. Therefore rather than restricting dogs to designated dog exercise areas, they are able to be exercised unleashed in public places as long as when circumstances require the dog can be leashed immediately. Dog owners are encouraged to act responsibly, evaluate the circumstances and then to take all reasonable steps to ensure that their dog(s) does not cause a nuisance. We believe that conflicts can be resolved and managed in a way that protects the public, manages the pet population, prevents cruelty to animals and balances the interests of many people in the community

My husband and I run a very active countrywide Facebook group for anyone owning or planning to own a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel in New Zealand, with a membership of over 2,500. Along with other members we support and advise prospective and new owners on all aspects of dog ownership and care. Each day members from many areas, but mostly excluding Waikato, post photos of their Cavaliers running and playing off lead in parks, reserves, woodlands and on beaches, and on lead at outdoor dining areas of cafes (but not in Waikato where dogs are not even allowed in business/shopping areas of some towns). We have group meet ups and social outings with our Cavaliers both on the north and south islands. I occasionally arrange group walks at Waitatarua Reserve, Remuera, Auckland. It is a pleasure to see so many dogs playing and running free as everyone walks the 3km gravel paths, meeting many other members of the public with their various sized dogs, all off lead and so well behaved. How sad that this cant also happen in Waikato. The key to good behaviour between dogs is socialisation and this cant happen when dogs have nowhere to interact freely with each other. Restricted exercise areas, and off lead sites affects our gatherings in Waikato, and will do even more so if the proposed changes happen.

Mainly through my husband and I, our group also deal with rehoming of Cavaliers. The introduction of a Permit could hinder the smooth running of arranging foster/temporary homes.

I would also like to add that we didn't receive a letter informing us of these proposals until 21 December 2021. Being that the submissions opened on 1st December 2021 I would have expected to have been informed of these proposals before submissions opened, not 3 weeks after, being that I'm a multi dog owner with a SOP

The worry about all of this is affecting my mental wellbeing. WDC should focus on those owners that have roaming dogs, neglected and badly treated dogs, and those with complaints against them. Stop trying to penalise dog owners who follow all the rules.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not agree to the proposed amendments

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Suggestions of closing some dog exercise areas is such a backwards step. More, not less, well fenced areas are needed. It's a proven and well documented fact, dogs are social animals, they need physical exercise and mental stimulation, and interaction with other dogs and people.

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Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

I cannot comment as I do not know these areas

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3006

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Submission opposing the proposed bylaw for requiring a permit for owning three or more dogs in rural areas.

I request that my name be kept confidential when this submission is made public.

I believe the reasoning behind your proposed bylaw to allow ease of action in addressing the issues with dog welfare and nuisance is without thorough reflection by council, you may find this bylaw could actually hinder the desired result.

An owner with multiple dogs in a rural area is more likely to NOT register their dogs because the dogs never leave the property.

If this is the case, these dogs will not be in the council system unless a complaint has been submitted , therefore these dogs cannot be welfare assessed.

Another possibility is that if the bylaw goes into effect, some rural owners with more than two dogs will avoid registering any more than those two dogs in the future , although there are penalties in place , how can this be monitored ? (Extra cost and time to address this with every owner ?)

This will also lead council to conclude that a permit is not needed | thus no welfare assessment.

Rural dog owners who do register more than two dogs will be assessed, and so required to eventually pay a fee in order to be granted a permit to own more than two dogs.

This responsible dog owner, is likely to already be providing good care and have a conscientious attitude toward neighbours.

Is such a permit simply going to be a further expense for the owners of three or more dogs who already responsible enough to pay multiple registration fees?

Given the recent increase in subdivisions and property titles, there are many cases of once remotely situated working dogs (not requiring registration) which are often kennelled, are unfortunately now becoming a noise nuisance.

These dogs are exempt from registration, would authority to act be compromised?

The proposed bylaw has been put in place to ensure action regarding nuisance and welfare .

Is this not in place already ?

There is a similar argument for hunting dogs. (not requiring registration). I have lived rurally long enough to be aware of incidents where dogs have mauled neighbours stock.

There is no compensation for the owner of the stock because the dogs are without registration and are not able to be traced.

Ive seen hunting dogs that are kept on chains with little freedom or care. These dogs too will not be welfare assessed because they are exempt from registration, thus exempt from requiring a permit through the proposed bylaw.

Furthermore, unlike working dog breeds, which are recognised as performance breeds, hunting dog breeds vary hugely.

Who stipulates or confirms whether a dog is actually a hunting dog or not?

If it is the owner , then their claim will dictate whether their dog needs to be registered or exempt. If exempt, then a permit is not required .

Again, dogs not in the system, so without assessment .

The proposed bylaw ensures the authority to act if a permit has been broken. If there is no permit in place , then there must be no authority to act ?

Something also to be considered is that just one constantly barking dog can cause as much nuisance as multiple barking dogs. Just as one dog could be poorly treated.

Discovering dogs in poor welfare is, sadly, a real occurrence that is not exclusive to multiple dog properties.

This proposed permit focuses on owners of three or more dogs in a rural area.

I believe seeking out and monitoring these owners wont equate to making a large difference in preventing poor dog welfare and nuisance complaints.

Especially if some owners are flouting registration requirements.

My question to you .. is putting

such a permit in place going to improve council access to addressing dog welfare , or hinder it ?

I understand your reasoning and congratulate you for wishing to address the issue of dog welfare etc , however what this proposal is suggesting does not mitigate for the behaviours of irresponsible dog owners, or the assurance that all dogs (including those exempt) are assessed within the control of a permit .

Unfortunately, it will more than likely lead to deliberate efforts by some dog owners to either become, or remain undetectable to Council investigations .

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I do not support the introduction of a permit for owning two or more dogs in rural areas.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3002

Submitter name/organisation: Waikato Gundog Club - Secretary Helen Sansome

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Dog Control should be using their time working with non compliant owners and cases of poor welfare. Requiring compliant owners of registered dogs to undergo inspections of private property without proper cause (ie a complaint) is intrusive and controlling. It is a waste of time and resources and may well lead to dogs being kept unregistered.

See attached letter.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council are not fulfilling their obligations as set out in the Dog Control Policy.

If dogs are restricted to be on leash in public areas there are far too few areas designated for off leash exercise.

See attached letter

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council are not providing sufficient designated exercise areas for dog owners to exercise their dogs off lead. It is not possible to provide: quote* "environmental, health and behavioural stimulus, and adequate mental well-being" without off lead facilities. Neither is it possible to effectively train control and recall of a dog without off lead areas to use.

* Dog Control Policy - Section 2: Responsibilities of Dog Owners (e).

See attached letter

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Neither of these areas are sufficient for proper off leash exercise of larger dogs.

See attached letter.

Waikato Gundog Club Submission to Waikato District Council

Re: PROPOSED CHANGES TO DOG CONTROL BYLAWS

The members of Waikato Gundog Club wish to express our concerns with the proposed changes to Waikato District Council's Dog Control Bylaw and Policy. Many of our members will be affected by these changes in one way or another.

We respectfully request that you consider the following points:-

Limiting the number of dogs kept in rural properties to two, with some exemptions. Three or more dogs would require a Council permit.

Why? This seems excessively constrictive for most rural properties, many people reside in a rural area in order to own more than two dogs.

WDC informed us that in the past five years Animal Control received 58 complaints about multiple dogs in rural areas which led to 156 dogs being found in poor conditions and showing signs of neglect. Council omitted to state here that these figures relate to just 7 problem properties. We are told that current welfare and nuisance laws have not been sufficiently robust to allow Animal Control to deal with these cases and therefore this new regulation is needed. This is difficult to believe if the infringement system was used effectively and enforced. **SUGGESTION: Probationary Dog Owners limited to 1-2 dogs.**

Given that ratepayers and dog owner registration fees fund Animal Control we are entitled to ask if the huge extra workload and travel involved in checking approximately 900 rural properties which have more than two registered dogs will actually achieve the result that Animal Control seeks? Animal Control have repeatedly confirmed that the new permits will not allow them to seize dogs. So what's the point and all this expense?

SUGGESTION: If there must be a maximum of dogs kept before additional compliance is required we recommend that the number is raised somewhat. It is our view that many currently compliant dog owners may decide in future to avoid extra regulation by simply not registering additional dogs.

We believe that Animal Control's time, and our money, would be better spent dealing directly with the problems and not by running around the district targeting compliant and rule abiding dog owners with extra regulation.

Surely it would more productive to find better ways to use the dog welfare laws in order to give Animal Control the necessary powers to deal with problems of neglect and nuisance?

PARKS - access to parks and off leash exercise areas is extremely important to most dog owners including Waikato Gundog Club members in the Waikato district, especially those residing in the non rural areas.

As dog owners we have obligations under the Animal Welfare Act and the Dog Control Act to provide our dogs with exercise. The Dog Code of Welfare states in Minimum Standard 13 "that dogs must receive daily exercise sufficient to maintain their health and well-being". 60 minutes a day or more is desirable for our members and their well loved and competently managed dogs.

The Council move to reduce off lead park numbers by seven without effort to provide alternatives is extremely disappointing. We would like to see a roll out of more areas designated for off lead exercise of dogs as is the practice of other councils in New Zealand. As housing and development intensifies it becomes very important that there is sufficient outdoor green space for everyone to spend time in. Given the choice most dog owners actively seek out quiet spaces to exercise their dog away from the public and avoid any potential nuisance or confrontation. If space is limited then as with any human activity problems can occur. Council should be actively pinpointing suitable areas near every town to provide a facility so that dog owners are not forced to use sports fields and playgrounds through lack of alternatives.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3000

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

The changes in dog registration regarding more than 2 dogs seems unfair. For example, gaining neighbours permission could become more neighbourhood politics than for dog welfare. Additionally, the costs could increase; I presume the 18 months mean there will be cost thereafter. I personally only own one dog, but object to the amendments noted due to the overwhelming evidence that on average only 11 complaints out of 3000 made every year (and over 5 years linked to just 7 residences) were to those who owned 3+ dogs. This cannot justify the change.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

I feel I cant support this at this stage because the documentation does not explain what the changes are:

œA new policy has been developed.This expands on the responsibilities of both Council and dog owners and how dogs should be registered. It also

explains how Council manages troublesome dog owners and dogs but no explanation as to what these are.

In theory Im sure I would support these but they just seem unspecific at this time.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

This is the area that I feel very strongly about. All these changes just seem to be introducing more restrictions. Its a real shame that you arent looking for what you can do for dogs and owners rather

than shutting down access for dogs. I understand issues with faeces is not at all acceptable, but where can we take our dogs instead? I live on a busy rural road in Whatawhata and the nearest fenced area is Horitiu. There are barely any options for dog owners to exercise their dogs safely, and its just not acceptable to simply decrease the areas where we can take them. My nearest two dog exercise areas are now going to be completely off limits to dogs. The other place I walk my dog is Raglan, which also faces changes. And the alternative? A park in Tamahere?! So far from so many of the areas that you are imposing limitations on. Im becoming increasingly frustrated with Tamahere having so much council funds put into it - its great that they have the brand new river ride, the huge playground and the potential dog park, but as funds are limited how about sharing this to other areas? We literally have none of this in Whatawhata.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

See my comments before. I do not think its acceptable to add a dog park to Tamahere alone whilst other areas are having more of their local spots shut down.

Please keep my details confidential. First name fine.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2967

Submitter name/organisation: Helen West, Huntly & District Kennel Association - Agility Club

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Submission letter attached

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Submission letter attached

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?



**HUNTLY & DISTRICT KENNEL ASSOCIATION
AGILITY GROUP
THE POINT RESERVE, NGARUAWAHIA**

4 February 2022

**Waikato District Council
Ngaruawahia**

Online submission attachment

Proposed Dog Control Bylaw 2015 and Policy 2022
Project # POL21/02 - 01

I am writing in my capacity as secretary of the Huntly & District Kennel Association – Dog Agility Club, as I am concerned with the proposed changes which seemingly punish responsible dog owners in the name of dealing with those problematic dog owners, whose often unregistered dogs cause problems, often repeatedly.

This seems to have come about because of complaints regarding seven properties, a very small percentage of the number of properties with dogs. It seems ridiculous to punish the remaining compliant owners, not to mention the cost of policing and issuing permits for the numerous owners who currently have more than two dogs. This would take the time and effort away from where it would be better spent, i.e. monitoring complaints about non-compliant owners, dog roaming and education.

Furthermore this seems to be just another one of the freedoms which is being taken away from the people of New Zealand in the name of safety and control. The Waikato is a large and diverse area with many rural properties and communities, who have chosen to live here to enjoy the rural lifestyle, which typically means having more space, often specifically to enable owners to have multiple animals, livestock and pets. Again, the vast majority of these people are responsible owners, not to mention rate-payers.

The Animal Welfare Act should and does suffice in other areas of New Zealand to act upon and punish those who breach the Animal Welfare Code, although often not strictly enough, so the additional restrictions proposed are unnecessary and an infringement on our freedoms and rights.

In addition, I note that Council plans to reduce the number of off lead areas without any proposals about replacing the majority of them. This a short-sighted plan, as dogs that are allowed out for exercise and stimulation and are responsibly socialised are far less likely to cause trouble than those dogs stuck in their backyard, displaying anti-social barking, escaping, roaming free and generally becoming frustrated and a nuisance.

Dogs to a lot of people are a part of the family and these dogs are provided with the very best care and attention available. It is a duty of the council to also ensure that there are adequate facilities for the dogs and their owners to be able to explore and enjoy our beautiful region. Restricting the number of areas where dogs are allowed, both on and off lead will reduce the quality of life for those dogs and owners, but also the community as a whole.

If there is a genuine concern for the welfare of dogs in our region council should be encouraging and sponsoring training programs, activities you can do with your dogs and places you can take them. The success of the annual Dirty Dog Challenge event is a perfect example of the principle that an active and well-trained dog is a happy dog!

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In our travels throughout New Zealand competing in Dog Agility competitions, our club members and dogs get to enjoy many places which are dog-friendly and everyone benefits from that, including the general public who enjoy spectating at our events. I believe we are positive ambassadors who show how much you can achieve with your dog. Being out and about in the public eye, we spend a lot of time training our dogs to ensure that when they are on show they are well behaved. Many of us have multiple dogs, who travel with us and are either actively competing, retired, pups in training as well as companion dogs.

Council's plans to restrict the numbers of dogs as well as the number of places to take them are just disappointing and frankly discriminatory.

I thank you for considering this submission on behalf of the dogs and dog-lovers of the Waikato.

Many thanks and kind regards,

Helen West

Secretary, Huntly Agility

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2965

Submitter name/organisation: Margot Wilde

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Permits:

I totally disagree the proposal to introduce permitting for more than 2 dogs in rural areas.

People, including my family, have moved to the area as we are dog lovers and have always had multiple, well-kept dogs. They are registered and cause no issues to the community. I have become aware that the WDC is proposing to make us obtain permits which in my opinion will not improve dog welfare in any way, as it targets law abiding people who register their dogs and not those who mistreat their dogs. According according to the council, the seven households that were problematic over 5 years were not registered. This proposal will take resource away from where it is needed, as most complaints to council about dogs are to do with non-rural dogs. This bylaw is unreasonable and discriminatory. It excludes farm dogs, although the council can't quantify the issues or not with farm dogs. It claims to be about dog welfare but no permits are proposed for 1-2 dog households in urban areas which presumably is where most of the welfare issues are. This proposal does nothing to improve public safety which is the main intent of the Dog Control Act under which Animal Control works. Animal Control has tools it can already use to manage problem dogs and owners without introducing permitting which has already caused dismay and distress among good dog owners in rural areas.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

I oppose the policy to not allow any dogs in cemeteries. Dogs should be able to accompany their owners to cemeteries to grieve.

There is no reference to treatment of dogs in pounds in the policy. Animals are considered sentient under the Animal Welfare Act : (a) to reform the law relating to the welfare of animals and the prevention of their ill-treatment; and, in particular, "(i) to recognise that animals are sentient:

and therefore, their emotional health and wellbeing should be taken into consideration. Separation of a dog from its family without contact is not considering the sentience or the emotional needs of

the dog. Owners should be allowed reasonable access to their dogs in the pound both for the mental health of the dogs and to reassure the owners that their dogs are being appropriately cared for. An owners own vet should also be allowed to visit to check on the health of any dog within the pound and the policy should refer to these rights.

To allow owners on limited incomes to get their dogs out of the pound, flexibility around repayment schedules should be allowed so that dogs do not accrue a \$22 /day sustenance charge if the owner is otherwise able to take their dog and fees are the only issue. To demand full payment of fees before a dog is released from the pound discriminates against those on low/limited incomes.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Council should identify and implement alternative areas for dogs to be off lead before reducing existing areas. the annual and long term plans should identify and refer to initiatives to improve and increase off lead areas for dogs to exercise in.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2947

Submitter name/organisation: Helen Sansome

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Why should a WDC Selected Owner status dog owner whose council registered dogs have never caused a nuisance be forced to comply with extra regulation/permit? What a waste of time. How would this extra permit improve dog welfare? The time and money spent by Animal Control in carrying out all these rural property permit inspections would be better spent following up unregistered dogs and on targeted owner education to mitigate poor welfare and nuisance issues.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Dog owners are legally obliged to provide sufficient exercise to maintain the health and wellbeing of dogs in their care. WDC should be working to develop and expand dog exercise areas accessible for dog owners, not to reduce and close them. If there were more good areas where dog exercise was promoted then dog owners would not need to use unsuitable sports fields and playgrounds.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2943

Submitter name/organisation: Kirstie Bain

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

I am opposed to these changes. I am owner/carer of three dogs. I have lived here at the same property for nearly twenty years, and the most dogs I have had at one time has been seven. The breeds I own are not easy breeds, and in the whole time I have been here, I have only had one complaint when someone apart from myself left a gate open and my dog got a chicken that was out on the road. As soon as that happened, I changed where my dog is on the property, and it has never happened again.

My job involves working with pedigree dogs, as I travel around the showing circuit doing professional photography, so I always want to be able to have at least one dog to show. At present, I have one young dog (3 ½ years old), and two retired show dogs (both 8 ½ years old). I am never going to rehome my dogs, I am as loyal as they are. I hope in a few years to be able to include another dog into the mix, so I can continue to enjoy my chosen sport.

I have spent ten years volunteering as an obedience instructor at Waikato Canine Obedience Club, and in that time I qualified myself to do behavioural work, helping people with very difficult dogs, at a tiny charge, often for free, as I believe that these dogs needed help. Dogs are my passion in life, so if I can help people get it right by them, I will. I also learnt a healing modality to help injured dogs, have been a dog groomer, and now work doing the photography.

As a behaviourist, the idea that you will be limiting the amount of dog parks is disappointing. I do have my own large property to exercise my own dogs, but many people in town do not. It is these dogs that need this allocated space, as many dogs who dont get the right amount of exercise are the ones who become a problem. I was so pleased when you changed the rules in my hometown of Raglan to allow dogs in town, as puppies need this sort of environment to learn socialisation.

As to proposing that I can have only two dogs, it is so wrong. My dogs are extremely well cared for, they live inside my house, and with no children, they are like family to me. I will never rehome them, as I have already said. I also will not want to shift, as my old girl is blind, and she will not cope. I live rurally on my own, so I rely on these guys as my personal security, and you no doubt realise, they are the best that a woman can have. My two male dogs are Tibetan Mastiffs, the worlds oldest breed, and are instinctively amazing at their job. I grew up in the worst street in South Auckland, and good dogs were the only way to stop trouble.

I would like my submission to be heard. I opposed this last time this was proposed, and was relieved that it didnt get passed, and I hope you all see sense this time again. This is not going to stop people abusing their oerights to have dogs, those people obviously dont care for anything, including rules, let alone welfare. As to farm dogs being exempt, some of the worst cases of neglect and abuse I have ever seen have been of working dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2942

Submitter name/organisation: Peter Martin

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
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Hello, My submission is that as usual, it appears another method by a council to gather revenue is being planned.

On rural properties, dogs are needed to make the property function, this is a standard use and situation, so why should this now need a council permit and approval, my answer to that question would be council is looking to gather more revenue, so by limiting allowed numbers of dogs, , but making an exemption, that can be purchased, council can now earn money from a usual situation , where previously they couldnt.

The reality is, if the rule is required, there should be no extortion fee to exempt, because the rule is needed.

If the rule is not needed, as deemed in this case b the fact council is offering that if money is paid, the rule can be side stepped, then the rule should not exist at all.

We already have more than enough of these discreinary rules set by council to make money from rate payers, we dont need more

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Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2933

Submitter name/organisation: Kim Orlando-Reep

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

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My name is Kim Orlando-Reep.

I was born in the UK but have lived in NZ for the last 39 years on the same property.

I have been breeding, showing, hunting, coursing and working dogs all my life. I run a dry stock farm of about 450 acres in the N Waikato in partnership with my son. We currently have 12 dogs on the farm for working and pest control, some are solely working while others compete at agility, whippet racing, lure coursing and flyball. The whippets catch rabbits and possums. 5 of the dogs are retired. All my hobbies are dog related. The farmhouse is over a km from the road and 2 kms from the neighbours on either side.

I have owned and bred many dogs in NZ. I breed infrequently from sound dogs with good temperaments usually for replacements and only sell to approved homes.

I am, or have been on the committees of the following:

The Rhodesian Ridgeback League

The Rhodesian Ridgeback Association of NZ

The NZ Whippet club

Waikato Agility Group

Huntly and Districts Agility club

I was Breed Rescue officer for NZ Ridgebacks for many years and am currently President of Huntly Agility Club and an official measurer for Dog Agility NZ.

I administer a Facebook page called Lurchers NZ for the purpose of improving care and knowledge of the Lurcher and finding homes for litters bred by others or abandoned in the pound. I have run 2 shows for the Lurcher club.

I am in contact with many other breeders and agility competitors worldwide and have written several articles about dogs for various magazines in several English speaking countries.

34% of New Zealand households have at least one dog and of those, 78% consider the dog to be a member of the family (<https://www.companionanimals.nz/2020-report>). Dogs are companions, friends and workmates.

Permits

I oppose the proposal to bring in permits in rural areas for more than two dogs. I also oppose neighbours' consent being required to gain a permit.

Welfare

The proposal to issue permits for rural properties with more than two dogs has been put forward exclusively to manage issues with dogs and owners that the animal control team have not been able to deal with under the Dog Control Act. This is the only reason given to bring in permits for more than two dogs in rural areas – as stated in the proposal “to ensure the welfare of dogs is protected”.

Over the last five years, seven households in rural areas have been or are of concern. Of these, two households have 40 dogs, and one has 35. Of the remainder, one property had four dogs and the others all had 10 or more. Most of the dogs involved were not registered when the initial complaints were laid and investigated.

While the statement in the proposal may be technically correct (58 complaints affecting 156 dogs.) it is misleading in that it gives the appearance that there are a significant number of dog welfare concerns and bad owners in rural areas, when in fact there are seven problem households. Note that rural complaints made up 0.3% of all complaints.

Animal Control Team. Council has a legal right to ensure that regulations are complied with, but does not have a right to create unreasonable regulations in order that it might make its job easier. The Animal Control team should not be expected to undertake work that falls under the jurisdiction of the SPCA under the Animal Welfare Act.

It seems unfair and unreasonable to impose a two-dog limit without a permit on good dog owners who have registered dogs. This is only going to encourage owners not to register their dogs. A large number of small block rural dog owners have moved away from the suburbs so they are not restricted in dog numbers and this includes breeders and those engaged in dog sports. If animal welfare is the issue, there is no reason why two dog households are more likely to provide better care for their dogs than someone with 3 or more.

Council accountability and responsible resource allocation

The council is responsible to spend rate payers' money in a way that provides efficient and effective use of resources. No costings have been undertaken, therefore there is no resource or financial information on the impact of permitting for more than two dogs in rural areas available. For Animal Control Officers to inspect over 900 properties over a year they would need to visit approximately 20 rural properties per week every week for that year. The district covers more than 400,000 hectares (418.893ha), with some very remote areas, often accessed by dirt roads.

It appears between 2015 and 2021 there has been a very approximate increase in the ACT's workload by 40%. However Full Time Equivalents have increased by 1.5 which is a 9.52% increase. To consider a further increase in workload without a business case to support this appears irresponsible. Tracey Oakes noted in the council workshops that the extra workload would be difficult. To fund the additional workload, either General

Rates or Dog Registrations will need to increase, or other services provided to the community will have to be reduced.

The ACT have indicated the permit (for the first 18 months) would be free of charge. However, any increase in dog numbers would require a new permit- at a currently unspecified cost. This proposal has the potential to result in people simply choosing not to register their third or more dogs. If this happens, more ACT time will be taken up chasing unregistered dogs who are otherwise well looked after and cared for, but whose owners were concerned their neighbors might not give consent, or just worried that an ACO might decide that they aren't suitable to have additional dogs, and what this might mean to the dogs in their family. The lack of clear criteria around what is needed to be approved for a permit opens it up to subjectivity and discrimination by ACOs.

Reasonableness and fairness

The number of two dogs, after which a permit is required, is based on the permit rules for non-rural areas. While some rural properties may have property sizes like those in country living, this is not a good reason to change all rural properties to a "two dog after which you need a permit" rule.

The requirement for neighbours' consent as per the urban permits would apply unless waived on a case-by-case basis by the ACO issuing the permit. I completely disagree with this, which is not in the proposal but has come to light subsequently. If there have been no substantiated issues with dogs at a property, why should neighbours need to give consent? Should this misguided permitting rule be approved, neighbour approval should not have to be obtained.

Perception of Waikato District

People move to rural areas such as Waikato District because they can have multiple, well cared for dogs without out unnecessary bureaucracy and costs. This bylaw proposal risks the Waikato District being seen as anti-dog and not a good place to live if you have multiple dogs. This has already happened within the horse community with the council being perceived as non-responsive to any needs of horse riders/ owners. It would be sad if the same perception extended to dogs and dog owners. Waikato district is increasingly looking animal unfriendly. This may reduce the number of people choosing to move to or stay in the area, impacting those businesses who provide dog products and services.

Rehoming

And finally, but importantly - rescue and rehoming. If the council is concerned for the welfare of dogs it would seek to reduce the kill rate through the pound. Since 2015, 1145 dogs have been killed. Making it harder for people to have a 3rd or 4th dog does nothing to help adopt pound dogs. There is also a possible issue with people being unwilling to foster dogs, especially if they are unsure if they will be able to get a permit

in a timely manner. While the ACT may say they can work around this with rescues, perception by the public is important- if it looks hard, they may choose not to foster.

“Pet limit laws are often used as a shortcut for public nuisance complaints, a hoarding situation or a puppy mill, but there is no magic number of animals that guarantees humane conditions. One-size-fits-all laws can make pet owners fearful of reaching out for needed services and can cause collateral damage to loving pet owners and to foster volunteers, who often house litters of kittens and puppies that may exceed these ineffective laws”.

(<https://humanepro.org/magazine/articles/creating-animal-friendly-communities>)

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2922

Submitter name/organisation: Kevin Whittock

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

58 Complaints over 5 years out of an estimated 15000 dogs within the WDC area resulting in 156 dogs found to be in a poor condition (Rural). This definitely does not justify the proposed changes. Insofar as off-leash areas are concerned, we need more of these not less. This is important for both dogs and their owners. By reducing the number of off-leash areas you are going against your own policies i.e. the welfare of dogs. These areas contribute to well socialised and happy animals thus reducing the risk of conflict. They also provide dog owners with a space to meet like-minded people and socialising with them, thus contributing to their welfare as well.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

An estimated 15000 dogs yet only 58 complaints regarding rural dogs over a 5 year period and from information provided by council the vast majority of those complaints relate to 7 owners. How many complaints were received from our urban/suburban areas? We do not know because apparently council/AC refuse to divulge that information. This in itself would indicate a hidden agenda against rural dog owners. My wife and I lived in town for 5 years until we could afford a small lifestyle section so that we could realise our dream of owning multiple dogs and breeding the occasional litter and now the council wants to negate our efforts and sacrifices. We have now resided at our current location for 11 years with no incidents/issues and now we must be "punished" because of 7 dog owners. Insofar as applying for a permit that may require neighbour consent, what about if an applicant and a neighbour have had issues totally unrelated to dogs, do you think such a neighbour is going to play fair and agree?. Please WDC live up to your self-stated responsibilities regarding dogs, namely looking at their welfare. With one team leader, 8 ACO's and one education officer there is absolutely no way in which the council can implement and control these proposals in a fair and unbiased manner. This is highlighted by the fact that they have been battling with the said 7 dog owners for some time now and have apparently still not reached a resolution. Bare in mind as well the rural people who manage animal shelters and whose number of dogs are constantly changing. Farm dogs/working dogs will apparently be exempted, why is this? Many farm dogs are not working dogs but are merely pets. No Mr. mayor and council members, you are barking up the

wrong tree and if you are really concerned about animal (dog) welfare you will have a totally new look at your proposals and come up with something that benefits rural dog owners and their dogs or otherwise you are failing dismally in your (lawful) duties.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

We need more off-leash exercise areas and therefor new maps depicting the location of these areas.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

As we do not live in Tamahere this does not affect us.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2920

Submitter name/organisation: Jacqui Kirkland Purves

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I strongly oppose and disagree with the proposal to introduce permits in rural zoned areas for households with more than two non-working dogs.

I also totally object to my neighbours consent being required to gain a permit should the bylaw pass.

I do not agree that this is in the best interests or welfare of the dogs or their families. I thought long and hard about moving to Waikato and also to a non covenanted home where there were no restriction for me and my dogs

The total of 7 households are the reason for this proposal and good ownership should not be penalised for this. The Animal control office and SPCA should be able to deal with this legally and without effecting good owners or for us having to have a permit or incur extra costs.

I actually believe that our dog registration should be financially reduced with each etc dog after 2, not have an extra permit or fee added, as we do not get anything from the Council for our registration, especially in the area in which i live. The nearest dog walking area is over 15 km away.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

I strongly disagree with the proposal to ban dogs from Cemeteries.

i truly believe this is a backwards step and actually the cemeteries bylaw should be amended to reflect this, not the Dog bylaw changed in line with the Cemeteries Bylaw.

Dogs should be allowed "on lead" in cemeteries to grieve with their owners the loss of a family member or friend. This provides significant emotional support at times of grief and sadness in peoples lives. Their Dog should be able to provide this support at the grave of a loved one. This is highly researched and it is also known that in the elderly they are a huge support for widows and people feeling acute loneliness. They are the main reason some have conversation and also have meaning for the grave visit or for going walking and leaving the house.

<https://www.k9magazine.com/dogs-and-grief/>

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

I strongly object to the move to reduce access to off-leash exercise domains and parks for dogs in WDC area

I disagree that all public places the dog should be "on lead" and feel the council should aspire to find suitable alternative areas for off-leash exercise for dogs enhancing the dogs and owners well being and enjoyment and in ALL areas of the WDC areas BEFORE it reduces existing spaces.

OFF lead public area walking is being successfully done within other NZ councils so i cant see why it is a problem here.

I also would like to see further development by the council to obtain country "off lead" walking thus enhancing the owners well being together with that of the dogs. A local safe place for dog to swim would also be a benefit especially for rehabilitation and also for older dogs that need exercise without strain, or for over weight dogs etc. It is a proven research that dog ownership enhances life is encountered together in a positive environment and improves health and well being reducing the financial strain on local health care and hospitals.

With 33% of New Zealander being a one or more dog home i would have thought WDC would be leading the way to enhance its residents experience not limiting it with further restrictions and permits. research shows 80% of dog owners class their dogs as Family members not just pets so want to spend there time with them.

WDC should not be creating a dog chain culture where dogs are left at home, in cars or outside family areas.

I would like to see WDC leading the way with Dog friendly and initiative ways to enhance ownership. Through education and support.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

i disagree with this this, it is far too small an area for the dogs in this area and would need to be so much bigger, Tamahere is a large growing community and with its extended boundaries of Matangi and Tauwhare together with lack of off lead domains and dog walking in other areas it will be far too small.

If this is going to be option 2 it would need to be the whole of the area from road to the school fence with multiple different sections and places to exercise different size dogs etc,

A good example of this is in Wellington at Plimmerton Domain Dog Recreation Area which has a fenced area of 8000 sqm and on top of this you then have the open domain as well. The area has

interest and long and short grass, water and mud puddles and logs and enrichment zones. Each area has different needs for the dogs and owners.

We need more open area in WDC area and for the council to be pro active and forward thinking to establish good dog cultures, education and dog recreation environments and make WDC a truly dog friendly place to live. Not just offer the bare minimum

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2915

Submitter name/organisation: Florence Purves

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I STRONGLY OPPOSE the proposal to introduce permits in rural zoned areas for households with more than two non-working dogs. I also object to my neighbours consent being required to gain a permit should the bylaw pass.

I dont believe this is NOT in the benefit of the dog or the owners within Rural Properties and will not benefit the problems, that Tracey Oakes highlighted in her statement 1st December 2021 and also in her telephone conversation with me. These are the homes that she cannot easily deal with under the Dog Control Act (DCA),

While it is unlawful to see dogs kept like this and in sub optimal conditions, to impose a two-dog limit without a permit on good dog owners who have registered dogs seems both unfair and unreasonable. She herself highlighted to me in our conversation that she believed it would make little difference to her work as the homes that had the problems were mostly un-registered homes when the complaints were laid and investigated.

She repeated to me several times during our conversation the Majority of Rural homes with Multiple dogs are good homes. I believe that there were only 7 properties involved in the welfare issue and reporting so this really should have been dealt with legally in a different way, possibly under the jurisdiction of the SPCA under the Animal Welfare Act.

I think time should be spent increasing the law for the SPCA to be able to take these dogs and rehabilitate them into loving homes. Not targeting the ones that have a loving home already.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

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The cemeteries bylaw should be amended to reflect this, not the Dog bylaw changed in line with the Cemeteries Bylaw

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

I STRONGLY OPPOSE any move to reduce access to off-leash exercise space for dogs.

This limits constructive dog training and socialisation and is not in the interest of the Dog or Owners

The council should endeavour to INCREASE and identify and implement alternative areas for off-leash exercise for dogs BEFORE it reduces existing spaces and should include identification and funding of suitable areas as part of its annual and long-term plans.

All parks should be updated and working toward best environments and experience.

https://apdt.com/resource-center/makes-good-dog-park/?fbclid=IwAR1cPoeGmtdlaxAhKc0Wfh9j8SEAhKgg0oYjX6jPA5_NHbsBn2rbH7P7hG0

This should be a priority.

As WDC covers such a large area we ourselves don't have a dog park close to us and would have to travel to Tamahere and beyond, if all the WDC dog owners in this corridor from Tauwhare to Tamahere did this, this park would be over run and unsafe. More parks need to be invested in and this is a perfect time to do this.

Shade, water and interests for the dogs should be included as well as poo bins that are regularly emptied. It would be also good to have no corners on these parks and also to have multiple double gated entries and exits on force close systems to stop people leaving the gates open.

A water venue for Dogs should also be looked at for dogs to learn to swim and also for rehabilitation as written in my submission attached.

Open parkland should also be identified in all WDC areas for off lead walking and High street and other Town areas should be not restricted.

Waikato District council should improve exciting dog parks and the experience of owners and dogs, not just provide a minimum standard so it can say it has provided a space. The council should stand out for their proactive approach toward the 1/3 of homes that have dogs.

WDC should work towards

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

As above before taking any away more should be secured and discussed with the locals. Tamahare is now becoming a large social community and which also includes a lot of sub areas, when looking at dog parks.

In order for this dog park to work it would need to be substantially larger with multiple areas maybe even multiple large fenced area so that small and large dogs can be separated and include enrichment area within for the dogs. Again these areas need lots of attention to make them amazing places to visit.

A dog should be exercised for a substantial amount of time so not just a 5 min walk.

Submission Waikato District Council Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Review:
 Florence Kirkland Purves
 'Kirkwell Working Cocker Spaniels"

Hi I'm originally from the UK and moved to New Zealand in 2016, this in itself was a huge culture shock as I arrived with my well socialized partner Lola a working Cocker Spaniel Cross. I couldn't believe the lack of off lead places to walk, play and relax in and also the fact that residents themselves don't have the right to roam the land.

Being used to the UK I was shocked with these restrictions that are placed upon both Dog and owner and this in itself made my transition here very strained.

I couldn't really understand the backwards thinking of keeping a dog at home and not including them in your daily movements especially when you are away from them whilst at work. I was so used to sharing all our time together as a team and family unit doing fun and enrichment activities, every time we had the chance.

I didn't give a second thought to the "can the dog come" this wasn't in my natural thinking.

I was so used to taking full advantage of the relationship and partnership and also the social and health benefits she brings, not only to myself but also to those around me and within our neighborhood that we used to just jump in the car and go.

I would usually take Lola into Shops with me, inside cafes, restaurants, Pubs, down the high street, into department stores and meeting friends was never restricted to times or location, I had to learn a whole new culture. I believe because of this freedom that UK dogs have and education they learn to socialise and interact better and this is the society norm, children know how to behave around dogs and vice versa, there are huge benefits to communities.

<https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/pets-can-help-their-humans-create-friendships-find-social-support-201505067981>

However I soon started to fit in to our restrictions and joined an array of Dog Clubs including "North Shore Dog club in Auckland as a Dog Agility Instructor/Trainer. I enrolled Lola to be an assistance dog and therapy dog in the local council and private nursing homes and Hospitals through "pet therapy NZ"

This sort of made me feel better and I know Lola always makes a difference. However I did miss my long country walks the outside air and off lead meanders in the countryside for hours. Remembering that Lola was fully trained I also saw that this would make it difficult to train another dog with these restrictions and without the freedoms that dogs so need.

We, Lola and I, integrated into New Zealand life, mainly doing dog sports as this was our way of getting enrichment making friends etc. and most importantly Lola getting the exercise she needed and the mental stimulation.

As I'm sure you are aware there are 2 types of walks functional and recreational, it seems that WDC would only really allow the first however research has been done and is still on going on the effects of both types of owner Dog walking and relationship and mental health. The benefits of recreational walking for longer period of time in varied terrain and visual stimulation and enrichment for dogs is the greatest benefit for human and dog

<https://academic.oup.com/heapro/article/36/1/109/5828411>

I was extremely lucky that I could financially afford to do these activities with my dog and also have the canine education as I would have struggled with the restrictions if not. Something I don't understand especially with NZ citizens and residents suffering with depression and mental illness, surely proactive councils like Waikato DC should be working together with local healthcare to promote good walking off lead enrichment environments.

<https://www.southerncross.co.nz/groups/news/2020/pets-help-with-mental-health>

<https://www.dogowner.co.uk/dogs-mental-health/#4>

I did make friends and married a kiwi, settled and we happily merge our fur kids into a pack of 7 now 6.

We moved to Waikato 2 years ago I so miss Rural living and the countryside so after a very long search and extensive research for the correct property that would allow us to continue our love of our fur kids and our passion for dog training, canine education, seminars and tournaments.

We eventually bought our dream property, a lifestyle block with no Covenants for our now family of 6 dogs. Our West Highland Terrier "Sparky" is 14 and retired from working and sport, "Cassidy" 10, "Tua" her son is 8 Cavapoos, "Lola" 6 from the UK mentioned above, "Spring" is a Working Cocker Spaniel who we brought over recently from the UK and is now 2.5 years she arrived at 9 months (getting a friend to breed her and keep her for us until she was able to come here with the quarantine restrictions) and "Shine" a UK Line Working Cocker Spaniel bred here in NZ now 22 months.

We chose Waikato district as we thought at the time that they had a proactive Approach to Dog Families and a forward thinking attitude to dog welfare. I didn't realize that there were so many people within the council that were anti dog which has been highlighted in the local campaign and meetings in relation to the new By Law. We are members of the local Dog clubs both in Hamilton and Cambridge and also the Waikato Gun Dog club all associated with Dogs New Zealand.

"New Zealand is home to more than 4.35 million pets, just shy of its 5 million human population and 64 per cent of our households have pets, a rate second only to the United States, where it is 67 per cent. Companionship, love and affection are the key reasons for acquiring a pet, and three-quarters of households with cats and dogs consider the animals to be part of the family, according to the survey."

More than 34% of New Zealand households have at least one dog and over 80% of people consider them to be a family member and not just pets. This figure actually maybe higher now as this research was done before the Covid 19 lockdowns in 2020. <https://www.companionanimals.nz/2020-report>

My wife and I have integrated well in our local community as dog trainers, we hold Education Seminars for Agility where we have expert trainers from all parts of New Zealand including the South Island and internationally from the UK and Australia.

We have also organised international Trainers eg Lee Gibson World champion and Crufts winner, however unfortunately due to Covid 19 and the closed border this was canceled.

We have however scheduled him to return once international travel is available again, things like this bring people and money into the area. We try to promote Waikato as a dog friendly place to love.

Our love of Dogs doesn't stop here, we give local free domestic dog training lessons to people that reach out on the local Facebook page with domestic training problems and have helped rehome dogs and foster them for rehome. Basically dogs are our life, outside of my work, which is Anaesthesia, my wife is a dog groomer and Vet nurse. We saw Waikato DC as a place that understood dog ownership and modern moving times.

So to continue our love we realised that the Gene pool for the Working Cocker Spaniel in New Zealand was very small and the coi (co-efficiencies of Breeding score are very high) Therefore we have invested financially, probably at a huge loss to ourselves but for the love of the breed and genetics plus our own interest in the dogs working line. It will also be for ourselves to get future good pups for our extended family and our ongoing sports. We brought over new Sires from the UK, 2x (field trial champions) FTCH and one up and coming super dog all exceptional working lines different to what is already here. The Frozen semen has now arrived and is being stored in Fielding for our use later. This process took over a year to organize and arrive.

Therefore we are registered responsible breeders with NZKC and work closely with the other few Working cocker Breeders in New Zealand and Australia to better the Breed, Our dogs will be whelped using Avidog and Puppy Culture programmers. Our dogs will go to Detection homes and Government working dog establishments and working/hunting homes and Sports homes as a priority.

At the time for buying in Waikato I had hope that the culture in New Zealand was on the change, and saw WDC as a positive place to Live, especially as a few Cafes and restaurants are becoming more and more dog friendly. I loved walking my new pups down the high streets and socializing them. Going into Mitre 10, garden centres and other places to get our young ones well equipped for life with skills to enable them to cope. However I did also have some very bad experiences in the WDC Dog parks that are not set up for multiple dogs, I only took the youngest however I found them over crowded with owners with lack of education in dog behavior or training. I was abused for using the fenced area for training and not allowing my dog to free play with other dogs. Dogs are like humans and don't need to socialise with everyone they meet on a walk or in a dog park.

This area also had lack of Shade, water and interest and also had corners where dogs could potentially pack against other dogs. On one occasion 2 large dogs were parameter guarding the fence and entrance with the owner sitting on his mobile phone not giving a care; I had driven from Tauwhare for 40 mins to get to here, but just drove home again.

We love living where we live and see NO BENEFITS to the new Bylaw or its changes.

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I strongly oppose the proposal to introduce permits in rural zoned areas for households with more than two non-working dogs. I also object to my neighbors' consent being required to gain a permit should the bylaw pass.

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While it is unlawful to see dogs kept in like this and in suboptimal conditions, to impose a two-dog limit without a permit on good dog owners who have registered dogs seems both unfair and unreasonable, she herself highlighted to me in our conversation that she believed it would make little difference to her work as the homes that had the problems were mostly un-registered homes when the complaints were laid and investigated. She repeated to me most rural homes with multiple dogs are good homes.

I believe that there were only 7 properties involved in the welfare so this really should have been dealt with legally in a different way, possibly under the jurisdiction of the SPCA under the Animal Welfare Act. I think times should be spent increasing the law for the SPCA to be able to take these dogs and rehabilitate them into loving homes. Not targeting the ones that have a loving home already.

We choose to have multiple dogs, we have 6 soon to be 8 or 10 due to the fact that we do dog sports, be it Dog Agility, NZ dog scenting and also working dog Gun dog trials and work. It takes up to 3 years to train a dog to starter level, taking into account sport resting, retirement and fully competition fit and ready and possible strain or injury. As you cannot compete in NZ until the dog has reached the minimum age. For gun dog trials you need good off lead areas with high scent and interest to train these area are highly sort after and not easy to find, therefore I DO NOT agree with dogs being "on lead" in all other areas. This is also not natural for a dog or its life to be kept on lead and not allowed to be free thinking and explore its environment together with its Human companion.

The Animal Control Team has indicated the permit (for the approximate first 18 months) would be free of charge. However, if we increased our dog numbers we would be require getting an updated new permit- at a currently unspecified cost? ,

Tracey herself did indicate during our phone conversation that we should get a permit for our maximum number of dogs we thought we would ever have, however in principle I do not agree with this. Especially being a breeder we may keep some litter pups to actually train them, up to 1 year for the working lines and scent work etc. if suitable working homes could not be found for these high drive dogs.

There is also a lack of clear criteria around what is needed for households to be approved and the permit also opens it up to subjectivity and discrimination by ACOs. Together with the possibility of Neighbour wars.

We made the decision to move to Tauwhare to a non-Covenant property in the rural Waikato District because we can have multiple, well cared for dogs which are a huge part of our family without unnecessary costs and restrictions.

This bylaw proposal risks the Waikato District being continued to be seen as anti-dog and not a great place to live if you do have multiple dogs. As WDC are sandwiched in-between Waipa and Hamilton wouldn't it be great to be proactive and offer more, more education with free weekend dog lessons in area that need help with Socialisation and education. Be like Tauranga where you can walk anywhere as long as your dog is under control, to not have to think about where you can and can't go. To be able to, truly embrace the new way of living with the whole family.

It would be sad to see dog owners selling up and leaving the area putting their fur family first and WDC and the ACT not focusing on positive change and education. This would affect local businesses and also all the positive Dog training Clubs in the area.

In addition, some dog breeds, actually need more exercise than others or more mental stimulation. For example in order to train our hunting working cocker Spaniels we require ruff terrain and varied scent, this is all off lead training and would be very difficult to do within a fenced dog park.

When there are too many dogs being exercised in one small area, aggression can occur, also owners get aggravated due to nervousness and frustration of other owners and their dog behaviours, also smaller dogs need to be able to be exercised away from larger dogs at times.

There are successful councils in New Zealand that are pro-active for dogs, We visited a great fenced area down in Wellington that had 4 different areas including and one dog/one pack only fenced area for nervous or training dog, each area was very large and had lots of different terrain and long and short grass and water, shade multiple double entries. The fence in the nervous dog or one pack area was also shaded so other dogs could not see into it. Tauranga council also allows dogs off lead in all public areas.

The Council proposal is to reduce the number of off lead parks by seven.

I strongly oppose any move to reduce access to off-leash exercise space for dogs. The council should endeavor to identify and implement alternative areas for off-leash exercise for dogs BEFORE it reduces existing spaces and should include identification and funding of suitable areas as part of its annual and long-term plans. This should be a priority.

https://apdt.com/resource-center/makes-good-dog-park/?fbclid=IwAR1cPoeGmtdlaxAhKC0Wfh9j8SEAhKgg0oYJX6jPA5_NHbsBn2rbH7P7hG0

- The council should improve exciting dog parks the experience of owners and dogs, not just provide a minimum so it can say it has provided a space. The should stand out for their proactive approach toward the 1/3 of homes that have dogs.
- The Council should provide parks in areas where people who have limited ability to drive to or otherwise can access off lead parks. I live in Tauwhare and there are no parks close to this area, people have to drive to be able to visit an area where dogs can be exercised. Each area should have an appropriate area for dogs and communities to be able to walk to and visit.
- ALL parks and recreation areas should be off-leash under-control unless there is a specific reason for on-lead or ban this has been done by lots of councils within NZ.
- Dogs should have access to swimming locations and safe places to learn to swim off lead (on lead risks drowning). In spite of an extensive coast-line and rivers, the WD area has limited safe off-lead water access. This is important for rehabilitation for dogs with injury, specific injury/conditions for example post cruciate surgery, swimming is an important part of rehab, and also allows overweight dogs to exercise without risk. There is also no place for water rescue training as swimming between the flags with dogs at port Waikato is banned. Access to beaches and safe river areas should be addressed when designating off lead areas. I have recently had a dog with a torn Quad muscle, I was lucky to be able to negotiate with the Racecourse at Cambridge to use the Horse pool for swimming which was recommended for her physio 3 times a week.

Cemeteries

I strongly disagree with the proposal to ban dogs from Cemeteries. Dogs should be allowed on lead in cemeteries to grieve with their owners and also to provide significant emotional support at critical times in people’s lives and should be able to provide this support at the grave of a loved one. This is highly researched. The cemeteries bylaw should be amended to reflect this, not the Dog bylaw changed in line with the Cemeteries Bylaw

Waikato district council should work towards Better Cities for Pets Mars programme.



Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2901

Submitter name/organisation: Richard Shepard

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Submission to the Waikato District Council (WDC) Changes to the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy

I wish to submit my objection to the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy. My past experience has created the belief that the submissions process is a lost cause as councilors come with preconceived outcomes but have to be seen going through the democratic process. I challenge you all to prove me wrong in relation to these changes.

My first objection is to the limiting of dogs kept in rural properties to two, with some exemptions. Three or more dogs would require a council permit. WDC reasoning is based on dog welfare. This change does not affect me personally as a ratepayer/property owner of a lifestyle block under the WDC classification of country living which already has the two dogs only policy in place. But I feel strongly against this change as a dog owner.

I Object on the following reasoning;

1. This restriction is a broad penalty imposed on the 1132 rural properties with registered dogs due to the actions of only 7 properties, with mainly unregistered dogs, over a five-year period. By-laws like this makes the law-abiding ratepayer the criminal and won't make the slightest difference to the offenders you are trying to catch out. It's a case of the tail wagging the dog.
2. People have chosen rural living as an alternative to urban living in the WDC area due to the allowable uses in this zone. Presently one of these conditions is being able to own multiple dogs without restrictions on numbers. The WDC are proposing to change the conditions that these people purchased their properties under. Why??? Because of the actions of 7 properties over 5 years.
3. In New Zealand people's freedoms are been taken away gradually and bit by bit we lose more and more rights and are placed under more restrictions on what we can do. COVID-19 has brought to light many precious freedoms we took for granted two years ago and have now lost. The WDC want to add to this with restrictions on what people can and cannot do in their rural homes. Why do you as councilors need to do this. Why??? If its dog welfare, then go after the offenders not the law-abiding dog owners.

My second objection is to the removal of dog off lead exercise areas. I believe the council should be looking at adding more areas not removing any of the existing areas and also increasing the size of these existing areas.

I object for the following reasoning;

1. People will always own dogs in the WDC area it's a fact that will never change. WDC placing more restrictions and reducing dog facilities will not stop or decrease the current issues around dogs but potential could cause an increase in these problems. A policy of education and more/improved dog facilities will give owners the option and choices to work with their pets.
2. By reducing the off-lead areas, it will make it harder for dog owners to exercise dogs off lead which is important for the urban dog owner. Reducing the off-lead areas will lead to owners running dogs off lead in lead only areas by calculating the risk of WDC catching them as low. This again makes present law-abiding citizen future criminals. The justification for this proposed change is due to a perceived problem of dog interaction with humans around playgrounds and

sports fields. Further restrictions within off lead areas will not improve the reason for the introduction but increase the problem.

3. Dogs need to have a good run off lead so they can exercise and burn off energy and socialize with each other just like humans. Dogs that are not exercised will get bored and stray more.
4. Many of the present dog parks are too small with dogs off-lead interaction not ending well. This is only due to the size of the areas not the fact the dogs are off lead.
5. The Horotiu park is a good size and the WDC should hold it up as the blue print for the future. It's dog agility equipment is good fun for both owners and dogs. Horotiu is so good that many of the Hamilton city dog owners use it as well and on my visits it is always busy. There is enough space for a dog if not wanting/allowed to socialize with other dogs to move away. Well done. The only improvement I can think of is the installation of a human toilet.
6. The popularity of the Horotiu dog off lead exercise park should be a realization to the WDC that it's better to work with dog owners not against them.

In conclusion I object to the limit of two dogs in the Rural Zone and the removal of some off lead dog areas. I consider these to be inappropriate actions to try and remedy offences by a very small number of dog owners who are mainly non conformists to the current controls and regulations. As a law abiding owner of well behaved dogs I do not think that I and other "good" dog owners should be penalized for the actions of a few others.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2898

Submitter name/organisation: Toni Joll

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

My family owns more than two dogs, we are law abiding people, and we moved to a rural zone for this purpose. Our dogs are our family, we look after them very responsibly, they are fed premium food, attend their scheduled vet appointments and receive vet compliments on their health, they even see an animal physio if they need treatment. Our dogs are sport dogs “ we train weekly at our local dog club, and compete in Dog Agility at championship level. Our dogs lives are also enriched with bush walks, beach walks, and experiences that make them very happy and well managed family members. We are always complimented on how well behaved and lovely our dogs are. In all our years of dog ownership with multiple councils, we have never had any cautions, complaints, impoundments, overdue bills, missed registrations, we are very responsible dog owners “ just like most dog owners I know. (We know hundreds of multiple dog owners who we see frequently each month, while competing in the sport of dog agility).

Regarding a permit and requesting permission from neighbours to have more than two dogs on a rural zone property - my neighbours should not have the right to judge me on how I look after my dogs, they are not qualified to do so. They do not understand the laws in place and have no real understanding on how my dogs are looked after, they dont live with me. Their ~opinion on such a matter should not have such power over me, nor should that opinion form the basis to make a decision in law. This has the potential to force division or negative relationships between neighbours. What if they dont like the way that I mow my lawn or trim the hedge, or we have an overhanging tree branch they dont like - will they punish me by refusing to sign my dog ownership form? What if they dont mind me or my dogs, however they are of an anti-establishment mind set - and wont sign anything from the council? Why should a neighbour have such power over a person?

If for any reason someone is actually a bad dog owner and a neighbour would like to make a complaint, there is a due process for this including a control officer inspecting and substantiating the complaint. It shouldnt be a personal opinionated position of power over the lawful process of ownership.

Dog exercise areas “ by removing these you are taking away our right to properly exercise both the dogs and their humans. The right to exercise is essential to the health and wellbeing of both the humans and their dogs. This contradicts what you are trying to achieve in œbetter dog welfare, by taking away our ability to access good exercise areas for our dogs, where they can have some measured freedom. Being restrained always on leash is not real exercise or freedom, and can have psychological affects too. A well exercised dog is much happier and healthier, leading to being a better dog at home and in public.

Where is the substantiated information as to why these changes are needed? If there are a handful of people you are trying to have the ability to lawfully manage better (for example animal hoarders or puppy mill breeders) then a quick law change to enable you to shut down or prosecute a few people will not change those particular type of peoples behaviour. They do not currently abide by the law, and will not abide by any new laws either. However - these changes punish the many everyday regular people who do abide by the laws and take their animal ownership responsibly.

You have 58 complaints about multiple dogs over a 5 year period, which led to more dogs found in poor conditions “ however dont skew the statistics to suggest the problem is larger than what it is therefore justifying law changes. When looked into it is revealed that all these numbers relate to seven different properties with most of the dogs unregistered anyway, the new rules would not make any difference in these situations.

You should be looking to approach government to alter the animal welfare law to prosecute those few bad individuals, do not take the easy option of a blanket law change which penalises good people. Considering the lack of staff and resources in the council available to follow through on these laws, how can it even be achieved? If you make things unreasonable, it has the potential to encourage more people to no longer bother with abiding by the law, even if they had previously.

Council representatives are duly elected to represent all the people of the area. This process should be fair and the peoples views listened to and fairly represented. The comments in council meetings about this bylaw seem to have a bias or pre-determined outcome, when some members ask questions they are shut down and told to tow the line. The few properties that have had issues that you are using as skewed statistics to imply a huge problem will not have any change in outcome even if you push this bylaw through. It will not give you any more of a chance to prosecute them as they are still under the overarching animal welfare law set by government.

Where is the business study showing how this change will be effective? Why are there still so many rural zoned people in this district who don't even know about the bylaw change? Why has the timing of this been quietly put through over our holidays and only when questioned the due date was pushed out. Why is there not even a date set for the meeting where we can present our submission - yet we are required to say we can attend an unknown meeting date?

Note: the full details of the proposed changes are not yet clear and available. How can we say if we do or do not support changes that we do not fully understand, and the details are misleading, missing details and not yet made clear?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Note: the full details of the proposed changes are not yet clear and available. How can we say if we do or do not support changes that we do not fully understand, and the details are misleading, missing details and not yet made clear?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Most owners want to be responsible dog owners with their dogs welfare being very important to them, and access to exercise areas is essential for both dogs and people. You are proposing to remove most of the existing dog exercise areas as you say they are no longer suitable due to changes in the area or development, busy roads. If you upgrade those allocated exercise areas with the use of registration fees duly paid by trusting dog owners, that will bring those areas up to an acceptable level of containment, an example is adequate fencing and potable water available. The dog parks were put there for a reason based on a good case study in the past, and that reason has not gone away, the need for these has increased. These assets should be maintained and kept to reasonable standards as part of the primary job of the council. These assets also make the area a friendly destination to visit for people from outside of the area which brings more value, money spend and experiences which benefits everyone.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Last time I visited the grass area in Te Awa reserve it had a severe rabbit hole issue and also has had possum bait laid in the nearby bush area. Of course the management of pests is an essential process, however to make an exercise area safe for people and dogs to visit then this area must be fenced appropriately. The same can be said of any new proposed area, there will be the cost of fencing and water supply. Why not keep the existing places already available and already well known to people and accepted as being there, and upgrade them to meet the appropriate requirements?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2886

Submitter name/organisation: Tara wratten

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I oppose new bylaws further restricting the ability for well behaved dogs to access public places, including beaches, towns, cafes. I believe the huge majority of dog owners are responsible and that dogs make a positive impact on a community and its environment.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2884

Submitter name/organisation: Sarah MacDonald

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I do not support the proposed rule about limiting dogs on rural properties to two.

The reasoning suggested for this limit is because of problems with dogs not being cared for properly, and complaints about 'large numbers' of dogs on properties. However I believe a two dog limit is overly restrictive for rural properties that generally have lots of space. Three dogs is not a 'large number' on a rural property.

Bad owners don't always have more than two dogs - they could also have only one or two dogs and still neglect them, so making a limit of two dogs isn't going to stop bad owners from neglecting their dogs.

The statistics of '58 complaints over a five year period' doesn't include how many of those were multiple complaints about an individual property/owner, or whether these all related to properties with more than two dogs. It would be more transparent to show a breakdown of 'number of dogs' per property where complaints happen to demonstrate where the heightened risks come in. What are the 'large numbers' of dogs that are most associated with problems? As usual, it probably comes down to a very small number of bad owners making it tough on all the good owners. The answer should be more penalties for the irresponsible owners, who should also be the ones that bear the costs.

I would be concerned that a two dog rule will make life difficult for the many families and good owners that may already have a couple of dogs, and want to take on a third dog for various reasons. As an example I know of a couple (in another council area) who have two small daschunds, and had their elderly parents move in with them, bringing their own small dog - so three small dogs on a large rural property. Why should they have to jump through more hoops (paperwork and costs) because of some irresponsible owners with perhaps 'many' more dogs?

We know plenty of very responsible owners with two dogs, and could see how they may come to acquire or want a third.

How can that really be a problem that people have to apply for a permit for? It just creates more bureaucracy and cost for everyday people, and more interference in their lives from authorities. Families take so many forms these days that having three dogs in such situations could be more common (kids, parents, in-laws etc living together with their own dogs) I suggest a three dog limit would be more sensible in rural areas. Target the bad owners and leave decent people alone.

For the record, our family has just one dog. No plans for more than that, but I don't oppose people having three, or even four, dogs in the country.

It's the small minority with MANY dogs running rogue that should be the focus.

I do have a problem with nuisance dogs that are aggressive or bark a lot.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I agree with allowing dogs on the sidelines of sports fields (so long as they are on a leash).

Please remember that dogs are very much part of the family for most dog owners, and it's good to think that they can be acknowledged for the important role they play in people's lives, and provided for appropriately. Being able to take dogs along to children's sports games increases the wellbeing of the dog as well as the family. (I guess the alternative is to leave the dog at home - which is less desirable for the dog).

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I am only commenting on my local area, Tamahere.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

I believe the Te Awa Reserve area is a much better option than the Tamahere Reserve, for the following reasons:

The Tamahere Reserve area is really small and pretty boring and unattractive. I can't see many people making a lot of use of it. It's very uninspired. People would be much more likely to exercise their dogs around the larger reserve area, like they currently do, than use this very small space in the corner.

The Te Awa Reserve is much larger and would be more interesting for both dogs and people. It has a lot more amenity value. I don't agree with the argument that it should not be a dog exercise area because of the condition of the walkway - how about fixing/amending the walkway rather than let it fall into worse condition? Have any dogs or people actually been harmed because of this? Dogs need fun, stimulating places to play. This one gets my vote.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2869

Submitter name/organisation: Anne Phipps

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

The proposed changes to its bylaws relating to dog ownership are faulty, not clearly thought through, will not achieve any meaningful change, and may be detrimental for some dogs and their owners. They are focused on punishing compliant dog owners while not showing any evidence that they will have any impact on those who already do not comply, and who do not register their dogs or manage them appropriately.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

The proposed changes to its bylaws relating to dog ownership are faulty, not clearly thought through, will not achieve any meaningful change, and may be detrimental for some dogs and their owners. They are focused on punishing compliant dog owners while not showing any evidence that they will have any impact on those who already do not comply, and who do not register their dogs or manage them appropriately.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

This proposal seeks to reduce the number of dog exercise areas while barely proposing new spaces where people can meet their ownership obligations by allowing free running, off-lead exercise in a safe environment.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

I have not ticked any of the options as I believe that both spaces, as a minimum, should be developed. The proposed areas are some distance apart thereby serving different populations. Secondly, it may be difficult for some people to travel as well as incur the expense of doing so.

WDC submission – proposed new bylaws in relation to dog ownership

I submit to Waikato District Council (WDC) that the proposed changes to its bylaws relating to dog ownership are faulty, not clearly thought through, will not achieve any meaningful change, and may be detrimental for some dogs and their owners.

THE PERMIT PROPOSAL

I further submit that no evidence has been provided that the proposed new permit system for those owning more than two dogs will reduce complaints and improve the welfare of those who are the subject of those complaints.

I would remind the Council that many of its constituents live in a rural area and/or in a small town because they enjoy the lifestyle. That lifestyle typically involves people wanting to own one or more dogs. And, according to your figures, the overwhelming majority of dog owners and their dogs do not cause a problem.

I submit that there is no justification for introducing a requirement focused largely on compliant dog owners when only 7 properties (out of 1132) were complained about, and that those complaints were about (156) dogs who were mostly unregistered.

I also believe that a permit situation is only going to overwhelm the resources Animal Control (AC) has, hit on responsible dog owners, and not deal to the owners of unregistered dogs who mostly cause the problems. It will undeniably cost WDC and those costs will, eventually, very likely be passed on to dog owners who are innocent of complaints and wrong-doing. If the proposal is successful these same dog owners will have to be assessed because they need a permit and at the same time have to continue to pay their annual dog registrations.

I submit that people who have dogs that they do not choose to register are just as likely to NOT apply for a permit.

These are the people who are problematic already. They are not going to want to apply for a permit which will seek to restrict their ownership just as, currently, they do not acknowledge ownership by registering their dogs.

Thirdly, there is no evidence that a permit system will be more effective than the current methods for dog management already available to AC. These are: *written warnings, abatement notices, infringements (some with a 14 day diversion), impounding dogs, and prosecuting dog owners where it is warranted (generally after an attack). The DCA specifies that if a dog is not claimed within 7 days of impounding, the TA can dispose of it as they see fit. At the WDC this includes rehoming after the dog has passed a suitable temperament test.* (email communication received from Tracey Oakes, Team leader, Animal Control, 07.01.22).

I submit that introducing permits to own more than two dogs will not act as any sort of useful “tool”, as claimed, in managing dog complaints.

No evidence has been provided about how this could work.

THE PROPOSED REDUCTION IN DOG EXERCISE AREAS

While I accept that removal of the dog exercise areas (DEAs) identified as now being problematic is justified (on the basis of information supplied by WDC) it may result in more owners being unable to adequately exercise their dogs and meet good ownership criteria.

I submit that it is unacceptable to fail to provide or indicate any plan for replacement of these DEAs other than one of the 2 options at Tamahere and an area at Tuakau. Dog owners are entitled to expect that they can take their dogs to suitable off-lead areas for free off-lead exercise under their control. More safe areas for free exercise need to be provided, not less.

It goes without saying that such DEAs should be properly fenced and gated, should have water provided, should have "pick up" bags (and bins to stow them) provided, and have shade from trees. WDC have stated that they do not have a budget to do so. Consequently, it seems that it has no intention of promoting sound dog ownership.

Given its large geographical area in my opinion such DEAs need to be spread across the district so that the increasing numbers of those who do not live on farms or lifestyle blocks can allow their dogs to exercise freely. In doing so it would fulfil its stated responsibility.

In summary, I hope that WDC is able to put aside any prejudices the councillors hold individually and as a whole and objectively consider the matters that I and others raise. While it may be necessary to conduct a review that review should not be taken as an opportunity to introduce new bylaws which disenfranchise dog owners and prevent them and their dogs from enjoying the rural environment. I would like to see WDC referred to as being "dog friendly" in line with other Councils who are pro-active in encouraging responsible dog ownership. To do so will take a change in mind-set. It may be helpful for WDC to follow the approach set by Tauranga, for example.

My final submission is that WDC Councillors should vote against the proposed changes.

(These submissions have been made in the interests of brevity so that Councillors will read them in total. Further information can be provided to expand and support my comments on request.)

Anne Phipps

Dated 17 January 2022

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2867

Submitter name/organisation: Tracy Wilde

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Permits

I strongly oppose the proposal to introduce permits in rural zoned areas for households with more than two non-working dogs. I also object to neighbors consent being required to gain a permit should the bylaw pass.

Welfare

The proposal to issue permits for rural properties with more than two dogs has been put forward exclusively to manage issues with dogs (owners) that the animal control team are not easily able to deal with under the Dog Control Act (DCA), (as per statements by Tracey Oakes). This is the primary (only) reason given to bring in permits for more than two dogs in rural areas “ as stated in the proposal (1st December 2021) - æto ensure the welfare of dogs is protected.

Over the last five years, seven households in rural areas have been or are of concern. Of these, two households have 40 dogs, and one has 35. Of the remainder, one property had four dogs and the others all had 10 or more. Most of the dogs involved were not registered when the initial complaints were laid and investigated.

While the statement in the proposal may be technically correct (58 complaints affecting 156 dogs.) it is misleading in that it gives the appearance that there are a significant number of dog welfare concerns and bad owners in rural areas, when in fact there are seven problem households. Note that rural complaints made up 0.3% of all complaints re dogs to WDC Animal Control Team (ACT). Council has a legal right to ensure that regulations are complied with, and it should do so. Council does not have a right to create unreasonable regulations because to do so might make its job easier. Nor should the ACT undertake work that should be reasonably expected to fall under the jurisdiction of the SPCA under the Animal Welfare Act.

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Submission ID: 2784

Submitter name/organisation: Grace Wilcock

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

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This bylaw appears to formalise the existing rules regarding the keeping of dogs

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Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
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Key issue is the proposed Tamahere Park dog exercise area.

Reasons:

On the WDC website the fenced area proposed seems to small and the fences low; thus dogs not containable.

- The Tamahere Park does not need more fences. It was intended to be an open space; trees, grass with just one separate area of organised activities.
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- Grassed areas have been used for occasional parking.
- The majority of properties in Tamahere are a minimum of 5000m² so running and playing off leash are always available.
- Local footpaths, long distance national paths and road verges make on lead long distance exercise easily available to dog owners.

- Dog socialisation may be of more concern to owners on lifestyle properties, but on lead walking facilitates this just as well.
- If long off lead running is deemed essential then trips to Cambridge Lake Te Koutu, Hamilton Gardens, Waikato River are all within a short distance.

NB: I am a dog owner [2] and believe the proposed area is not necessary.

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Submission ID: 2770

Submitter name/organisation: Helen West

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Dogs are an important part of our community- whether they be working dogs or companion dogs they all provide a valuable service. Responsible dog owners recognise the fact that dogs need socialisation and mental and physical exercise and stimulation. Restricting the number of places we can take our dogs will result in more dogs becoming frustrated and a problem in and around their neighbourhood. Responsible dog owners register and care for their dogs appropriately. It is the minority of people who dont obey the laws that generally cause the problems and the proposed changes will not rectify this situation.

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Restrictions on dogs in cemeteries is unnecessary- they are our support in times of grief and provide valuable therapy.

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In part

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Removing unsafe off leash areas is a good idea but they must be replaced with suitable alternatives. Allowing safe areas for dogs to be exercised will make our communities safer.

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1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

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Submission ID: 2741

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

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Wish to speak to submission: Yes

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No

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Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

I do not consent to my name or contact details being given out or used for public purposes.

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2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

I do not consent to my name or contact details being given out or used for public purposes.

My name and contact details are to remain confidential.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2738

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

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Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2733

Submitter name/organisation: Andrew Wilde

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

The stated reason for the proposal to limit rural households to two dogs unless a permit is obtained is welfare 'this has led to 156 dogs being found in poor conditions and showing signs of neglect.' However this equates to 7 households over 5 years and 0.3% of complaints to animal control. These dogs were found through reporting by the public. The owners of these dogs are not going to be lining up to obtain permits. Furthermore, the animal control team has indicated that the permits will be issued once and not reissued or properties checked on a regular basis. If this is the case, peoples circumstances may well change over time and dogs' welfare may change along with it eg declining physical or mental health of owners, death of a partner, changes in financial circumstances or just aging owners. A permit issued once will in no way ensure on going dog welfare. While permits (or lack of) may allow ACO to issue infringement notices , if the welfare of the dogs in the seven households was truly bad this should have been addressed by the SPCA under the animal welfare act- the DCA is stated to be an act to make better provision for the control of dogs; and to make better provision in relation to damage caused by dogs; and to repeal... the DC&HA 1982..." . Animal and dog welfare is best addressed via the AWA NOT the DCA. Furthermore as no criteria around how permitting will occur has been included in the bylaw, there is no assurance to dog owners that the criteria and costs will be and remain reasonable as once the bylaw is passed these criteria and costs can be decided and changed by Council without further public consultation - changes may be unfair with no ability to address this. It is unreasonable to think that this proposal will not cost rate payers in some way and given it will not address welfare issues the other reason for its introduction is to gather revenue from good dog owners to contribute the Animal Control costs - especially given that WDC's position of user pays. I consider that this is a badly thought through proposal, with no information to support it being of any use and I strongly object to the three of more dogs in rural areas requiring a permit proposal. In my opinion the council should roll over the current bylaw and undertake a serious review of the issues within its jurisdiction in a proper way with genuine consultation with dogs owners, and through a transparent, unbiased and evidenced based process. The bylaw can be reviewed with reason at any stage and a two year investigation into the needs of the public and dog owners with the intention to come up with a proposal that meets the needs of dog owners and the wider public should be undertaken.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

I believe that dogs should be allowed in cemeteries with their owners on lead. There is no reason to exclude what most people regard as family members from the graveside (on lead).

I reject the overall policy changes as I do not believe the council has undertaken a fair, democratic or transparent process in determining this policy. The current policy should remain until a proper review can be undertaken.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

I object to any removal of off lead areas until alternatives are put in place. The ability of dogs to exercise off lead is important to their welfare and reductions in areas mean more dogs in the available spaces and increased congestion, which is likely to lead to issues between dogs, or people choosing not to socialise their dogs. Lack of socialisation is detrimental to the mental health of the dog and may lead to a reduction in the social skills dogs need to be good citizens .

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2703

Submitter name/organisation: Jan Ilton

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2701

Submitter name/organisation: Hearing Dogs for deaf people NZ

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

see attachments

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

see attachment

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

see attachment

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

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Waikato District Council dog control bylaw 2022

There are **7** organisations has Disability/Service assistance Dogs in NZ under GOVT Dog Control Act 1996 under section 2. Work Safe Act 2015. Humans Right Act 1993, Bill Of Rights Act 1990, Heath Act 1956. No

council can't exclude D/S dogs from any of the organisations listed under section 2 of the GOVT act. 34 Dogs

register (2) (da) 35A National dog control information data base

Disability assist dog means a dog certified by one of the following organisations as being a dog trained to assist (or as being a dog in training to assist) a person with a disability:

(a) Hearing Dogs for Deaf People New Zealand:

(b) Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust:

(c) New Zealand Epilepsy Assist Dogs Trust:

(d) Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind:

(e) Assistance Dogs NZ:

(f) K9 MDNZ:

(g) Prefect Partners Assistance Dogs Trust:

(h) An organisation specified in an Order in Council made under section 78D

Safety needs to come FIRST for both us and our Disability/Service Assistance Dog.

Thank you for your help and understanding.

Within NZ 2021 Disability/Service assistance Dogs been asked to leave the CBD, Countdown Auckland, Cambridge & Putaruru (6/12/2021 with Guide dog at Countdown, The Base, McDonalds, Burger Kings, cafes, Camping grounds, Hotel, Public Transport, Taxi VTNZ, Council buildings and The Beach with lack of understanding in 2021 there was in Total **6**

With the GOVT and Most Council is helping us to make sure that we are known to people and Businesses.

Within NZ 2021 Disability/Service assistance Dogs been attacked or rushed at in NZ been total **5** and not recorded by some Councils within NZ this is poor to see.

Question how many Disability/Service assistance Dogs been attacked or rushed in your area?

IN NZ 2021 Pet/family Dogs pooing and peeing in the **CBD** within **NZ** Total **295**

Dog is a dog but our Disability/Service DOGS are train to go to toilet to smell other dog business is not on in the **CBD**. This shows that people do not pick up the dog poo and do not care.

Not sure how many pet dogs that the Dog Control Officer come across where Pet Dog/s not allowed to go. Are they asked to remove the dogs straight away? Or just warned not to do it again in the future? Or where to go like the park?

Within NZ 2021 Dog/s left outside shop in CBD on leads tided up so the pet dog having ago (rushing, barking etc.) or will not let Disability/Service dog to go into shop the owner of the pet dog do NOT know that the dog is doing when the owner inside the shop, within NZ Total **399**

Electric cars and E-bikes are a danger to us.

1 Cannot see. 2 cannot hear. 3 cannot move fast enough to get out of their way.

One Dog Control officer told one person who had a Disability/Service assistance Dog in 2021 to go back home so he stood his ground and said no this is my name and you will find out this is a Disability/Service Dog the Name xyz? Council Dog Control called the Police and tried to fine him for having a Disability/Service Dog. So he has taken this to Auckland Council and Human Right office (HRC) the Dog Control Officer was out of line. This person got a letter from Auckland Council saying sorry what the Dog Control officer had said and done. I do have the copy of this letter. Or you can find it on FB. Police could not do anything as the man with the Disability/Service Dog was right with the GOVT Dog Control Act 1996 and Humans Right Act 1993 which the DC Officer was not happy with Police.

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Mel Griffiths

29 July

Today my husband and I with our two guide dogs had another near miss with an electric car. We were crossing a side road and it came in off the main road and passed very close in front of us. If it'd been a petrol or diesel engine, or if it'd had a sound emitter fitted, we'd have heard it, but, apart from the sound of the tyres on the road, it was virtually silent.

I am a confident guide dog handler but I can honestly say that silent electric vehicles scare me. I fear that it will take serious injury to a blind person, or even worse, death, before any meaningful legislation is put into place. If it happens to me or someone that I care about, I'll be in court and I won't rest until we have justice.

So please, if you drive an electric vehicle, switch on your sound emitter. After all, you wouldn't drive at night without your lights on, it's the same thing.

Many people will like this post but please don't. I ask anyone who would have hit the like button to please hit the share button instead and pass this far and wide. I fear for our lives and those of these two amazing dogs.

Joel MacManus05:00, Nov 19 2020

A blind Wellington man is "spitting tacks" after being told his guide dog was not allowed on a bus because the driver did not believe poodles could be guide dogs.

George Taggart was boarding at a bus stop outside the Blind Foundation offices on Adelaide Rd, along with three women, who were also blind, when he was told his large white poodle Guss was not allowed on board.

"I accept it's not the norm, but he's dressed accordingly," Taggart said.

"He has a collar, a harness, and tags which tell you it's a guide dog."

Taggart was also carrying an identity card confirming that he was blind, which includes a picture of Guss.

The driver told Taggart to get off, which he refused to do, telling the driver to call the police. It was eventually resolved after a long radio call back to the bus terminal.

It was the second time in two weeks that a driver had attempted to stop him bringing Guss onto a bus.

"I'm kind of fed up with it, it's quite embarrassing.

"The bus stop was right outside the NZ Blind Foundation. I don't understand what the hell is going on," Taggart said.

Even with Guss, Taggart has to be careful where he puts his feet when boarding a bus, and the three women he was with all carried white canes, making it obvious they were blind.

"I have to wear dark glasses. I think I look like a blind person – but I'm not sure," he laughed.

"Maybe I should be wearing a sign around my neck."

Poodles are a rare breed for guide dogs, often used in homes where someone is allergic to dog hair. Taggart said he was aware of just one other poodle guide dog in the Wellington area.

Taggart is involved with educating TransDev train staff to appreciate the difficulties blind people experience on public transport but said no Metlink bus company had accepted his offer for training.

Scott Gallacher, Metlink General Manager apologised to Taggart for the encounter. People is now speaking out.

Joanne Holden14:28, Jan 04 2021 Up until the end of November, South Canterbury's AA had been called to four children and eight animals locked in vehicles in 2020.

Four children and nine animals were reported trapped in 2019, two children and six animals in 2018, four children and 11 animals in 2017, and three children and nine animals in 2016.

The SPCA is already getting calls from concerned members of the public seeing dogs left alone in parked cars.

SPCA Southland, Tasman and West Coast team lead Jamie Hancock said the organisation was constantly fielding calls about dogs left in hot cars.

She said nationally, between November 2020 and March 2021, there had been 339 calls from members of the public.

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Question Time:

People that is hard of hearing Deaf or mute, is there a texting number for us to get help from Dog Control/council? This is for them to use only that they have to sign a form not to give it out to anyone.

3.2 Pet dogs are covered and not allowed pet dogs in food areas under the health act 1956 under section 120 this is where service dogs have been attacked entering or exiting shops. Some pet dogs may poo/ urinate and the first finger get pointed to us with service dogs.

I know what that is like for have a service dog some people think it is fun but it is not ok pet dog/s and people doing XYZ

GOVT Dog Control law 1996 this is for service dog 2 & Public place a & b, 75 1 (a) Not for pet dogs this is not ok In the CBD, food places, shopping Mall etc.

3.3 Consider rewording exemption to identification from certifying organisation. All disability dog recipients should carry identification cards from the certifying organisation at all times when in public. Identification should show recipient and dog name and a photo of the dog.

5.6 Question if service dog is looking for help and the Dog control officer thinks the service dog is wandering but could be looking for help for that person without them knowing then what will happen? This has happened in Christchurch earthquake. Auckland.

Question what about service dog allowed on sports fields, cemeteries in town centres or scenic reserves?

Council maybe giving wrong message to public and confused? We need to get it right.

Dog Control Officer or Police Officer to move on dog owners with dogs/dogs. All matters raised around the prohibition of dogs in the Central Business District (CBD) are matters for the Dog Control Bylaw.

WDC below.

3.2 **No to Pet** Dogs in outdoor dining establishments The Council is supportive of food businesses allowing dogs in their outdoor dining areas, provided the business complies with all regulatory requirements. As with all public places, dogs must be under control at all times. **No to pet dogs** It is up to each individual business to decide if they want to welcome dogs, and if so, to manage any issues that may arise. **YES to Disability assist** dogs are allowed in all customer areas of all food businesses in accordance with Section 75(1) of the Act. **Safety for our service dogs comes first.** This is where people do not understand what could happen to us and our service dogs. Allowing Pet dogs into businesses puts the safety of the service dogs in jeopardy and with service dogs being attacked by pet dogs puts their jobs at risk, a lot of time and money is spent training service dogs, most which isn't covered by the government, so a dog attack while a service dog is working can end the working life of a service dog and can mean isolation and reliance on other people for the recipient until another service dog can be trained which can be a long wait due to the cost and time it takes for a service dog to be sourced, puppy raised, trained then matched with a recipient. This is after making it to the top of often very long waiting lists. The impact on the recipients mental health after their service dog attack also takes time to get over as well as the mental health impacts of the dog which we both have seen first-hand with our own service dog and being attacked (in this case kicked by a courier driver in the CBD in Tokoroa, my wife could tell exactly where a month later due to the change in the dog's behaviour when walking in the area)

3.3 Disability and working dogs exemptions Disability assist dogs and working dogs, if working at the time, are exempt from all public place restrictions specified in this Policy. They do not need to be on-lead in prohibited public places. Disability assist dog exemptions require written authorisation from the appropriate organisation. Consider rewording exemption to identification from certifying organisation. All disability dog recipients should carry identification cards from the certifying organisation at all times when in public. Identification should show recipient and dog name and a photo of the dog

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3.4 Classification of areas under other legislation Access for dogs in public places can be controlled by other legislation. Dog owners will need to check to see if the area where they intend to take their dog is controlled. For example, the following areas which are governed by legislation: • Conservation Act 1987 – “controlled dog areas” and “open dog areas”, through the Department of Conservation • National Parks Act 1980 – “national park”.

5.6 Impounded Dogs Council impounds a large number of dogs every year. This can be for a variety of reasons, including: • wandering • not registered • attacking animals or people • surrendered to Council. Council's Animal Control Team runs a very successful rehoming operation called Waikato Pound Pups. Except for dogs which are impounded for aggressive behaviour, any dogs that are impounded are extensively temperament tested. All dogs that pass this test are then placed into the rehoming programme. All dogs that are rehomed are desexed, micro-chipped, registered, given a flea and worm treatment, and have received their first vaccination. Any dogs that do not pass the temperament test are euthanized humanely by a veterinarian. [Question if service dog is looking for help and the Dog control officer think the service dog is wandering but could be looking for help for that person without them knowing then what will happen? This has happened in Christchurch earthquake.](#)

7.1 Dogs in vehicles over the summer months Council is concerned about the health and welfare of dogs that are left in vehicles during the summer months. The Council takes a strong stance on dogs suffering in hot cars and will act swiftly to release dogs that are clearly in distress. Council's Animal Control Officers may work to release a dog that is in distress and may get assistance of the Police or officers of the SPCA Waikato if necessary. [Agree](#)

7.2 Dogs at Council events and festivals Some Council or community events or festivals may not welcome dogs or may require them to be on a lead. This is at the discretion of event organisers and promoters and is not the same as dogs being prohibited or required to be on a lead through the Council's bylaw (unless the event is being held in a place where dogs are prohibited or required to be on a lead). You should always check the requirements of an event before you leave home. [No pet dog why some people have tripped over the dog/s some people do not like the dog at events, I know what that is like with my service dog. Also for people who are less stable on their feet, leads create another danger that could cause them to fall.](#)

7.3 Education and training increased public awareness of safety around dogs, particularly for children, is one of the best ways to reduce dog attacks in the long term. Toddlers and young children should be supervised around dogs at all times. Most dog attacks happen to children in their own home or the home of a relative or friend. The Council offers a free education programme that shows children how to keep themselves safe around dogs. Council also offers a programme where children can read to a dog in the library, while learning about dog safety. Contact the Council for more information or to ask about booking a session. [Agree safety education also about what to do when coming across a service dogs when they are about.](#)

7.4 Teaching dog safety for workers Some jobs require people to enter private property, and this can be dangerous if the property has an aggressive dog or a dog defending its territory. For example, common jobs may include couriers, meter readers and census personnel. Council offers an occupational dog safety course that helps employees in these types of roles to recognise and understand threatening dog behaviour to avoid injury or accidents. Contact the Council for more information. [True agree. What happens when for example tradies, couriers, meter readers and census personnel get aggressive to a dog or a service dog? I have had couriers come to my home and just kick my service dog at my door when I open the front door and I have a sign up on my door.](#)

[On 23/04/2021 9:49 am, Roger Drower wrote:](#)

[Hi Gary at PBT.](#)

[You can tell him to leave my service Dog alone thanks to him scared my service dog this IS NOT THE First time this has happened.](#)

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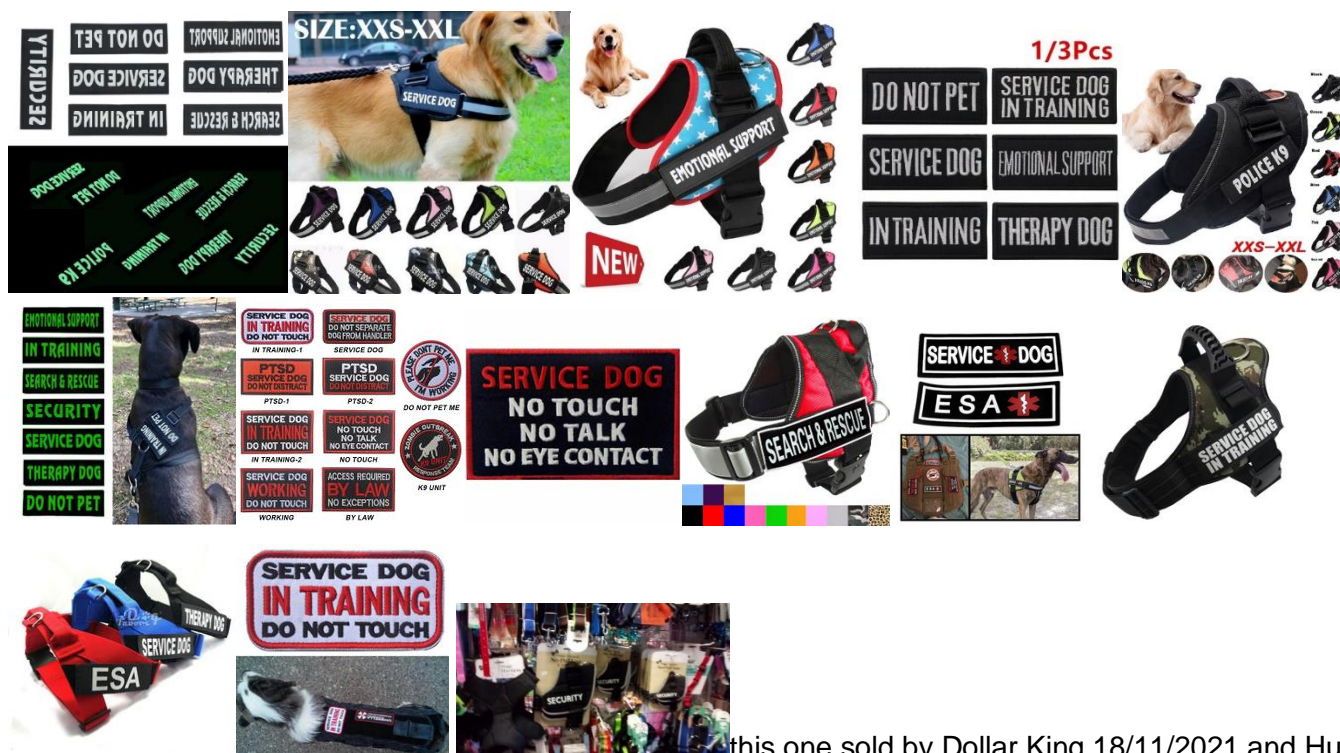
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OTHER CHANGES TO DOG CONTROL AREAS

Dog control areas what we are currently doing Waikato district has six prohibited areas, where dogs are not allowed to enter. These are mainly in town centres or scenic reserves. Dogs are also not allowed on sports fields, cemeteries and within 10 metres of playgrounds.

[Question what about service dog allowed on sports fields, cemeteries in town centres or scenic reserves?](#)

Waikato district also has 24 dog exercise areas, where dogs can be exercised freely off lead. **I Agree**



this one sold by Dollar King 18/11/2021 and Hui Huang 9/12/2021 in Tokoroa, Hamilton, Auckland, Taupo and more towns.

New Zealand with (**label signs** Service Dog, POLICE, Search & Rescue, In Training, Security, Emotional support, Therapy Dog) on it was **sold illegally** as it is not legal to sell them in NZ this is a serious offence. You need to tell all your suppliers. Reflective Service Dog Vest Harness Adjustable Chest Plate Collar. People can NOT use the name POLICE, Search & Rescue, In Training, Security, Emotional support, Therapy Dog and Service Dog on and pet/family dog this also come under the **NZ serious offence by law** this is the same as Service Dog we are all under the NZ GOVT Act. They, you are Misleading people has bought the harness and **label sign** saying "Service Dog" from a shop or tredeme or wish and on Face book. People is making up this sign Service Dog to go on pet/family dog is not right, they are breaking the NZ GOVT law. This has gone to NZ Police & GOVT. Please remove the **label signs** from you site. Or shops :) this is all Velcro Labels.

Under GOVT Dog Control Act 1996 (2 Interpretation service dog, (a) specified agency, warranted officer, (40) proof of class of dog, They are Registered under DC GOVT) work safe Act 2015, Humans Right Act 1993, Health Act 1956, Bill of rights Act 1990 All Disability/Service Dogs and GOVT Dogs are been put at risk with pet/family dogs this label on their pets are NOT Registered this is breaking the law.

I cannot use your name and your business name and put it on XYZ this is offense then I am breaking the law and your rights this is the same here.

Having Security, service ETC label on the harness and the dog attacked a person or another dog that you are liable under the law that the dog is not Registered under DC GOVT and work safe.

Hope this help you to understand you can look this up.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2671

Submitter name/organisation: Kamini naidoo

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Im against the 3 dog ruling. I dont feel that I should require permission to own 3 dogs on a rural property. What happens to my 3rd dog?????

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2668

Submitter name/organisation: Jenni Taris

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I think changes to the number of dogs in rural areas is wrong. But the number of dogs could be controlled in other ways, have a basic number 2-3 based on size maybe i.e. a Leonberger or a mastive or other extra large breeds could be 2 but smaller breeds that are not on the dangerous list could be 3-4. But the other way to control numbers could be that people have to get a permit, but that would earned by passing obedience certificates from beginners to advanced this would be done with 1st and second dogs, then the section the dogs reside at would be inspected to see level of conditions dogs are kept in and levels of fencing to keep dogs from roaming about. All these thing are very important for dogs health and well being. The owner would be given a special owners certificate. This would make the importance of looking after dogs to a higher level. The council could also reward owners with the certificate a reduction in dog registration fees.

Its a awful idea to have to ask your neighbors for permission to have a dog, I can see that would cause a lot of tension in neighbourhoods all it would take would be one street bully to blow the whole street apart.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Never use dog parks.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2648

Submitter name/organisation: M.E.S engineering ltd

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Want to do away with all this crap which does nothing for at risk dogs n purpose we register dog owners instead

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Same as above,time to be leaders not followers of other councils

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

We need more not less

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Can't comment as don't live there

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2582

Submitter name/organisation: Sherryll Foot

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Why are you targeting and trying to gain money from dog owners. Def go after the people that flaunt the rules. We pay dog rego. We love our dogs They are not a hazard. They do not leave our property. Why are you attacking good dog owners over 50 odd useless ones. Why don't you have numbers in dog problems in town areas. 156 incidents over 5 years. God give me strength. You are trying to push us into an almost nazi state where you have the right to have power over everyone and do what you like. Take what you want. What is wrong with you? How dare you choose what or how we can live. This is a free country. I don't know who voted for you but no one will vote for you again unless they share your communist ideals.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Take action against the idiots dogs that have caused the problems. Why attack a whole community? You don't need permits. You need to change the laws so you can act against them. Not the actual good dog owners and strip them of their rights.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

I don't take my dogs to parks. We stay at home. Being rural we have space for them to run

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2579

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I want my details kept private please due to security issues with children and ex partner

The number of dogs on a rural property being lowered to two is ludicrous. On a RURAL property a dog has many roles to play and some properties have many dogs to fill certain roles.

House dogs - pets

Farm dogs - Pig Dogs / Hunting Dogs

Working Dogs

Guard dog for vehicle yard

Most people dont want the Pig/ hunting dogs in the house around other animals or people / children so cant be a pet indoor yard dog

Working dogs not all want a dog bringing in dirt / outdoor germs near the home or other pets leads to disease or sickness working dogs get into everything and go everywhere so most know the house yard and the house are out of bounds so will have kennels or stay in a barn

pet dogs are obvious usually spend time with the family and guests so dont mix with the working or hunting dogs are usually and indoor out door pet so have to have a different set of rules

you wouldnt have your work boots on in the house covered in cow / sheep feces so a cattle working dog wouldnt be allowed to chill on the couch each evening inside. But you would allow it to hang with you in the sheds on the shed couch

same as you change and wash after farm work you dont go straight to the kitchen and start cooking covered in farm gunk.

Animals have a place on our farms and do many jobs most farmers rural owners take care of their animals adding this law will end that old cattle dogs life quicker instead of the dog being able to live out its life as ayard dog and loved on in thanks for its service adding new policies and fees for having it alive but not working no more youve ended it life by taxing yet more from farmers

again many roles for a dog and a well trained dog is priceless and does in minutes what takes 4 men to do in a few hours

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

i agree a dog needs a microchip but rural vets charge a premium for their services

also death of a dog is a tragic thing so asking for forms you haven't thought about or asked for when having to make that decision is a bit rough

I want my details kept private please due to security issues with children and ex partner

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

this does not apply to me

I want my details kept private please due to security issues with children and ex partner

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

this does not apply to me

I want my details kept private please due to security issues with children and ex partner

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2562

Submitter name/organisation: Mad Peter Gunther

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**

In part

- 2. Any further comments?**

AS a Rural children (5)/dog owner we are opposed to limiting rural areas to 2 like the city, our property is 2ha which is a lot larger than most city properties, parks etc., We dont require or use the dog parks that the WDC has to provide for the city slickers nor do we demand the extra resources that the city slickers need from, animal control for their poor 4 legged children. Those Who Mistreat animals whether in the city or rural Punish them more severely not the responsible 4 legged children lovers,

Just because our children are "not classified as working kids, they still are our main security and alarm for anyone who enters the property. They offer us better n faster first line protection against any intruders then the NZP can and actually have done in past. On our land we have 3 ladies in the main house a mother 88yo and her 2 daughters in 60s both with disabilities. I have already had the animal control over to access my day runs for them and am always trying to improve and build better runs and playgrounds for our kids. Night time they all sleep inside. Why are you penalising the responsible rural owners because of a few rotten eggs, so there was 58 complaints (156 dogs Avge 3dogs/complaint!) out of how many rural kids/dog owners? How many complains did you get in the non-rural areas in the same 5 years? Are you really trying to do what is good for the animals or wishing to gather more revenue? Next you will target how many livestock per metre smaller rural properties have.

My kids are also the reason why I am still around today, they the reason I get up each day all 5 of them. We love them all equally, they more than likely get better treatment then a lot of 2 legged children in NZ. Also how many 4L kid owners would put up with a \$240 med bill every month for past 2.5 yrs. and counting when they found out 1 of their kids had a bad heart and without the meds would only last 3-6 months. How about getting the emergency vehicles to change their sirens which hurt the Canines Ears which is causes them to howl long before we even hear the sirens. This was never the case before. If WDC really has the Animals interest in mind then do something for our 4LKid owners and have the sirens frequency checked for animal friendly frequencies.

Most Rural owners are sure not to abuse their dogs and also do not use all the other facilities you have to provide the city owners yet we all pay the same dog licence fee which helps pay for those extra things that rural owners do not need or use.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2489

Submitter name/organisation: Tanya Clancy

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

See Below

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

10/12/21

To Whom it May Concern

First of all adding new dog exercising areas is a great positive however it is so very sad & extremely disappointing to see this is contradicted with the other statements presented in the proposal.

Also one must ask where are the supported facts, numbers and factual data on the "PROBLEMS" as outlined in the proposed "Statement of Proposal"? It is extremely hard to make a fair and reasonable response without all supporting information?

It is with great shame to see that the changes proposed are heavily weighted towards putting up barriers to owning a dog. Owning a dog has amazing benefits for peoples Mental Health - well documented in successful programs run in prisons, hospitals, cancer wards, rest homes, children with with Autism etc. With this also comes the benefits of exercising a dog that helps with our nations growing obesity struggle - again well published with actual facts & data.

One also questions what on earth the challenges are with rural properties having more than 2 dogs? They are not a pressure on dog walking parks - they have the space and room to exercise on their own property. If they bark it is for a reason of security or protection. They don't annoy the neighbours, for neighbours are not the same as being on the doorstep like Urban homes. So, other than revenue collecting for exceptions, what constitutes a valid reason to limiting dogs from 3 to 2?

If the reason to these changes is because of nuisance dogs roaming - these proposed changes are totally irrelevant as not one of the statement proposed address this challenge.

If a dog exercise area is unsafe for dogs or located in a busy area and they need to be on a leash as stated in the proposal - one must ask the question on the commonsense in making these areas a dog exercise area in the first place? Surely if they are okay to be a dog exercise area they are okay to be exercised off-leash!

In a very simplistic statement - The vast majority of people raise there dogs to be behaved, they are faithful family members, they give endless love and devotion for many years, they will protect the family with everything they have - so why victimize a beloved four legged family member and their law abiding owners and even more importantly for what benefit does 90% of these proposal truly offer.

Thank you for your time in reading this response.

Regards

Tanya Clancy

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

See above

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2398

Submitter name/organisation: Jenny Rutherford

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I have recently moved here from Rural Wellington. I choose to live in this area specifically after making enquiries about dog control limits on dogs. This is because I am a dog obedience judge, instructor, competitor, agility competitor and also show dogs. If there was a limit on dogs in rural areas I would have purchased in another area. Council do nothing for my dogs currently. I do not use dog exercise areas. I exercise my dogs on my property. I take classes at local dog obedience schools to educate owners about responsible dog ownership. I would like to see Council do a fraction of the work that I do towards responsible ownership.

Where is the education? Do you support local dog obedience clubs?

If a limit on dogs in rural areas is brought it then I believe when I enquired about this before purchasing in the district, Council would have had reasonable knowledge about this plan and therefore mislead me into purchasing.

My dogs are my love and if limits were put in place then kids on dirt bikes should be limited, people with firearms should be limited. tractors should be limited and cats should be limited.

I would like to speak in person regarding my submission.

Thank you.

Jenny Rutherford

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I don't really care about dog exercise areas as I don't use them.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

See above.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2385

Submitter name/organisation: Gina Grice NZKC Rivendell Collies

Attachment: Yes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I am very concerned that a law could be passed changing rural dog numbers from unlimited to 2 in one move. The idea is so ludicrous and so in humane I don't even know what to say.

As law abiding, fee paying dog owners we have the right to know what you propose to do with our dogs if this law comes in. Do we get to choose which two of our family members we can keep?? Are you going to ask us to rehome our loved and cared for pets? Do our beloved dogs have a say or are they to be displaced??? This is shocking.

Clearly more responsibility needs to be taken by our councils if dogs are being found neglected. These individual abusers need to be penalized and restricted from owning dogs. But penalizing all rural dog owners for the behaviors of these criminals takes away our rights and jeopardizes our existing dogs welfare. I would like to know what "YOU" are going to do STOP dog neglect, not just in rural but in towns too, instead of bringing in a bylaw which does not target the dog abusers.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I would like to know

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?



Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2377

Submitter name/organisation: Andrew Eatock

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015.

I personally cannot believe that my local council is trying to make my dog ownership illegal.

My wife and I have lived in the Waikato for 17 years, and have had no dog complaints.

You mention that the Council has had 58 complaints, and 156 dogs found in poor condition over 5 years. This equates to less than 1 complaint a month over that time period, and 2.6 dogs found in poor condition per month. Given that you mention that there are 15,000 dogs in the Waikato, this does not seem very many issues. It also does not state if any of the complaints are related to the same person?

I do not believe that your removal of my rights, because of someone else's actions, seems fair or reasonable. In the same way as removing my right to drive a car, because someone else was speeding.

My wife and I live on 1.5 acres, and have no other animals apart from our dogs. We chose to live rurally so that we could have the Cavalier King Charles Spaniels we wanted. We brought the original dogs with us from England and have kept the lines going for 19 years. We have bred many Champions over the years, as can be verified by the New Zealand Kennel Club.

We also pay our dog registration fees for each dog annually, and receive very little in return, now our dog ownership is being threatened.

These changes seem to be anti-dog, and anti-dog ownership.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

This mentions a permit for more than 2 dogs being required. I do not support this.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2339

Submitter name/organisation: Wayne Hardaker

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Maybe the Council should deal with the owners who have had complaints about them rather than making a blanket change for all.

58 complaints over 5 years does not seem a lot.

Like all areas of society there are good and bad. This applies to dog ownership as well.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2323

Submitter name/organisation: Vaughan Kestle

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

we want to have the ability when our dogs are getting older to get more dogs for replacement but still have the older dogs to teach them only 2 dogs is ridiculous. I will always have more than two dogs at particular times of my life. will not apply for permit and will NOT comply to these rules for reason stated above!!!!

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Stupid fenced dog areas are pathetic, dogs need stimulation!!!!!!!. Large areas including bush, beaches, lakes, open grass paddocks they are dogs for F's sake.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2300

Submitter name/organisation: Katherine foster

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2290

Submitter name/organisation: Richard Holst

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not agree with the limiting of dogs on rural properties to two. I have a small farm and three working dogs, sheep, and two retired dogs. Am I required to remove 3 from the property?

The restriction would adversely affect all farmers and shepherds, who regularly need multiple dogs to adequately conduct their work, while allowing rotation of dogs daily, to reduce over work, and welfare issues.

The vast majority of dog owners are compliant.

58 complaints over 5 years is not a significant number statistically, and 156 dogs found showing signs of neglect is approximately 1%. As these dogs were found on properties with multiple dogs, they are significantly less than 1% of dog owners possibly as low as 0.01%. I am aware of as many as 39 dogs being taken from 1 property in 2020. This 1 property is responsible for 25% of all dog welfare concerns, from rural properties with multiple dogs, in the last 5 years. The current regulations allow enforcement of poor owners without restrictions being placed on compliant owners. No change is required.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

N/A

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**

Option 3 - Neither

2. **Any further comments?**

N/A

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2275

Submitter name/organisation: Troy rodger

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Removing dog exercise area at Alexandra redoing road is a stupid idea and whoever proposed it must not live in this area as it is most used by dog owners. You say it's baited but has been for ever has their been any reports of dogs eating bait and dieing?? I have never seen any dogs in the cemetery has any reports of this been of a issue in the past?? Trying to limit to 2 dogs unless a permit is stupid again as you say theirs been only 58 REPORTS IN 5 YEARS which is NOTHING!

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2262

Submitter name/organisation: Sarah Barr

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Hi

We have a lovely boxer girl named Indi. We both enjoy having her off the lead along the river when there are no other dogs or people close by. This creates fun and builds confidence in both her and her owners. It is also great training. We also have good control of her. We also attend the dog exercise areas, but I am very cautious of what type of dogs and what type of owners are there when dogs are off lead, as I have found it is a free for all and owners still do not have control over their dogs. It does not matter where you are with your dog, dog owners should always have good control over them. I see many great dogs and there owners along the Ngaruawahia and River Terraces walk way (on and off lead) and all are very respectful and have control.

So personally, if there were dog parks or not, dog owners need to have control and confidence in their dog regardless where they are, on or off the lead.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2216

Submitter name/organisation: Sally fraser

Attachment:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

There were no maps in the document to view so hard to know.

I support some investment in the plying pitiful fenced dog area at the cnr of John and Wallis St. It's barely secure anymore. The only shade was cut down (for visibility and perception of safety I guess). I put fwd a request that this area get done investment like dog agilty equipment as in winter side alongside the Marsh is so boggy that you can barely use it. So if this is where equipment was installed it could solve this issue. I started setting up some equipment and we had 15 pp, so there is desire from the community.

Basically I'd like to request more space for registered dog owners to off leash in Raglan. A large fenced area within wainui reserve wld be amazing. When it's high tide, with proposed changes contained here and to the airfield there isn't much space to exercise your dogs.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3312

Submitter name/organisation: Katie

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

More fenced dog areas are needed, not less!

Every main suburb with large grass areas should provide safe places for dogs to be able to run.

Less parks will mean the current parks will become overcrowded.

Resthills park is great place for a large fenced area.

Also who is going to fix the current gate at Minogue park?

It will also be great to see dogs allowed in the city, obviously on lead and controlled.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Although any is better than none.

See above comments.

More is better.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3311

Submitter name/organisation: Sanchia Brodrick

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

What about animal sanctuaries and dog rescues? I oppose them needing to pay to get a permit. They are already charitable organisations and if this by law is created for the safety of dogs, then they should be exempt like working dogs are.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3310

Submitter name/organisation: Scott Fraser

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

After hours off leash times. 7pm-

9am at Tamahere park

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3309

Submitter name/organisation: Adrienne Fraser

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Correcting my vote to say no, previous vote yesterday ticked wrong box

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Correcting my vote to say no, previous vote yesterday was incorrect

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Vote for a large exercise area- the areas proposed are much too small. Or a dog leash off time from 7pm

To 9am.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3308

Submitter name/organisation: Jenny Sargent

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Changing the limits doesn't fix the neglect/cruelty to dogs.

Council / Animal Control needs more power to stop people who are cruel to animals and from owning animals ever.

Council / Animal Control need more power to stop/shut down public complaints about people/dogs who are good animal owners just because they don't like dogs in the rural community. These people are a nuisance in our community.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. **Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3307

Submitter name/organisation: Courtney A Petrie

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Number of dogs on your own property should be your own decision. If there are people neglecting their dogs they should be punished not others. If you had x2 dogs and had to look after someone else's dog would you need a permit?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

If Whatawhata reserve is going to be removed as an exercise area where can people take their dogs?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3306

Submitter name/organisation: Grant Hay

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I don't think the rule makes sense, because it will impact on lots of good owners such as hunters, breeders, fosterers, dog sports people. It won't improve welfare

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

The mayors comments in support of the bylaw in meetings shows a racist and sexist bias underpinning this policy

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Shouldn't be taking dog parks away, more should be added to encourage more active off lead walking by responsible dog owners

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3305

Submitter name/organisation: Deb Campbell

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Not happy at all with restrictions on dog numbers in rural areas amongst other changes these proposed changes. Anti-dog Council, underhanded and lying to the public. I will let the lawyer speak on my behalf at the meeting.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

I will let lawyer speak on my behalf.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

NO confidence in this current Council,staff and these proposals.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3304

Submitter name/organisation: Richard Olsson

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Regards Limiting Dog Numbers

I do not agree with this proposal

Rural areas should be place where you can have animals without have to get approval from government. I see this as over reach. And against individual freedom. And may be used in ways not intended by future government.

"I would however support stronger law , in regard to animal welfare" (Your stated reason for the changes) Having a permit is not going to stop some, in regards animal welfare and will still mean complaints to council.

I believe you should target the problem, not tax lifestyle chooses of diminish personal freedom of Caring owners.

You can't just keep on banning everything

I have no issue with the other proposals, except maybe the last. As in some rural areas , skate parks may be the only public space

within reasonable distance.ie you may need to have some exceptions to this rule

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3302

Submitter name/organisation: Vicky Causer

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I support the idea that we should restrict how many dogs are on any one property for many reasons. Noise control, breeding restrictions and "pack mentality" being the most important.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I support the restrictions of dogs off playgrounds, cemeteries and skateparks and it will be great to have the family dogs on the side during sports games (on lead). I would however not support the idea of the entire sports field being off limits to dogs during off peak/non training times. Our properties are getting smaller and everywhere theres less

space for kids and animals to exercise. Having green areas where kids and their pets can freely run around is worth gold. But for their safety I propose restrictions on the TIMES allowed for OFF leash exercise (eg. before 9am and after 5pm).

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

I would be happy with both options IF there is the addition of OFF LEASH exercise on the entire grassy area at the school before 9am and after 5pm each day. In that way the parents can still drop their kids and exercise their dogs before work and the kids

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3301

Submitter name/organisation: Kim

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3300

Submitter name/organisation: Nicola Starkey

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

The changes to the bylaw will not achieve the aim of improving dog welfare.

The justification for requiring permits to keep three or more dogs in a rural area is based on 58 complaints from only 7 properties over five years (most dogs were not registered), yet there were over 3000 dog-related complaints last year. Estimates suggest that there are 900 rural properties with 3 or more registered dogs, and even taking into account the unregistered dogs they only generated on average 11.6 complaints per year. The requirement for property inspections, payment of fees, and consultations with neighbours is a very heavy-handed approach to dealing with these complaints, and directly penalises the law-abiding owners who register their dogs. I suspect such a move will mean that more people fail to register their dogs. In addition, the new permit system, has not been costed - what are the resource implications for this system, and will it really provide a substantial benefit? If there are welfare issues with dogs, these can be dealt with under existing legislation. The requirement for a permit would not stop dog neglect or improve welfare. Finally, it is unclear why farm dogs are exempt - how many complaints have been lodged about farm dog welfare over the last year? Just because they are working dogs does not mean that they are better looked after.

Any changes to the policy need to be backed by a clear and logical rationale that includes information about complaints regarding one and two dog households as well as those with three or more dogs - we need evidence that a change is needed and that any change will likely lead to an improvement in dog welfare. This evidence has not been provided in this policy document, nor in the responses to questions about the proposed change

The policy states that the council takes the three E's approach to dog ownership yet there is no evidence in the bylaw of how education is being provided. The resources directed toward permits would be better targeted towards educating owners on managing their pets and supporting training initiatives. The changes just penalise owners and do not support them to become better dog owners.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

There is insufficient detail to explain why these changes are needed

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

It is well known that exercise is crucial for dog welfare and for keeping happy and healthy dogs. The current proposal reduces the off-leash dog areas which give limited opportunity for dogs to socialise and exercise. The proposed changes will have a detrimental impact on dog welfare and as voiced in the council meeting reflect the anti-dog stance of the council. Rather than reduce off-leash areas we should be investing in more.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

as noted above we need to increase and provide safe, fenced off-leash areas

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3299

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Reducing ownership of dogs arbitrarily to two dogs will not contribute to overall welfare of dogs in general but may reduce it. Dogs often need either fostering or rehoming due to difficult circumstances (owner may fall ill, lose home through earth quake/house fire/financial stress etc). The proposed changes would deny these dogs a good life in a new home with a capable owner who has both facilities and finances. And avoid the terrible stress and sadness for the dogs current owner to have them put down.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Dog exercise areas - on and off lead are places where the rules should be encouraged/enforced. Otherwise why have rules at all. Many people want to walk with their dogs ON lead (a healthy option for dog&owner - training etc) and not be bothered with off lead out of control animals.

Maybe Council could consider an area with multiple smaller secure fenced areas to allow dogs not fully under control to run free and train.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

I do not want my name published, but am happy to discuss any points raised.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3296

Submitter name/organisation: Mathew. P. Abraham

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

If the dogs are getting neglected then there is an is a problem

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3293

Submitter name/organisation: Chelsea George

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not support the proposed changes to the bylaw stating that owners in a rural area must have a permit. The number of properties which this was based on is a small number it is also not stated how many of these neglected dogs were actually registered reading the information available on the number of dogs between 5 properties this seems to be a case of hoarding in which case would be a mental health issue and a bylaw limiting dog ownership would be of no benefit. There needs to be more emphasis on how council would be able to remove dogs and control bad owners than punishing every rural dog owner this could just increase the number of unregistered dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

No i do not support this policy.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

No dog exercise areas are necessary to allow socialization for dogs.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

I cannot comment as i dont know the area.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3288

Submitter name/organisation: Nicole Hinton

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I have read through your latest proposal and am not happy to see permits proposed for rural areas for more than 2 dogs.

We live rural and brought rural for the freedom, privacy and space. Freedom to have more than 2 dogs if we wish as we clearly have the space to do so without being a nuisance to the public or neighbours, we can also provide our dogs with ample acreage to exercise therefore stimulation and happiness.

I realise there are people within communities both rural and urban who neglect dogs, allow them to roam and have not trained them sufficiently therefore they can become problematic. To penalise those who are responsible (by adding permits, policies and reducing dog exercise spaces) is in my opinion a ridiculous way of controlling the problem. Responsible dog owners are not the problem and should be left alone with the current policies we have.

Instead of spending more money policing more policies, how about we set up regular dog training courses in the community, based around the dog parks or help advertise the trainers we have locally to help in this endeavour. Repeat problem owners need to be educated so these training days can be a place they are sent else they forfeit the right to own a dog.

I don't think more policies and permits work, more administration costs equals less money available to educate and enforce.

I am a registered German Shepherd breeder and I will at times have more than 2 dogs on site. My dogs are secured in big enclosures when I am not home. I will not be mucking around with permits everytime I exceed your limit. My dogs are my life and I do not consent to being micro-managed by my local Council. I am a responsible dog owner like most people. Spend my rates money wisely by enforcing the current laws and penalise the minority who allow their dogs to roam and cause havoc. I have not seen much urgency coming from this Council dealing with menacing, roaming dogs within

our town. Most likely they are the dogs unregistered, which is where most the budget should be concentrated on, the rule breakers.

Keeping our community safe should be the priority, not data collection and extra revenue gathering.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3284

Submitter name/organisation: Janet and Peter Bardsley

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**

No

- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**

No

- 2. Any further comments?**

We oppose the limitation and removal of off lead dog parks in Waikato. Specifically in the Tamahere district. At this stage we have no appropriate spaces to exercise dogs off lead. The one off lead area is small, unfenced and too close to a childrens play area. It supposedly has river access but the banks are unstable and the track is not maintained. The proposed area is unsuitable being far too small, with no amenities. Off lead areas need to be suitably sized so that dogs have room to run, separation of large and small dogs, shade, water and waste disposal areas.

Dogs need the ability to exercise off lead and in a social settings. Rather than restricting dogs to inappropriately small areas, they should be allowed to be exercised unleashed in public areas providing that they are under control.

Responsible dog owners are required to exercise and socialise our dogs. Parks and cemeteries that are already in our area can be used by all residents in a shared usage model. There are many precedents already in place around the country. Auckland beaches and Tauranga city already have shared usage.

The large proportion of dog owners are responsible owners, we pick up our dogs and other dogs feces, we pick up trash and notify the council of damage to facilities. We are tax payers and our dogs are licensed.

Please consider thinking outside the box and actively engaging with tax paying and voting local residents.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3281

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I am an 80 year old widow living on my daughter's rural property and I greatly enjoy the company of and have an active role in the care of her numerous dogs. All her dogs are registered. The outdoor dogs have weatherproof insulated kennels with a covered area to keep out wind and direct sun, and they have large permanently enclosed grass exercise area with trees and planting which has been inspected and endorsed by Animal Control Officers. The indoor dogs also have regular outdoor access for their personal needs. They are well groomed and fed specific to their age, size, and health requirements. Most of her dogs have been with us since they were puppies, some of these dogs are now considered elderly.

Although the proposed permit system would allow for the keeping of more than 2 dogs on a rural property I find it very distressing that owners of dogs that are already registered and known to Council would have to be permitted in order to keep the pet dogs they have been registering for many years. This is essentially forcing a large number of pet dog owners, most with no complaints against their name, to justify what Council had already been allowing and continuing to allow them to do and taking their annual fee for that service. And the implications for owners and there pets who do not pass this inspection is also distressing.

This certainly won't stop dishonest or incompetant people having unregistered dogs or neglecting them.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

please keep my name confidential

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. **Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**

2. **Any further comments?**

please keep my name confidential

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3280

Submitter name/organisation: Bill Murdoch

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3277

Submitter name/organisation: Karin Nielson

Attachment: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Karin M R Nielson

19 January 2020

Newcastle Ward

Waikato District Council

I am writing a submission regarding the following 'PROPOSED DOG CONTROL BYLAW AND POLICY in particular the following noted as A) and B).

A) The purpose of the Bylaw is to support and give effect to council's dog control policy. The objective of the policy is to enable people to enjoy the benefits of dog ownership and provide for the exercise and recreational needs of dogs and their owners, while minimising danger, distress and nuisance to the community general

B) • Limiting the number of dogs kept in rural properties to two, with some exemptions. Three or more dogs would require a Council permit.

Council is assuming these proposed changes will address the 58 complaints over the last 5 years that involves 7 properties is high handed and punitive to the large number of rural dog owners who are law abiding and do not cause "***danger, distress and nuisance to the community in general***" nor do they harm their dogs as your statistics do not support such a draconian imposition of rules on a large proportion of dog owners who will have their enjoyment and benefits of dog ownership annihilated by these proposals.

Furthermore, The Mayors highly emotive inflammatory and unprofessional comments are unbecoming of a leader who would happily "shoot the mongrels on the street" does not give any confidence that he is open to rate payers views on this matter. I trust councillors will be holding him to account and vote for themselves based on actively listening to feedback and using the power of critical reasoning to consider how the majority of law abiding rural dog owners who will be negatively affected by these propositions. Councillors and the Mayor have a duty to do so and listen to the rate payers they represent and not based on prejudice, assumptions and opinions.

Farmers have been excluded why? Does Council assume that all farmers dogs are not aggressive and would not attack anyone, don't roam and are well looked after - where is your evidence? If it is about animal welfare council are neglecting their duties to care for ALL dogs in rural areas. The targeting of other rural dog owners is unjust and there is no guarantee that limits of 2 dogs in rural areas will necessarily address and "***minimise danger, distress and nuisance to the community in general***". ***Council is not being consistent with this proposal.***

Most importantly the few errant owners who are neglecting the welfare of their multiple dogs in rural areas and causing nuisance is a very small percentage of the 15000 rural dogs, and these issues can be dealt with under legislation that already exists regarding the welfare of animals.

The 58 complaints over 5 years involving 7 properties is the real issue to resolve and it is concerning that council has not used existing animal welfare laws to resolve the 7 repeated offenders. Why not?

I suggest council enacts the law to deal with these owners who do not do the right thing by their animals and cause “*distress and nuisance to the community in general*” and not place punitive and broad changes to the large group who do not cause issues. The reality is that such owner behaviour is highly likely to continue whether they have 2 or 22 dogs consequently, by hitting all rural dog owners is not the answer as the majority do not neglect their dogs as your figures show.

If council **cannot act with the current legislation then this is where council needs to focus and lobby for legislation with teeth to deal with such owners and remove their dogs**, punish the owner and ban them from ever owning a dog again and enact the Animal Welfare Act 1999 and current By-Laws.

As the owner of 2 dogs I abhor and support such owners to be held to account for animal neglect, abuse, exploitation and causing distress and nuisance to the community in general. However, by strangling the other 14,500 law abiding dog owners with restrictions of 2 dogs in rural areas and making them apply for permits etc is not going to change how such owners behave and council in effect is taxing law abiding dog owners to raise money for council that will not have any impact on the very few who neglect the welfare of their dogs. Council is punishing rural dog owners when there is a small percentage who are breaking the law.

To conclude, the proposed changes I have discussed have no guarantee to address the 58 complaints linked to 7 properties. Council have the Animal Welfare Act and existing by laws to deal with these nuisance dog owners in place therefore it is high handed to erode the other 15000 law abiding dog owners is draconian, not supported by evidence consequently is unjust.

Yours faithfully

Karin M . R. Nielson Newcastle Ward

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3276

Submitter name/organisation: Jacob Davis

Attachment: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I strongly oppose the proposal to introduce permits in rural zoned areas for households with more than two non-working dogs. I also object to neighbors consent being required to gain a permit should the bylaw pass.

Welfare

The proposal to issue permits for rural properties with more than two dogs has been put forward exclusively to manage issues with dogs (owners) that the animal control team are not easily able to deal with under the Dog Control Act (DCA), (as per statements by Tracey Oakes). This is the primary (only) reason given to bring in permits for more than two dogs in rural areas “ as stated in the proposal (1st December 2021) - to ensure the welfare of dogs is protected.

Over the last five years, seven households in rural areas have been or are of concern. Of these, two households have 40 dogs, and one has 35. Of the remainder, one property had four dogs and the others all had 10 or more. Most of the dogs involved were not registered when the initial complaints were laid and investigated.

While the statement in the proposal may be technically correct (58 complaints affecting 156 dogs.) it is misleading in that it gives the appearance that there are a significant number of dog welfare concerns and bad owners in rural areas, when in fact there are seven problem households. Note that rural complaints made up 0.3% of all complaints re dogs to WDC Animal Control Team (ACT). Council has a legal right to ensure that regulations are complied with, and it should do so. Council does not have a right to create unreasonable regulations because to do so might make its job easier. Nor should the ACT undertake work that should be reasonably expected to fall under the jurisdiction of the SPCA under the Animal Welfare Act.

While it is distressing to see dogs kept in suboptimal conditions, to impose a two-dog limit without a permit on good dog owners who have registered dogs seems both unfair and unreasonable. The same mechanism (permits) is not suggested to address dog welfare concerns with farm dogs (who may be included in permits should the council wish to) or for one or two dogs kept in non-rural zoned areas. To say there are no issues with farm dogs is disingenuous to say the least. As a previous SPCA inspector in this area I know this is not the case and the Animal Control Team can provide no evidence to support their claim farm dog welfare is not an issue- no more than it is an issue for the vast majority of rural dog owners. Similarly, one or two dog households are hardly all bastions of amazing dog welfare- but no permitting has been proposed to address any welfare issues in these households.

Council accountability and responsible resource allocation

The council is responsible to spend rate payers money in a way that provides efficient and effective use of resources. Prudent use of council resources would suggest that change that impacts on the resources (such as vehicles, people/time) would be appropriately costed before being put forward as a proposal.

This is not the case. No costings have been undertaken, therefore there is no resource or financial information on the impact of permitting for more than two dogs in rural areas available. For Animal Control Officers (ACOs) to inspect over 900 properties over a year they would need to visit approximately 20 rural properties per week every week for that year. The district covers more than 400,000 hectares (418.893ha), with some very remote areas, accessed by less-than-ideal roads.

It appears between 2015 and 2021 there has been a very approximate increase in the ACTs workload by 40%. However Full Time Equivalents have increased by 1.5 which is a 9.52% increase (pound workers excluded from all numbers). To consider a further increase in workload without a business case to support this appears irresponsible. Tracey Oakes noted in the council workshops that the extra workload would be difficult.

To fund the additional workload, either General Rates or Dog Registrations will need to increase, or other services provided to the community will have to be reduced. For example, the time to investigate genuine complaints may be prolonged, ability to attend urgent calls in a timely manner may be impacted, and the time ACT have to engage and educate (which the council indicates is its preferred approach) may be reduced.

The ACT have indicated the permit (for the first 18 months) would be free of charge. However, any increase in dog numbers would require a new permit- at a currently unspecified cost. Presumably anyone new to the area would have to apply with an associated cost. This is not a cost neutral proposal but is being put forward without council knowing what the costs are.

This proposal has the potential to result in people simply choosing not to register their third or more dogs. If this happens, more ACT time will be taken up chasing unregistered dogs who are otherwise well looked after and cared for, but whose owners were concerned their neighbors might not give consent, or just worried that an ACO might decide that they arent suitable to have additional dogs, and what this might mean to the dogs in their family. The lack of clear criteria around what is needed to be approved for a permit opens it up to subjectivity and discrimination by ACOs.

Reasonableness and fairness

The number of two dogs, after which a permit is required, is based on the permit rules for non-rural areas. While some rural properties may have property sizes like those in country living, this is not a good reason to change all rural properties to a two dog after which you need a permit rule.

The requirement for neighbors consent as per the urban permits would apply unless waived on a case-by-case basis by the ACO issuing the permit. I completely disagree with this, which is not in the proposal but has come to light subsequently. If there have been no substantiated issues with dogs at a property, why should neighbors need to give consent? Should this misguided permitting rule be approved, neighbor approval should not have to be obtained.

Perception of Waikato District

People move to rural areas such as Waikato District because they can have multiple, well cared for dogs without out unnecessary bureaucracy and costs. This bylaw proposal risks the Waikato District being seen as anti-dog and not a good place to live if you have multiple dogs. This has already happened within the horse community with the council being perceived as non-responsive to any

needs of horse riders/ owners. It would be sad if the same perception extended to dogs and dog owners. Waikato district is increasingly looking animal unfriendly. This may reduce the number of people choosing to move to or stay in the area- impacting those businesses who provide dog-based products and services.

Rehoming

And finally, but importantly - rescue and rehoming. If the council is concerned for the welfare of dogs it would seek to reduce the kill rate through the pound. Since 2015, 1145 dogs have been killed. Making it harder for people to have a 3rd or 4th dog does nothing to help adopt pound dogs. There is also a possible issue with people being unwilling to foster dogs, especially if they are unsure if they will be able to get a permit in a timely manner. While the ACT may say they can work around this with rescues, perception by the public is important- if it looks hard, they may choose not to foster.

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

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In addition, some dog breeds need more exercise than others . When there are too many dogs being exercised in one small area, aggression can occur, and smaller dogs need to be able to be exercised away from larger dogs at times. If dogs are exercised in too small an area, it can create behavioural problems.

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Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
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Submission Waikato District Council Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Review:
Tracy Wilde

My family and I have five family dogs. I moved from Hamilton city (where I had a permit for multiple dogs) so I had room to enjoy my dogs in a rural environment. My involvement with dogs is longstanding:

- Previous long-term instructor with Hamilton Dog Obedience Club
- Delivered many free seminars to new dog owners in conjunction with Clare Browne (University lecturer in animal behavior) and Amanda (from HCC).
- Certificate in Canine behavior (Massey University).
- Involved in the establishment of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers NZ
- Fostering too many dogs to remember
- Been an Animal Welfare Inspector for the SPCA.

My working career has included project manager, acting service manager, charge nurse and nurse educator for the Waikato DHB.

34% of New Zealand house-holds have at least one dog and of those, 78% consider the dog to be a member of the family (<https://www.companionanimals.nz/2020-report>). Dogs are companions, friends and work mates.

Permits

I strongly oppose the proposal to introduce permits in rural zoned areas for households with more than two non-working dogs. I also object to neighbors' consent being required to gain a permit should the bylaw pass.

Welfare

The proposal to issue permits for rural properties with more than two dogs has been put forward exclusively to manage issues with dogs (owners) that the animal control team are not easily able to deal with under the Dog Control Act (DCA), (as per statements by Tracey Oakes). This is the primary (only) reason given to bring in permits for more than two dogs in rural areas – as stated in the proposal (1st December 2021) - “to ensure the welfare of dogs is protected”.

Over the last five years, seven households in rural areas have been or are of concern. Of these, two households have 40 dogs, and one has 35. Of the remainder, one property had four dogs and the others all had 10 or more. Most of the dogs involved were not registered when the initial complaints were laid and investigated.

While the statement in the proposal may be technically correct (58 complaints affecting 156 dogs.) it is misleading in that it gives the appearance that there are a significant number of dog welfare concerns and bad owners in rural areas, when in fact there are seven problem households. Note that rural complaints made up 0.3% of all complaints re dogs to WDC

Animal Control Team (ACT). Council has a legal right to ensure that regulations are complied with, and it should do so. Council does not have a right to create unreasonable regulations because to do so might make its job easier. Nor should the ACT undertake work that should be reasonably expected to fall under the jurisdiction of the SPCA under the Animal Welfare Act.

While it is distressing to see dogs kept in suboptimal conditions, to impose a two-dog limit without a permit on good dog owners who have registered dogs seems both unfair and unreasonable. The same mechanism (permits) is not suggested to address dog welfare concerns with farm dogs (who may be included in permits should the council wish to) or for one or two dogs kept in non-rural zoned areas. To say there are no issues with farm dogs is disingenuous to say the least. As a previous SPCA inspector in this area I know this is not the case and the Animal Control Team can provide no evidence to support their claim farm dog welfare is not an issue- no more than it is an issue for the vast majority of rural dog owners. Similarly, one or two dog households are hardly all bastions of amazing dog welfare- but no permitting has been proposed to address any welfare issues in these households.

Council accountability and responsible resource allocation

The council is responsible to spend rate payers' money in a way that provides efficient and effective use of resources. Prudent use of council resources would suggest that change that impacts on the resources (such as vehicles, people/time) would be appropriately costed before being put forward as a proposal.

This is not the case. No costings have been undertaken, therefore there is no resource or financial information on the impact of permitting for more than two dogs in rural areas available. For Animal Control Officers (ACO's) to inspect over 900 properties over a year they would need to visit approximately 20 rural properties per week every week for that year. The district covers more than 400,000 hectares (418.893ha), with some very remote areas, accessed by less-than-ideal roads.

It appears between 2015 and 2021 there has been a very approximate increase in the ACT's workload by 40%. However Full Time Equivalents have increased by 1.5 which is a 9.52% increase (pound workers excluded from all numbers). To consider a further increase in workload without a business case to support this appears irresponsible. Tracey Oakes noted in the council workshops that the extra workload would be difficult.

To fund the additional workload, either General Rates or Dog Registrations will need to increase, or other services provided to the community will have to be reduced. For example, the time to investigate genuine complaints may be prolonged, ability to attend urgent calls in a timely manner may be impacted, and the time ACT have to engage and educate (which the council indicates is its preferred approach) may be reduced.

The ACT have indicated the permit (for the first 18 months) would be free of charge. However, any increase in dog numbers would require a new permit- at a currently unspecified cost. Presumably anyone new to the area would have to apply with an associated cost. This is not a cost neutral proposal but is being put forward without council knowing what the costs are.

This proposal has the potential to result in people simply choosing not to register their third or more dogs. If this happens, more ACT time will be taken up chasing unregistered dogs who are otherwise well looked after and cared for, but whose owners were concerned their neighbors might not give consent, or just worried that an ACO might decide that they aren't suitable to have additional dogs, and what this might mean to the dogs in their family. The lack of clear criteria around what is needed to be approved for a permit opens it up to subjectivity and discrimination by ACOs.

Reasonableness and fairness

The number of two dogs, after which a permit is required, is based on the permit rules for non-rural areas. While some rural properties may have property sizes like those in country living, this is not a good reason to change all rural properties to a 'two dog after which you need a permit' rule.

The requirement for neighbor's consent as per the urban permits would apply unless waived on a case-by-case basis by the ACO issuing the permit. I completely disagree with this, which is not in the proposal but has come to light subsequently. If there have been no substantiated issues with dogs at a property, why should neighbor's need to give consent? Should this misguided permitting rule be approved, neighbor approval should not have to be obtained.

Perception of Waikato District

People move to rural areas such as Waikato District because they can have multiple, well cared for dogs without unnecessary bureaucracy and costs. This bylaw proposal risks the Waikato District being seen as anti-dog and not a good place to live if you have multiple dogs. This has already happened within the horse community with the council being perceived as non-responsive to any needs of horse riders/ owners. It would be sad if the same perception extended to dogs and dog owners. Waikato district is increasingly looking animal unfriendly. This may reduce the number of people choosing to move to or stay in the area- impacting those businesses who provide dog-based products and services.

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Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3275

Submitter name/organisation: Gill George

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

rescues and sanctuaries must be kept open and also dog parks in the area.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3274

Submitter name/organisation: Ken Sawert

Attachment:

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Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. **Any further comments?**

We are resident Owners/ Ratepayers of 42A Te Awa Lane, Tamahere where we strongly oppose the designated off leash dog exercise area proposed for Te Awa Reserve Tamahere for the following reasons.

1. **As users of the reserve, we understand under the new pr**

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Submission ID: 3273

Submitter name/organisation: Robyn Crozier

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Myself and/or my family have lived in the Hamilton, Waipa and mostly rural Waikato districts for the last fifty or so years, and the vast majority of of that time we have been dog owners..

Usually we/I only have one, or two dogs max, but I want to OPPOSE the District Council's proposal to LIMIT the NUMBER of dogs in RURAL AREAS TO TWO.

.. Why make it even more of a hassle/expense for the good responsible caring owners to stay registered/get permission if they have eg 3-4 dogs, when it is actually those who already don't register their dogs who are most problematic owners and who are least likely to have great welfare standards for the animals already in their "care", don't get them spayed or neutered etc, or keep them in suitable fully fenced etc environments with appropriate food/water, shelter, exercise, vet care and love.

What we need are greater powers, and Government/Council funding for organisations such as the SPCA and Police to ensure better animal welfare and and public safety standards are maintained, and Courts have the power to to ensure that they really come down hard on irresponsible and negligent owners, animal service providers and carers etc , and future animal ownership is banned for life, not just a slap on the hand.

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2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

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I am totally IN FAVOUR of MORE DOG EXERCISE AREAS THROUGHOUT the DISTRICT , with as much as possible SAFE and SUITABLE OFF LEAD AREAS would be VERY WELCOMED .

I DO NOT SUPPORT having all of the BEACHES esp at RAGLAN being reduced from off lead to ON LEAD, as responsible owners with well behaved dogs should be allowed to enjoy walking and

running with their owners and others in the lovely big open spaces, and not be punished for the few idiots who need to go to dog (human) obedience classes first.. They should be made to stay on leash until they are trusted to be able to be able to let their dogs free, and not be a liability. ..

Again, It would be better to have greater powers to BAN /PROSECUTE THOSE that are OUT of CONTROL etc, than ruin the freedom of the vast majority of the well behaved dogs and owners.

I think from a hygiene and safety perspective all dogs should be ON LEADS AT eg sports grounds, skate parks and cemeteries.

They should NOT banned from being there with their owners/family, but SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED ON the PLAYING SURFACES etc, or be a nuisance to others.

All such places need to have appropriate doggie doo bins for the owners to dispose sanitarly of any poop instantly if required, and easily visible/readable signage to inform everyone about their responsibilities and any restrictions, directions or other information.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3272

Submitter name/organisation: Tamara Pairaudeau

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I wholeheartedly disagree with the proposed changes to the Bylaw as this gives an individual (Animal Control Officer), with personal opinions and preferences, an excess of power to make decisions that can also be detrimental to both animal (dog) and owner well beings.

These changes penalise those hardworking, law-abiding owners who pay for each and every dogs yearly registration, who provide their animals with a loving, well cared for and family home to live their lives. For most owners, these animals are much loved and valued pets which each hold a special place within the family, which means even more strongly that the power given to an individual to decide the fate of the excess animals over and above the 2 limit per household within rural areas should not be allowed.

To charge for a permit to keep more than 2 in a rural area on its own holds to much power over the owner, let alone the power to at anytime revoke that permit for an additional dog, or if deemed by an indivial a nuisance, or doesnt meet ANY of the conditions set out in the permit. They then have the authority to REQUIRE the owner of any or all dogs over the 2 limit to take any action that the Control Officer deems necessary to reduce, control or contain the animals. This is a blatant over step in power and authority over dogs that are well kept, maintained and controlled within reason as they are of course dogs and they do have vocal chords and are expected to bark and guard their properties like they should.

I understand that there are owners who do not hold animal welfare values, who purposefully skirt the rules and keep their dogs within inhumane circumstances. These types of owners should be maintained and prosecuted under the Animal Welfare Act, which should be separate to a Territorial Authority rule. This should not be the responsibility of the Council to enforce restrictions and penalties on good, honest owners but instead be enforced and monitored by the proper channels who do this for a living.

Thank you taking the time to consider my concerns and I sincerely hope you take them into account.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Refer to above attached reasoning of my disagreement with the dog restrictions in rural areas.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3268

Submitter name/organisation: Ella Hill

Attachment:

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1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

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Yes

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In part

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Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

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Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Te Awa Reserve is for kids/families/playing/picnics - not dogs running free!

Tamahere Reserve is big enough to allow all activities, so have it there.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015**Submission ID:** 3267**Submitter name/organisation:** Suzanne Beer**Attachment:*****Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015*****1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**

No

2. Any further comments?

This is a sad day if this law goes through. There is already a shortage of space for dogs and sanctuaries need to be able to be kept open for dogs. Also for those who are responsible dog owners who are willing to take on those dogs that do not have a home. Dogs have proven to be loyal and devoted companions to many . Maybe it is time to look into human behaviour rather than that of the animals.

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No

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No

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Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3265

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

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Please keep my name, address and details confidential please.

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As a NZKC member for 30 years I follow rules and guidelines for my breeding programme. I feel getting a new permit every time I wish to keep a pup with new bloodlines is a waste of officers time. I am also into obedience and dog training helping the general public with some dogs with behavioural problems, sometimes I board someone's pet as they travel. Surely not having to get another permit. Please consider the people like myself, a widow that had to moved to be rural because I had dogs that I enjoy doing different sports and activities with them.

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In part

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I think parks need to be off leash and spruced up to benefit all dog owners, hopefully get those non pleasant dogs off the streets

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

I do not live in this area

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3264

Submitter name/organisation: Louann Kobus

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

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It concerns me that legitimate dog Showers & breeders will be adversely affected as breeding is for show purpose for genetic gain in the breed not puppy farming. Showers often share dogs if/when they breed as well as look after puppies they've homed when the new family is away instead of using Kennels where parvo & kennel cough is a risk. The new laws don't take this into consideration.

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As above

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Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

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Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3263

Submitter name/organisation: Paul Walter

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3262

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I urge the council to not have a 2 dog limit for Rural Properties. The vast majority of dog owners love their dogs and treat them as family, they should as of right be able to have as many as they wish. Do not penalise the majority for the actions of very few who are unlikely to follow any rules in any case. Any problems with the few can be managed under existing animal welfare laws. A rural property has ample room to accommodate multiple dogs. Neighbour's consent should most definitely not be required.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Please keep my name confidential. Thank you

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

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Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3261

Submitter name/organisation: Brian Butt

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I object to limits being placed in the number of dogs allowed. I consider the number is irrelevant, the control of dogs is related to human actions not the number of animals.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Not an area I use

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3260

Submitter name/organisation: Mark and Gillian Brown

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

We do not support the changing the grassy area in Te Awa Reserve to a dog exercise area.

The provision of an unleashed dog exercise area at the Tamahere village site would be preferable as there is more room and parking there to safely accomodate the various proposed uses.

We strongly oppose the change of use of the Te Awa Reserve for the following reasons:

- 1 The area is already well established with childrens play equipment, and is well used for this purpose by local residents as well as visitors arriving by car.
- 2 Any combined use by children and unleashed dogs will be incompatible and it is difficult to see how the two uses could be safely provided for in this relatively confined area.
- 3 There is very limited capacity for off street parking in this area.
- 4 The river esplanade is an asset for passive recreation (although there is erosion and lack of upkeep currently). In the longer term enjoyment of the river esplanade will be compromised if walkers had to negotiate a fenced area with dogs running unleashed to reach the river walk way.
- 5 The proximity to the river appears to present a danger and temptation to unleashed dogs - if this were to mitigated with fortress like fencing that in turn significantly diminishes access for other users and their enjoyment of the area.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

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Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3259

Submitter name/organisation: Heather Murphy

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

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4. The exercise and recreation needs of dogs and their owners

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2. It seems your proposed new sites aren't currently adequate and a wait for the next lot is stated. Are the intended closures happening at that time too?

3. As dog ownership is on the rise - you are wanting to concentrate everyone to a couple of centralised areas.

4. Living in Wairarapa we had an unkempt dog paddock, fenced, covered in poo. That's not much fun for dogs so we set up a group to work with council to have an enriching, exciting park with activities, trees, shelter and to offer dog training classes via the park.

All this makes for a cleaner park, dogs learning and listening to their owners through activities, better trained dogs, better owners.

It is so great for the community to see council working with us not against us.

Closing dog owners down doesn't work - including them does.

I am the Chair of the Featherston Dog park Group

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3255

Submitter name/organisation: Bailee-Rose Lyall-Brennan

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I disagree with councils proposal to introduce permits for rural households with 3 or more dogs. I do not believe this will benefit dog welfare in any way and believe it will simply discourage owners from registering dogs in their care.

Waikato district council dog control should be doing exactly that dog control as set out in the dog control act. Welfare should be left to the people trained to undertake that role, SPCA inspectors who use the Animal Welfare Act to deal with welfare issues. Council should be working in cooperation with the SPCA where necessary for animal welfare issues that arise.

How can council say on one hand they care about the welfare of dogs and then take away a large percentage of dog parks. Off leash exercise is an important part of the health of a dog, Waikato district council should be supporting this for the benefit of the ratepayers and their dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3253

Submitter name/organisation: Jenny Kain

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

The number of dogs allowed per household in a rural residential area should only be two with permission and signature of neighbours. Noise is the prime factor with owners leaving their dogs alone during working hours and sometimes at night. I know as I have battled the owners of three (now two) on one side and mother and multiple puppies on the other boundary. One lot chase everything that goes up and down the road, including me and have worn a track inside the fence and the others for some time were not fenced at all.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I no longer use the designated dog exercise areas due to them being mainly unsafe for dogs and owners so changes to off leash areas etc don't mean much to me. Very often people don't abide by the rules or use their common sense

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

As above.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

I would like to see the council dog control people work more often in the community, reminding owners of their obligation to their dogs and other dog owners. Barking dogs, loose dogs need to be taken more seriously in rural residential areas and certain t

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3252

Submitter name/organisation: Tanya Knez

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

The government should provide a free desexing service to all dog and cat owners...

All breeders.. rescue.. foster and rehoming centres need to be registered and monitored in some shape or form..

Dog owners on a rural property..make it law they must register their dogs..have a limit of up to 3 or 4maybe..dog area needs to be fenced off for dogs safety and the safety of stock and humans..

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

See comment above

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option I - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3250

Submitter name/organisation: Caitlin

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

There is much research done relating to how terrible off leash dog parks are, please take more time to read into this

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3248

Submitter name/organisation: Fiona Budge

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I believe dogs should be kept off sports areas, play grounds and in more places than now should be on a leash, but j do not support restricting ownership of dogs in rural areas to just two, if anything this would seem more applicable to urban areas.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

A/A

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

A/A

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option I - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3247

Submitter name/organisation: Catherine Tangaroa

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

I cant really comment on this one as I dont use dog parks or reserves. I exercise my dogs on our property.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3245

Submitter name/organisation: Chay Buchanan-Smith

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I have always complied with the dog regulations/laws and feel that the proposed changes are targeting the good owners, which the majority of us are. I object to the fact that council feel that they should determine how many dogs they see fit for me to have on my property and that potentially a neighbour has the power to control how many dogs I may have.

I understand that if my dogs are a nuisance, wander etc, that the current legislation is more than adequate to deal with any problems and that I will accept the consequences of any infringements.

I currently have a select property owner license for my 4 dogs, which are all registered and I have had an ACO come to the property to inspect it. I was happy to pay the inspection fee and the positive outcome is that I had a reduced registration fee to pay for each of the dogs.

How about proposing that everyone pays a rate towards animal control and if you can prove that you do not have a dog/stock, then you are able to then have the fee waived? This would then be 'fair' and would generate more income for Council.

We should be promoting good dog ownership, by providing adequate exercise areas on lead and off leash, educating youth/those who have had complaints laid against them in regards to their dogs, not by taking areas away and being discriminatory against those of us who do our best by our dogs and by our community and comply with the legislation.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

There needs to be more information provided in the policy to back up the bylaw, is very 'light' on details.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Understand that some areas should not have dogs allowed due to high concentration of children but when these areas are deemed risk areas, such as play grounds, alternative solutions should be sought from the communities in questions. Can the playground be fenced off? Can an alternative route/area be designated?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park**1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**

Option I - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3244

Submitter name/organisation: Paula Smith

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3241

Submitter name/organisation: Joanne Knighton

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3240

Submitter name/organisation: Troy Hedges

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3239

Submitter name/organisation: Sue Lawless

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

I have been an approved breeder for my Welsh Springer Spaniels for over 40 years. My dogs have been used by D.O.C for pest control , and I have orders for another DOC puppy this coming year. I breed for Hunting sports people who hunt for pests in our bush and some are trained to seek out Kiwi, (with masks on) to monitor chicks and their parents. I had I used by the Drug detection squad in Rotorua to find Cannabis plantations in the forest. These dogs are rare and my kennel imports semen from around the world, (Finland, Scotland England Australia) and the occasional puppy from Australia to maintain genetic health. All my dogs are genetically health tested before they are bred. Occasionally I rehome adult dogs on behalf of other breeders or where the home can no longer look after their dogs. I never allow cross breeding. I always vet all my new owners. I advocate neutering for the new owners . I am a responsible very well regarded breeder and wish to maintain my interest in this useful breed that has enhanced our biosecurity for NZ. ALL my dogs have excellent temperament, you can ask my vets about that. One of my goals in breeding for 40 years is a sound temperament. My clients can vouch for that. There is NO reason to limit my dogs to 2 only as I serve a useful and important role in many areas of the dog world. Your focus needs to be on people breeding non health tested crossbreds that have no background in providing owners with information about their pups, and perpetuating the numerous unsound , poor temperament pups found in rescue and pounds. That should be your priority.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3238

Submitter name/organisation: Eric Altermann

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Limiting the number of dogs in rural properties is non-sensical in particular because the definition of 'working dog' is far too restrictive. For example, working dogs in sport are not covered and this new bylaw would severely limit and discriminate. Animal welfare issues are not dictated by the number of dogs and are a separate matter that should and must be addressed.

Animal noise on rural properties is part of the rural lifestyle - if the number of dogs is restricted, then logically, the number of livestock etc must be limited as well. Noise made by livestock can be and is much more prominent than those made by dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3237

Submitter name/organisation: Kath Nicholson

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

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In part

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Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

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Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3236

Submitter name/organisation: ellie louise

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3233

Submitter name/organisation: Fiona Thompson

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I can see no benefit to changing the number of dogs in rural properties. Most people move rurally to have more freedom with their animals and the vast majority (as shown by your own statistics) cause no issues at all. This change in policy seems very heavy handed when there have only been a handful of incidents over the last few years and I fail to see how the proposed policy would help to change this situation for the neglected dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

To have well adjusted and well behaved dogs they need off the leash areas to exercise and limiting these seems counter productive

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3232

Submitter name/organisation: Sue Taylor

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Dogs need to be socialised properly to prevent unsociable behaviour.

If you look at our European friends dogs can go anywhere and they have very few problems because they know how to behave.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

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Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3231

Submitter name/organisation: Gloria natrass

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3230

Submitter name/organisation: Debbie Allen

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
No
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
No
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
Option 3 - Neither
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3229

Submitter name/organisation: Kimberly Bidois

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3228

Submitter name/organisation: Natalie Jarman

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3227

Submitter name/organisation: Sandra Marino

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

I can't respond to an area and place I'm not familiar with.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3226

Submitter name/organisation: Rachel C

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I support further exercising areas only.

I do not support the limiting of dog numbers.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Utterly ridiculous when people in town can have multiple dogs or dogs not suitable to town living and have no restrictions or restraints.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3225

Submitter name/organisation: Emma Carey

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3224

Submitter name/organisation: Sarah Pulford

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

This seems that the vast majority of good dog owners is being punished for a very small minority of bad dog owners.

I don't believe the answer here is council restrictions, it should be changes to our animal welfare laws.

A lot of dog owners choose to move to a rural location, in part to have more freedom to have a few more dogs and to give them a safe, healthy life. This is my goal after spending the last few years discussing it with plenty of people within the agility and dog training community. Many of them have more than two dogs and give them a great life.

I do not support restricting ownership to two dogs, it seems like close minded thinking that will not work, then once again dog owners will be punished for bad decision making within council/government agencies.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Not only are you proposing to take away freedom from dog owners in their own homes, you are taking away freedom to let dog owners from around Waikato to let their dogs have spaces to run and actually be dogs. There should be education around controlling your dog, but to take away spaces to let the dogs be free to sniff around, chase a ball or have a game with other dogs is going to lead to more behavioural issues.

I have two dogs, i have great control with both, but one of them I would not put her in the playground situation if I couldn't let her use up energy "being a dog" before hand as she has a tendency to run and jump when she gets overwhelmed. Playgrounds are highly exciting areas with screaming and running kids. It would be far too much for an excitable dog to handle, but the tolerance for most dogs would be lowered when they have excess energy.

Again, this seems like a short sighted approach without thinking about the long term effects.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Option 1 is a great area but it would be a shame to lose access to the river path behind, it is a fun space to explore.

I don't know option 2 but it looks quite small from the proposal photo. I think a small space really defeats the purpose.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3223

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Limiting rural properties to 2 dogs is unacceptable and a breach of our rights. It will take up valuable time of the dog control officers that would be better spent controlling wandering and menacing dogs. Extra fees are just another revenue gathering exercise from WDC. We don't actually get anything from council for registering our dogs. Council would be better concentrating on urban areas.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Urban dog owners need as many open controlled dog exercise areas as possible to exercise their dogs. These are for the welfare of their dogs.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

N?A for me.

I would like my name kept confidential on your website. Thank you

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3222

Submitter name/organisation: Andrew Hope

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

If you are living in your own home you should not have to pay anything. Your lot are thieves with the rates as is.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3221

Submitter name/organisation: Ashleigh Rogers

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Limiting the number of dogs on rural properties will have not result in the desired change.

Those who are already breaking the existing rules or mistreating their dogs will continue to do so. Adding an additional restriction will not suddenly make them change their existing behaviour.

As the rest of the world move to a more dog friendly position Waikato council are taking 500 steps backward.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3218

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

As long as owners are responsible and treat their dogs well. Why should owners be allowed to have only 2 dogs. Don't you think enough restrictions are placed on people already without council adding more. Animals are theraputic and owning more than one should be decided as a case by case option not law. Animals are also family and by closing down dog parks you add more stress to families and pets. Having a place to allow your dog to run free is great therapy for humans too.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Please keep my name confidential.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3217

Submitter name/organisation: Rebecca bush

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

I disagree wholeheartedly with the 2 dog limit on rural properties without a permit.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Dogs should have more freedom rights, owners that cause problems should be dealt with in a targeted way not with a blanket anti dog bylaw

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

The whole reserve should be open to dogs of lead.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3215

Submitter name/organisation: Trevor Ilton

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3213

Submitter name/organisation: Paul sealock

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I strongly oppose the requirement for permits for more than two dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3212

Submitter name/organisation: Jess Gibb

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3211

Submitter name/organisation: Cath Ellice

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

No. The number of off leash dog exercise parks should be increasing within the district. Not decreasing! If there were more handy options for socialisation and off leash exercise areas, dog owners would use them (rather than public places). Each park should be in easily accessible to each community and large enough for games such as ball/frisbee throwing (and preferably have access to water for the water lovers)

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Leave te awa as is (although put erosion measures in place) and put dog exercise area in tamahere reserve

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3210

Submitter name/organisation: Natalie Wenham

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

we strongly oppose the proposal to introduce permits in rural zoned areas for households with more than two non-working dogs. We also object to neighbours consent being required to gain a permit should the bylaw pass.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3209

Submitter name/organisation: Dean

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3208

Submitter name/organisation: Emma

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Take more care focusing on those owners who are mistreating their animals then penalize those caring for animals

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3205

Submitter name/organisation: Peter Bardsley

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

The Association of Pet Dog Trainers says that good off lead parks should have:

• Materials for cleaning up after dogs (bags and bins)

• Drinking Water and shade

• Enough space to avoid crowding

And additionally

• Separate entrance and exit gates

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3203

Submitter name/organisation: Mami Tanikawa

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I don't agree with the limiting the number of dogs in rural areas. My friend has an animal sanctuary for poor animals. And she helps LOTS OF POOR DOGS. 100%. I understand that still many people take no responsibility to keep their dogs safe but please make an exception for the new changes. I think we can not make a limit on the number for the sanctuary. They will help lots of dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3199

Submitter name/organisation: Janet and Peter Bardsley

Attachment: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

The Southern end of Waikato has no adequate areas to walk dogs off lead.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

The proposed area at the Tamahere reserve is too small and isn't adequate for the planned usage. I propose shared usage of the entire reserve. Dogs allowed off lead until 0930 weekdays only. The reserve is under utilised during daylight hours and allow

We oppose the limitation and removal of off lead dog parks in Waikato. Specifically in the Tamahere district. At this stage we have no appropriate spaces to exercise dogs off lead. The one off lead area is small, unfenced and too close to a childrens play area. It supposedly has river access but the banks are unstable and the track is not maintained. The proposed area is unsuitable being far too small, with no amenities. Off lead areas need to be suitably sized so that dogs have room to run, separation of large and small dogs, shade, water and waste disposal areas. Dogs need the ability to exercise off lead and in a social settings. Rather than restricting dogs to inappropriately small areas, they should be allowed to be exercised unleashed in public areas providing that they are under control.

Responsible dog owners are required to exercise and socialise our dogs. Parks and cemeteries that are already in our area can be used by all residents in a shared usage model. There are many precedents already in place around the country. Auckland beaches and Tauranga city already have shared usage.

The large proportion of dog owners are responsible owners, we pick up our dogs and other dogs feces, we pick up trash and notify the council of damage to facilities. We are tax payers and our dogs are licensed. Please consider thinking outside the box and actively engaging with tax paying and voting local residents.

Sincerely,

Janet and Peter Bardsley

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3190

Submitter name/organisation: Matthew Findlay

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3188

Submitter name/organisation: Alison stubbington

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Dog exercise areas need to be very large so dogs can get the maximum amount of exercise. And with bush areas , water etc to have a varied experience. Dogs Brain's need to be exercised thru their nose, as well as running.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

In some areas certain people don't give a toss about their dogs but don't penalize good dog owners. Make it so bad owners aren't allowed to own dogs. Dogs need to be well socialized in all areas with other people and dogs. You should be able to walk your dog thru town on a lead and interact with people and dogs. It's how dogs become nice members of society, a unsocialized dog is a problem for everyone. And people who are puppy mills who keep dogs in cages without proper human contact ie part of the family, are the ones who are the problem. Spca need greater powers to remove these dogs and shut them down. Target the bad owners not the responsible ones

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3185

Submitter name/organisation: Tara Parata

Attachment: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Please see below

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Please see below

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

I have been a resident of Te Kowhai for 16 years, during that time my whanau are lucky enough to raise our family which includes our dogs. Te Kowhai park has always been a central place for all whanau to join in various activities. Whanau come with their dogs to enjoy this area, whether this be at the skate park, during sports events and or at the playground. For 15 years I have been running my dogs at this park. They absolutely love it and in these tough times the ability to get out in the fresh air to exercise with all your whanau including your animals at our local park improves our wellbeing.

You state the reason to prohibit dogs from this park because owners are not cleaning up after their dogs. Our Te Kowhai community look after one another and if it means that we need to clean up on the odd occasion where an owner hasnt then this will be done. There is nothing in the submission that backs this proposal with facts because if you compared the number of complaints you have received against the hours that responsible owners have used this park to exercise themselves and their dogs there would be absolutely no case. Please do not disadvantage the majority of responsible owners for the few.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**



Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3184

Submitter name/organisation: Animal Re-homing Charitable Trust

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Please make your focus the indiscriminate breeding of dogs. Please ensure that ONLY registered breeders operate in the Waikato area. Backyard breeders and puppy mills must be closed down and monitored to prevent reopening.

Please mandate de-sexing of ALL dogs and provide free or heavily discounted prices to allow this.

Farm dogs should not be exempt from the de-sexing mandate because many puppies bred on farms end up in cities and towns around the country. This causes dogs in shelters to be deprived of potential homes.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

If the number of dogs per property was limited to only two, animal rescues and animal sanctuaries would be severely and unfairly impacted.

It is essential that home based shelters, fosterers and sanctuaries are not restricted by numbers. At times a rescue organization may be providing shelter to just one dog, whilst at others it may have multiple rescued animals in its care.

In order to reduce dog homelessness, it's also important that suitable applicants be permitted to adopt more than two dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Cemeteries must always be available to dogs. Provided they are on-lead and their stools are collected, there is no reason to ban them from burial grounds and memorial parks.

There is no doubt that, in the huge majority of cases, dogs are an integral part of human families.

As members of the whanau, they must have access to the gravesites of loved ones. Taking dogs to visit the deceased brings comfort and purpose to mourners - especially if the deceased was the guardian of the dog(s).

In addition, cemetery grounds are often deserted. The fact that such spacious public (or private) areas are unused when parkland is increasingly scarce is wasteful. People walking dogs on-lead and collecting any droppings is of benefit to the community and provides a comforting visual bridge between life and death.

We have uploaded a potential sign to be considered for Waikato cemeteries.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3183

Submitter name/organisation: Eileen O'Reilly (please keep anonymous)

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not agree with the proposal to limit rural properties to 2 dogs. If the council strongly wants to place a limit, this should be higher (eg 4 or 5). The need to obtain permission from neighbours as one criteria is flawed, neighbours may hold personal views about dogs or relationship issues with the neighbour which may lead to them declining this - utterly unfair to disallow a third or fourth member of the family to stay on the property due to a stranger's opinion (as of course dogs are often treated as members of the family).

Criteria for council inspection to deem a property suitable for multiple dogs should be transparent and easily available.

If the rationale for this is that multiple dogs can be neglected, the focus should be on identifying these situations and intervening, not making a sweeping change that also affects many careful and loving dog owners.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3182

Submitter name/organisation: Shelley Cavanagh

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Tamahere needs an off lead dog exercise area

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

This is a great location as long as its an off lead exercise area

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3181

Submitter name/organisation: Heidi hoole

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3180

Submitter name/organisation: Michelle Cobham

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**

No

- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**

In part

- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**

Option 3 - Neither

- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3179

Submitter name/organisation: Sarah Ure

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Doesn't bother me personally

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3178

Submitter name/organisation: Linda Bulk

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

I find the changes very dog unfriendly even though I agree don't owners don't deserve dogs. Animal rescues and sanctuaries need to be excluded from the 2-dog only policy to not make their work any harder, but altogether I find all the limitations too much. If it's solely to reduce animal abuse, which of course I'm all for, there are other ways.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Don't live there.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3177

Submitter name/organisation: Andrew Giltrap

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

the 2 dog policy before additional enforcement needs to be better defined - debate could perhaps include is 2 dogs the correct limit ? - definition of working dog is not clear and for the sake of enforcement and the want of the public to comply needs to be clearer.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

additional dog exercise area needed in Tamahere/Matangi area

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3176

Submitter name/organisation: Stevie McAllistr

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3175

Submitter name/organisation: Ann-Marie Beveridge

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3174

Submitter name/organisation: Tanya Wilson

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3173

Submitter name/organisation: Amber

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3172

Submitter name/organisation: Lana Hartstone

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3171

Submitter name/organisation: Julius Kite

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Council is punishing good dog owners instead of going after the bad ones. You're spending a tonne of money and punishing the people who aren't your problem anyway. Restrictions on dog exercise areas is unfair and unnecessary.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Unnecessary extra costs for a plan you haven't thought out properly.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Don't care. It's over an hour from where we live. Only out there for all the rich people building in the area. Not central for everyone to use.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3170

Submitter name/organisation: Judith Mudge

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

On rural properties, it is very possible to own and properly care for three or more dogs. I have three children, and when they are teens, would absolutely consider allowing each child to own a dog. If the process of gaining a permit is limited to an inspection to confirm you have the appropriate resources to do so, I would be ok with it. However, if the process involved anything more, such as consultation with neighbours, or had the potential to do so later, I am concerned. For example, our neighbours down the street own two dogs. They are good dog owners, and if they decided to purchase a third, they would care for it well. However, their dog (no more than a big puppy) recently had an incident where it scared our stock. It was fine, the owner was wonderful, we understand and we all get on well€ but I can see a situation where someone in our position took against the neighbours dogs and prevented a responsible dog owner getting a third dog.

Id be ok if the limit was higher (five?), or if I was certain the permit only required confirmation you have appropriate resources.

I do also wonder how this works for someone with one dog who has a litter of puppies they proceed to find homes for. Its reasonable to expect some people will have five or six dogs on the property for eight weeks or so in that situation. Many people responsibly and carefully breed well-cared for and loved dogs without setting themselves up as large-scale breeders.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

I dont have thoughts one way or another on this

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

I dont have thoughts one way or another on this

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

I dont have thoughts one way or another on this

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3168

Submitter name/organisation: Craig Gillibrand

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3167

Submitter name/organisation: Iain Marks

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3163

Submitter name/organisation: R Erlank

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

The very purpose of living rural is to have many animals. I have 3 registered dogs who enjoy having plenty of space. I should not be penalized for it, pay extra for council fees for a permit seeing I already pay for 3 registrations. I would much rather see the stray cats attended to. I do not support the proposed dog control policy.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3161

Submitter name/organisation: Ben Naidoo

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3160

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Please see attachment. I also fully endorse and support the submission opposing the proposal to make Te Awa Reserve a designated dog off-leash exercise area as submitted by Keith and Carmen Sharrock.

Submission re Changes to the Proposed Dog Control Bylaw and Policy:

I strongly object to the proposal to make the Te Awa Reserve a designated dog off-leash exercise area and put forward the following reasons:

1. There is the potential for an even larger space for the off-leash exercise area in the Tamahere Reserve if required.
2. The existing playground equipment at the Te Awa Reserve is well used and would entail unnecessary expense should it be relocated or removed.
3. The idea of a large fence of between 1.5 and 2 metres (in order to contain all size of dogs) that would be required to keep in off-the leash dogs at the Te Awa Reserve would not be conducive to the valuable enclave of properties for which the Council currently collects considerable rates.
4. The Tamahere Reserve is more suited with it's already provided car parking, and other amenities in the vicinity.
5. It's generally recognised that fencing in parks and reserves is generally not encouraged as it reduces access options and in the case of the Te Awa Reserve to the picnic tables and river side ambience at the lower level. As per Map 29 this is no longer an option for locals and visitors to the area. This is an amenity that needs to be retained.
6. There will be additional maintenance costs. An increase of unsightly weeds growing along the fence line will be labour intensive requiring extra weed-eating and/or spraying which will take more time. The Te Awa Reserve is currently clean, tidy and well presented with minimal upkeep.
7. Homeowners in the Te Awa Road / Te Awa Lane area purchased / built their properties with the current existing facilities in situ, ie. Family friendly playground and reserve for recreational activities and pleasure close to the river. The establishment of a fenced dog off-leash exercise area would remove existing amenities.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3159

Submitter name/organisation: John Gregory

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Support limiting the number of dogs in rural areas to two.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Support:

- dogs are no longer prohibited from being within 10 metres of a playground
- to limit dogs on sport field surfaces
- to prohibit dogs from cemeteries,

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

see comments below for the only area I have knowledge of.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

With reference to Tamahere proposals:

Councils stated aim of the review is "..... to address problems associated with dogs"

1) as a regular user of the Te Awa reserve there are no problems! The river side track, for the reasons stated, is no longer use

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3158

Submitter name/organisation: Kathryn Debenham for Waikato & Districts Collie Club

Attachment: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato & Districts Collie Club Inc

PRESIDENT: KEITH ROBSON

SECRETARY/TREASURER: KATHRYN DEBENHAM
4C, OLD KAIMAI ROAD, RD1, TAURANGA, 3171

SUBMISSION TO WAIKATO COUNCIL

BACKGROUND

Waikato & District Collie Club was formed in 1971. The then President was Cherry Deans, later to become Cherry Simmons who is still an active Life Member today. The Vice President was Mrs Thelma Thomas, also now a Life Member. The Hamilton Kennel Association, Cambridge Kennel Association and Huntly & Districts Kennel Association gave their approval and at the end of 1971 a Christmas Social was held. A picnic day was held at the Narrows Park in February 1972 and our first Ribbon Parade was held on 5 August 1972 with Mr Kevin Skews officiating (it seemed fitting that he was able to judge once again for the Club at Ngaruawahia, it was to be his last appointment before retiring). In order to raise money for the Club a very hard-working committee set out to cater for the public at various All Breeds Show and events around the Waikato area. For many years these hard workers went beyond the call of duty and raised many thousands of dollars to help finance judges from overseas and to keep the Club in a reasonable financial position, covering costs for newsletters, socials, championship shows etc.

In the beginning the Club was just for Rough and Smooth Collies but soon, due to popular demand, Border and Bearded Collie breeds were added to the Club. Our zone of influence covers a large area between Huntly overbridge and the 39th parallel including Taupo. The current committee endeavours to hold functions in areas ranging from Rotorua, Taupo, Tauranga, to Ngaruawahia but our home base seems to be in Cambridge. We have a regular newsletter that is suitable for all collie owners regardless of pedigree. Information is obtained from various different sites on the internet, overseas sister Club magazines and Club members throughout NZ and Australia. We look forward to new members throughout the year. At different times we offer Show Training Classes, advice on the various Collie breeds, can recommend breeders, grooming tips and in general anything to do with Collies.

PURPOSES OF THE CLUB

We are a group of dedicated collie breeders and exhibitors who undertake:

- a. To promote the breeding of all varieties recognised by New Zealand Kennel Club (Trading as DogsNZ) of pedigree Collies, and to maintain the established New Zealand Kennel Club standard which shall be accepted as the sole standard in breeding and awarding prizes of merit.
- b. To encourage interest in breeding in accordance with the New Zealand Kennel Club (Trading as DogsNZ) Breeders Code of Ethics and showing of all varieties of pedigree Collies.
- c. To do all in the power of the Club to protect and advance the interests of the breeds by supporting approved Shows, the holding of Parades, Open shows, Championship Shows, Obedience, Agility and any other events related to the Collie Breeds.
- d. To promote the health testing of all varieties of pedigree collie breeds
- e. To assist and advise all members and others interested in the breeds.
- f. To educate buyers in respect to feeding/ accommodation/ companionship

The Club was approached by Tracey Oakes, Animal Control Leader to submit feedback on proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy in the Waikato District.

OUR VIEWS

The Club does not support the current proposals that have been put forward by The Council and believe it will cause more problems than solving the few the Council are trying to solve.

Breeders who are members of DogsNZ are more likely to live rural than urban as their numbers tend to fluctuate as they breed to improve the standard of their dogs. They are professionals who have made large investments in their dogs and their dogs' welfare. They have breeding dogs, show dogs, young puppies kept for evaluation, and older retired dogs not able to be used for breeding or showing any more. Often rescue dogs of their breed are taken in too while new homes are sought. Protecting the dogs, focusing on the welfare of all the dogs in their care and minimising nuisance to their neighbours and the public are all paramount concerns.

Breeders, like any others in the farming and livestock business treat their dogs as valuable assets and understand the need to provide them with safe secure conditions as any "working dogs".

Changes to the status quo would be problematic. A fixed number permit would require changing regularly as dog numbers fluctuate considerably over a year. These changes would prove a huge administrative burden for the Council and changes would be both time-consuming and not cost effective to maintain. The costs to the Council and the breeder would outweigh any benefits the Council might hope for. It would not address the behaviours and ills this change is trying to aim for.

Registered breeders with DogsNZ are responsible dog owners who must abide by the Codes of ethics and animal welfare promoted and regulated by DogsNZ. They would be unfairly penalised for the appalling behaviour of the few who are not registered with DogsNZ that cause problems. We understand only 7 properties over 5 years have caused issues with 156 dogs under poor welfare conditions, mainly unregistered dogs. Therefore, we cannot see how this permit proposal will address these serious issues and these irresponsible dog owners. The unintended consequences would be to just target good, regulated owners for the few bad ones.

Healthy dogs need regular exercise for their health and the proposal to remove off-leash areas takes away options for people to do this safely. Specific off-leash areas need to be provided to improve the safety for dogs and people. Places like the Plimmerton Dog park in Porirua are a good example of what can be achieved, and groups like ourselves could be approached to organise what is needed and also for assistance in getting set up. Including accessible bins for poo disposal encourages all people to dispose of this properly and not leave a mess for others to walk in or clean up.

Access to safe places to swim off lead is also beneficial e.g. for dogs with post cruciate surgery during their rehabilitation. It is also good for overweight dogs to exercise safely with less risk. So many beach and river access-ways are banned to dogs that specific, safe areas, developed for dogs would be beneficial. During off season times when areas have limited other use such as beaches in winter could have designated off leash times.

Like many changes to the dog regulation, it is often poorly targeted to the ills and behaviours the Council are trying to address. Instead, it adversely affects the responsible dog owner and in our case breeders and, in reality, does not work against the irresponsible dog owners and breeders.

SOME IDEAS FOR WORKABLE PROPOSALS

We believe that Breeders registered with DogsNZ should be given a exemption from the permit system in much the same way as farmers with their working dogs. One could almost argue the case that such

Registered Breeders have “working dogs”. They are certainly well trained, kept securely and treated with as much love and care as any farmers working dogs.

Being registered with DogsNZ should be a prerequisite to any exemption given to dog breeders and ensures that Breeders and dog owners are committed to the care and containment of their dogs as required by the Regulator DogsNZ. In a sense the Council would be working alongside the responsible Association who in turn are regulated by DogsNZ.

This would mean that the Council could continue to target the people and dogs it needs to while limiting the unintended consequences of a broad-brush approach.

Thank you.

Kathryn Debenham

Secretary of Waikato and Districts Collie Club.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3156

Submitter name/organisation: Wendy Kemp

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I agree that there should be monitoring on the number of dogs on a property. But I don't agree that restricting the number of dogs and applying a permit is the perfect tool to monitor.

I don't think the proposed policy is clear on what/who is included and excluded.

I would like to see a bit more put into the policy to allow it to be fair to dog owners and allow the Council to monitor appropriately.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3155

Submitter name/organisation: Esme

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I hope that the council will actually listen this time. The country is getting more dog friendly and you need only to look at European countries to see how much dogs are part of peoples lives in every aspect - able to go to cafes, holidays etc

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Seriously - you should be creating more places for families to go with their pets - and giving a few to only take it away at a later date is not acceptable.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3154

Submitter name/organisation: Gloria Natrass

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?
2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?
2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3153

Submitter name/organisation: Kelsey Cole

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Dogs are becoming more and more part of family life in NZ (just take a look at the number of cafes and holiday accommodation that now allows dogs) and yet the council wants to reduce the number of areas that families can go to with their dogs! On top of that you are creating high density housing which means for children and families and their dogs to be able to be outside and enjoy the fresh air and getting exercise they need place to go! You keep talking about kids being obese but then don't have places they can do and play with their dogs - catch a wake up!!! And I won't even start about farm dogs - get off your office chairs and realise that farm life is not urban life.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

As above

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

All said in my initial further comments

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3152

Submitter name/organisation: Isabel

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

By doing this is causing another problem for yourselves because people will start not registering there dogs which will lead to bigger council problems. Also myself and many other people I know have hobbies that involve there dogs such as agility, showing and trials. Many of us have or intend to have more than 2 dogs to be able to compete in these hobbies.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Although it states working dogs are exempt, most lifestyle block owners who Tecnically don't have working dogs but live rurally and have fully fenced sections and moved away from the city to a rural lifestyle and dogs who can live happy life's outside of town life and roam the rural section. There's plenty of room for more than 2 dogs per house hold.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

No, it is down to the owner to decide if there dog is responsible off leash.myself and many others I know spend hours and hours training our dogs to behave off the leash and it would be a terrible waste and a disappointment to the waikato Council if all this hard work of training was wasted

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option I - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3151

Submitter name/organisation: Ed Brennan

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Council should be working within the structure of the Dog Control Act and leave the Animal welfare Act to the SPCA inspectors who are trained and warranted to do that job. Waikato dog control officers have minimal education maybe council should focus on this and owner education, this is within your scope of practice. Council should be working with the SPCA not trying expand your workload and the costs to your ratepayers.

And how can you say council care about dog welfare and remove 7 or so dog parks at the same time. You should be working with your ratepayers to improve dog parks not removing them.

You are supposed to work for your rate payers, that is the fundamental purpose of your job.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Make the current parks better.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

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Submission ID: 3150

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

I strongly object to the proposal to make the Te Awa Reserve a designated dog off-leash exercise area. I fully endorse the submission and points raised as submitted by Keith and Carmen Sharrock in relation to the Te Awa Reserve. It should be retained as

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Submission ID: 3149

Submitter name/organisation: Katrina Clarke

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Once again, good dog owners are being penalised for the actions of bad dog owners.

We live rural so we can have multiple dogs without a permit. Our dogs are well exercised, trained for dog sports and are better behaved than a lot of children!

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Banning dogs on sports fields (Whatawhata and Te Kowhai) is another example of penalising the good dog owners. I regularly use Whatawhata sports field & always pickup after our dogs. I avoid using it while sports are on. The "bad" dog owners that don't register their dogs, don't pick up after their dogs and let their dogs wander are still going to be causing issues and this change is not going to solve this.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option I - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. **Any further comments?**

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Submission ID: 3146

Submitter name/organisation: Sarah Jarvis

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

I agree to limiting the number of dogs on a rural property to 2.

We have a neighbour who breeds dogs and has multiple at times & it is very annoying with barking etc

I don't have a problem with dogs in Cemeteries.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Te Awa Reserve area is NOT an ideal dog space.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Fencing off an area near the Tamahere Reserve and Community Centre is best idea. There is plenty of space there for all. We would use this space if fenced fully - similar to Leamington Dog Park.

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Submission ID: 3145

Submitter name/organisation: Maxine Hayler

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I would like to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw of 2015. I am a registered Dogs NZ Breeder. All of my dogs are registered with WDC. I do not agree that more than two dogs in rural areas, excluding working dogs, should be required to be permitted. I see this as trying to kill an ant with a sledgehammer, as the council's own information states that there has been a handful of welfare issues with mostly unregistered dogs over a period of five years. Surely these complaints should be addressed by using the Animal Welfare Act. Persistent, substantiated barking problems could be addressed with fines. Penalising good responsible dog owners of multiple dogs by requiring them to be permitted, be unfairly restricted with dog numbers and pay more fees, is a radical proposal by the WDC. Surely good owners should be rewarded with reduced fees.

As a Dogs NZ Registered Breeder we are required to adhere to Codes of Conduct and Codes of Welfare, from which fines and penalties can be taken by Dogs NZ if these codes are broken. Dogs NZ Breeders are also as a requirement of being a registered breeder expected to take back any unwanted or dogs that need homing that they have bred. This then under the new proposed legislation would possibly not allow us to do this if it exceeds stated permitted numbers, therefore putting us in breach of the Dogs NZ requirements and also potentially causing animal welfare issues. Also if we had difficulty rehoming breeding dogs, this would mean if the numbers were exceeded we would either be faced with desperately trying to rehome to possibly unsuitable homes, put them to sleep or sell good breeding stock or pets to be within the required numbers. This is an horrendous prospect to a person like me who loves all her dogs as pets and requires that they go to top notch homes. This is an animal welfare issue in the making!!

The proposed changes in the Bylaw would leave owners of more than two vulnerable to potential personal grievances or disagreements with Neighbours who could fabricate complaints for personal reasons.

I fully understand the concern around the few who neglect and abuse dogs. I have often been distressed by these situations myself as an animal lover and very much advocate stricter monitoring these people and stronger powers to enforce welfare codes and standards, but disagree that this should be the role of council and cannot see how issuing permits would address this issue. Council would do well to fund and implement good dog ownership education and fund the likes of the SPCA instead of spending money on travelling around properties of good dog owners who haven't been subject of complaints, and all the other costs involved in the issuing of permits.

An owner of 1 or 2 dogs can, as I'm sure you're aware, can just as easily abuse or neglect their dogs or have nuisance barking issues with the dogs. People prone to neglect their dogs could also have all

looking to be at a certain standard for known inspection dates then go back to unideal management practices once they have their permit.

The whole proposal is looking to give council far more power than is healthy and that it is too open to potential misuse.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I am not in agreement with section 2, j as explained above

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3143

Submitter name/organisation: Anna Lindstrom

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

WDC vision 'is that we work together as a district to build liveable, thriving and connected communities as our district grows'.

I understand the need to reassess whether the bylaw is serving the council and the community, but I do not feel that the council has engaged with the rural community that the changes are going to affect the most.

The reasoning behind the changes proposed are based on 58 complaints over 5 years relating to 7 properties having more than 3 plus dogs and were according to Council mainly unregistered dogs. I do not know how changing the bylaw/policy is going to make any difference to people who will not register their dogs.

For those of us who have registered all of our dogs, it feels like the council are picking on a minority group and placing extra hoops for us to jump through even though we have complied with the current laws.

If council wishes to ensure that the policy is 'fair', the permit should be extended to every single place/owner that has more than 2 dogs-including farmers. These people are no different to me, why have they not been targeted?

As an owner of 4 dogs (one of which has traveled the world with me and is now an old lady), I am lucky to live on 5 acres and in a rural zone giving my dogs the space to live the 'good life' and the thought that I potentially would have to give them up due to not meeting the respective criteria for this particular permit is really distressing.

From the information that has been provided, the Councillors/council have decided to make owning more than 2 dogs a permit able scenario, but no clear indications on how or what criteria I will need to fulfill to be able to keep my dogs.

I currently pay annual registration fees for all my dogs, have SOP status (which means that I paid for an Animal Control Officer to come and check my property was suitably fenced for the dogs and that they had suitable housing and access to clean water AND that I did not have any other infringements or complaints in regards to the dogs).

It would be better to focus on education, making the district dog friendly by having more exercise areas and ensuring that all dogs are registered; offer more incentives for registration rather than imposing policies that will lead to more people not registering their dogs. Incentives, such as reduced registration fees for every dog registered.

The SOP incentive is a huge bonus as it offers a reduced fee.

Welfare of dogs-I understand that SPCA is meant to deal with this aspect of Animal Welfare and that WDC/ACO's are required to ensure Dog Control and prevent danger to the public which amounts to uplifting wandering dogs, aggressive/menacing, surrendered or abandoned dogs. Of the 58 complaints over the 5 years concerning 7 rural properties with 156 dogs, how many of the dogs were uplifted due to welfare concerns? What were the complaints? Did those properties/owners have the dogs registered? How many dogs were on each property and if this dog bylaw/policy was in place, would it have changed the outcome for those dogs? Would this new bylaw/policy make them register their dogs if they were not registered?

How many complaints were made for urban dog properties? How have these been resolved?

A liveable, thriving and connected community includes dogs and the need to get all dogs registered, provide the space for dogs to be exercised safely and be safe for all that use the spaces.

Education and being connected to the community through a non confrontational means will be far beneficial for all concerned, rather than targeting the rural minority who meet the criteria of the current dog bylaw/policy and are good dog owners. The 3 E's approach that council have said that they will pursue, engagement and education before enforcement, has suddenly become "ENFORCEMENT" for 900 plus rural owners and is directed at the wrong group of law abiding dog owners.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Nothing in the policy to clarify:

When dog is impounded, are you able to visit it?

When the dog is in the pound, is it exercised?

Do you have right of appeal when dog is impounded?

How do those with limited income assisted to pay off impound fees/fines?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

If council are going to take away exercise areas, whether on lead or off leash, it is pertinent to provide another suitable area.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

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Submission ID: 3142

Submitter name/organisation: Rachel Dellar, Hydropaws Ltd

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

The proposed changes do NOT address the issue that have largely been caused by unregistered dogs.

There has been NO costing to staff time for the proposed changes which involves permits over a large region.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

As above

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Dogs need large safe spaces where they can be exercised off lead for their mental and physical well-being.

Changes involve closing existing dog parks that are well used and further restricts access for responsible dog owners.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Neither of these offer sufficient space or safety for dogs to be exercised off lead.

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Submission ID: 3141

Submitter name/organisation: Aletta

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

What the hell is wrong with you people?

Are you planning on just getting rid of every single bloody animal in this country???

Wth? How are we supposed to exercise our dogs properly when you're removing so many dog friendly locations. It boggles my mind how you treat animals (ALL ANIMALS) here. Limiting dog friendly places will lead to more unsocialised dogs and then you'll end up having a fit about that too and they'll end up barking and whining more when they can't go for walks and have to wait for their owners to have time to DRIVE to the closest dog friendly spots. Wth is wrong with you? Did you even think this through???

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

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Submission ID: 3139

Submitter name/organisation: Jon Randall Farrant

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Grandfather clause needed for existing properties that already have three or more dogs. People should not be penalised for existing situations where dogs are being cared for responsibly.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Definite no to Option One - Te Awa Reserve: This reserve is not central or convenient to a large portion of the Tamahere population. As such extra traffic, people and dogs will change the nature of the area from a quiet corner of Tamahere to a thoroughfare into what is a no exit road. As our property is on the road to the reserve we do not appreciate extra traffic to the reserve. Likewise, we concur with neighbours who properties directly border the reserve as we do not believe that they should endure extra noise from cars and barking dogs, plus they should not be open to their properties being encroached upon dogs taken to the river, nor have their pets endangered by same said dogs. Furthermore, who is responsible for dogs eating rabbit baits that are laid down near river bank.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Option 2 is central, convenient and easily accessible to the entire Tamahere population. It only has a single bordering property with extensive fencing. This property already endures traffic noises from the freeway and the primary school and hence any arg

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Submission ID: 3138

Submitter name/organisation: Pat van der Maas

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Dogs need the ability to get out and run

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3137

Submitter name/organisation: Merv Johnston

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3136

Submitter name/organisation: Dr Bill Lewis

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

What is proposed by the council has in some areas little or no substantive data to support the conclusion reached.

For example "In clause 11 in the bylaw, we propose to limit the number of dogs in rural zones to two dogs per property. Three or more dogs would require a Council permit. This is because at times large numbers of dogs are being kept unsafely on rural properties. Over the last five years, Council has received 58 complaints about multiple dogs in rural areas. This has led to 156 dogs being found in poor conditions and showing signs of neglect".

What are the statistics behind the statement?

Please refer to the next section.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

This is an extension of the comment in the above section.

There is little or no statistical basis for the conclusions reached

Where were the 156 dogs in poor condition found? Were they all at one, two of 58 locations?

How many of the 58 complaints were valid?

If the complaints were evenly spread across the "at least 5 years" (interesting statistical value) this is less than 1 per month at the most.

Now the conclusion reached:

If the planned change to the by-law is enacted is there data that suggests a reduction to 2 dogs per property will have a "positive" effect on the perceived problem of "dog neglect"?

If there is validity to this change to the "Dog Control Bylaw" then there should be specifics to the meaning of safety and probably how many dogs are appropriate in a property.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

There is little or no "shared" rationale behind the changes to specific locations under the management control of the Waikato District Council. Before changes are made this rationale should be shared with those within the Council area.

I reiterate:

If the planned change to the by-law is enacted is there data that suggests a reduction to 2 dogs per property will have a "positive" effect on the perceived problem of "dog neglect"?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

This area has no effect on those of us who live in the northern part of the region. However other off-leash areas where changes are planned do have a direct impact on us.

Please send a copy of my submission to my email address.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3134

Submitter name/organisation: Joanna Scott-Kennel and Paul Kennel

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

It needs to address dog control and dog behaviour (ie. owner) issues, not the number of dogs owned. This needs to be on an individual basis, focussed on problem dogs/owners, not as a blanket requirement for permits for more than 2 dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Dear Council

This letter is by way of a submission in response to your proposed by-law change relating to dog ownership and, as is the focus of this letter, off-lead walking areas.

Specifically, given the determinations in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), and the Dog Control Act 1996 as foundation for this proposal, we argue that the proposed off-lead areas are not adequate to provide substance to the following objective: 4. The exercise and recreation needs of dogs and their owners.

Need for large off-leash areas.

We oppose the removal of off leash dog parks in Waikato. Specifically, in the Tamahere district where there are no suitable spaces to exercise dogs off lead. The one-off lead area currently is small, unfenced and too close to a childrens play area. It supposedly has river access but the banks are unstable and the track is not maintained. The proposed area is unsuitable being far too small, with no amenities.

Off lead areas need to be of suitable sized so that dogs have room to run, separation of large and small dogs, shade, water and waste disposal areas. Ideally, including a path or track that all can enjoy. Dogs need the ability to exercise off lead and in social settings. Rather than restricting dogs to inappropriately small areas, they should be allowed to be exercised unleashed in public areas providing that they are under control.

As owners of only one dog, our main concern is that more off leash walking areas are provided and that they are fit-for-purpose. Neither of the suggestions (grassed area at Te Awa or small area in Tamahere Park) are suitable as dog exercise (off-leash) areas, due to their lack of accessibility or size to exercise dogs in.

Need for exercise, socialisation and space

Off-leash areas are so important for maintaining healthy, well-adjusted dogs (and their owners). Standing around in a very small area, such as the one proposed as an off-leash area next to the Tamahere Community Centre carpark, will not work – especially since there are quite a few dogs that use the park.

It's so important that dogs (and owners) can use public parks to walk, play & socialize - it's good exercise, and stops the dogs from getting bored during the day and annoying neighbours with barking and roaming.

Further, we are obligated under the Animal Welfare Act and the Dog Control Act provide our dogs with exercise. The Dog Code of Welfare states in Minimum Standard 13 that dogs must receive daily exercise sufficient to maintain their health and well-being. This means that large and accessible off-lead areas are needed to support the good welfare of dogs.

Allowing us to share the park to do what we enjoy with the dogs helps bring the community together (and our use of the Park in off-peak times still allows plenty of time for sports, kids activities etc. during the day and weekends).

Our dogs are part of our families, and we like to be able to include them in family activities, and not to have to travel to Cambridge or Hamilton to give them a walk every day. I bring the kids to school and the dog to the park, then head to work. Including dogs makes for better dogs - they learn correct behaviour around other dogs and people.

We want to use and care for our park, not have our dogs tied up at home.

Summation of our submission

We oppose the proposed changes, and do not favour either option for dog exercise areas in Tamahere. Dogs are numerous in Tamahere (800+) and places to walk them very few. Te Awa and other reserves are rather too small, distant or inconvenient to access - which is why they are not being used. Tamahere park should be there for all to use – our leisure activity is just as important as those doing sports, or using the school and playground nearby.

We hope the council can give consideration to those living in the Tamahere residential area who need green space to walk their dogs. Where we live there are no footpaths and we have a few stock on our property, so it's really important to be able to go somewhere the dog can run around.

We have lived in Tamahere for over 10 years now, and waited for the park before we got our dog - and hope that we'll be allowed to continue our walks there.

Currently, we walk our dog early weekday mornings at Tamahere Park, along with several other good dog owners, whose dogs are registered and under control, and we would love to continue this.

Specifically, we'd like to propose an alternative option. Dogs allowed off leash at Tamahere Park (and other areas) during off-peak times, ie. before 9am and after 6pm, on leash at other times. This would allow more people to enjoy the park without compromising other activities.

Our dogs are well-behaved and we take very good care of the park - we all take poo bags and pick up litter as we walk. No one else uses the park early in the morning except for dog walkers! This alternative option would also mean minimal cost associated with dedicated " and probably poorly used " dog exercise areas.

Finally, let us reiterate the need for dogs to be socialized, integrated with society, exercised off leash at suitable locations to ensure a well-balanced sociable dog that doesn't present issues in the community. Council needs to play its part in providing suitable dog parks, or at least not restricting our use of existing green spaces to the point where good dog owners (and their families) feel like they are second class citizens marginalised to the smallest, least desirable patches of public dirt.

warmest regards

Joanna Scott-Kennel and Paul Kennel

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Proposed areas are too small and inadequate as exercise areas. Please see submission letter above for details.

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Submission ID: 3133

Submitter name/organisation: K Sanders

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I see this as nothing but revenue seeking with no animal welfare in mind at all.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

As above!

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Ceser Millans first rule of thumb is exercise. Exercise is limited on lead and a lack of exercise creates 'misbehaved dogs'.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3132

Submitter name/organisation: Lucie Hustler

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I am a NZ resident and my husband is a NZ citizen. We are currently visiting NZ from UK intending to move back and buy a house here. My family are all citizens and some live and work in NZ. We are very sorry to hear the measures you are considering which, if they go ahead, will adversely impact on our decision to buy property in the Waikato Region.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

We believe that the current rules, if enforced effectively, should be sufficient. Many dog lovers like myself, own more than 2 dogs. Many of us breed, work and love and care for our dogs well and in my experience we are generally amongst the more knowledgeable and proactive owners with excellent canine care and control. Please do not alienate these owners, who would be unfairly penalised by this proposed change. There are other, fairer ways to target the owners and dogs that exhibit unwanted behaviour.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

There should be no reduction in exercise areas if at all possible.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

I do not know the details so cannot pass comment

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3131

Submitter name/organisation: Adrienne Fraser

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Both of the proposed areas are much too small. Dogs can feel threatened if an area is too small and it can cause tension and stress. It would be wonderful to have a large dog exercise area in Tamahere!! Either that or allowing times where dogs can be off

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Submission ID: 3128

Submitter name/organisation: Lynne Fredericksen

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Off lead exercise areas are essential for dogs to be able to freely run around. The changes in the Tamahere area means this will not be allowed.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

An area that is safe for dogs off lead

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3124

Submitter name/organisation: Alastair & Sheila Haslam

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

There seems little difference between having two , or three dogs. Is there any logic or data to fix the number at two?. It will then beg suitability criteria (which can be debated) & impose judgement by Council staff (which then may need an appeal system)

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Both have their points. Te Awa is at one boundary of the district Why does the Te Awa choice need removal of the playground. It could be fenced off. There would need to be additional carparking on the road

Tamahere is at least central to the district. But

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Submission ID: 3121

Submitter name/organisation: Kim Foster

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I have lived in the Waikato for about 9 years now, during that time I have always been rural and had at least 2 dogs or more. Prior to this I lived semi rural on 2 other properties and had 1 -2 dogs during that time over a span of about 10 years. During this 20 year period, I have not had one complaint for any of my dogs.

I always abide by the rules, I am extremely careful and fully responsible for my dogs. I am surrounded by farms (cows and sheep) and not once has any of my dogs ever jumped the fence, or entered a farms property or street. I consider myself to be thorough and very careful, when considering their safety and those around me be it animal or person.

One of the main reasons I moved to my current property was my ambition to create a hobby breeding kennel to enhance and improve the Working Line German Shepherd breed. I have supplied pups to the Police, Search and Rescue among other working roles. I was able to supply good quality animals for purposes that I feel most would consider to be very important. I am proud of my accomplishments. I can not continue this however, should I only be allowed 2 dogs on my property. This would be disappointing and sad frankly, since I have put so much effort and soul into the quality of animals I own and breed, but more than that, the love and adoration I have for each of them.

Please consider all that I have said when you make you're decision. I am and always have been an avid dog lover, they really are such an inspirational animal, and fill so many important roles in life. I would very much like to be able to continue having my dogs around me, and enjoy each and every one of them for a long time to come.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3120

Submitter name/organisation: Catherine Wakelin

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

The riverbank walkway has significantly eroded and requires maintenance, the walkway is now very limited, and there are large rabbit holes “ having already lost a dog to going down a rabbit hole and it collapsing on him I do not take my small dogs down to this park.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

The Council should change the designation of the Te Awa Reserve grassed area from on leash to off leash to accommodate the huge number of local residents who exercise and socialise with their dogs in this area.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Te Awa Road Reserve is an important dog exercise park to retain, but it is small and there is very limited parking.

The other proposal is to fence the area at the Tamahere Park. Tamahere ratepayers need both parks to be designated as dog exercise areas. This is my preferred option as it is closer to the majority of the Tamahere population, has a large parking area, and many people can also walk there. There are ample rubbish bins and the path around the park is easy to walk on.

If the entire Tamahere park is not open to dogs then a larger dog exercise area is also absolutely required in Tamahere.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

The proposed flat area at the Tamahere park near the school is far too small. Instead of this there could be a time frame where dog owners are allowed to walk their dogs off the leash. Perhaps before 8.30am and after 6pm, signs up asking people to keep th

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Submission ID: 3118

Submitter name/organisation: Michelle Guy

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3116

Submitter name/organisation: K

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3115

Submitter name/organisation: Rebecca Corcoran

Attachment: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

To whom it may concern,

I do not agree with the proposed changes to the dog bylaws and policy. It has become evident (through comments made in the live recordings, such as the comment regarding mongrel dogs that he would like to shoot) that some councillors and Mayor are proposing the changes for personal reasons rather than what is in the best interest of the community and the welfare of the animals. The facts do not appear to support the necessity of the changes and not enough information is being provided to allow a truly informed decision to be made.

The permit for more than two dogs only serves to disadvantage the good dog owners and put more pressure on the animal control staff. Animal control staff will have to spend more time on property checks and issuing of the permits instead of dealing with the actual problems eg loose /wandering animals. An average of 6 complaints per year out of an average of 3000 plus complaints for properties with more than two dogs, a majority of which were not registered, does not justify the proposed change. The council have admitted that a permit will not allow them to seize the dogs if there is a problem and that they do have a range of other measures in place for offending parties. The policy will prevent good owners from taking in extra dogs that may otherwise end up dead or in bad situations, such as assisting with emergency foster care. If you have a neighbour you don't get on with for unrelated reasons they could prevent your permit approval, any changes in the permit holders situation can result in having to reapply again at additional cost, we are also being asked to agree to a proposal/policy that has yet to be included and all the information on how it will work is yet to be provided/worked out.

The closure of multiple dog parks and more restrictions on where dogs can be off lead would be detrimental to the well being of the dogs and community. Dogs need adequate exercise and mental stimulation. When off lead dogs are able to cover more ground and sniff freely, this provides more exercise and mental stimulation than they would get on lead and in a shorter amount of time. The off lead areas are not just used by those in the waikato region but those in the greater community, visitors to the area and those that are passing though. When I lived in hamilton I would drive to the Ngaruawhia exercise area as it was fenced, recently I found myself in a situation where my mobility was restricted, having an area in which my dogs could run free was extremely important. The changes in the policy/bylaw could result in an increase in unwanted behaviour as the needs of the dogs are no longer being met, no one likes to be in lockdown.

Regards
Rebecca Corcoran

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Submission ID: 3113

Submitter name/organisation: Robert & Jillian E Hayton

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

You propose to remove seven off-leash areas in the district and various other restrictions, apparently without adequate replacement. What do you think the result will be?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

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Your information section above is so poorly presented that it is not possible for a layperson to understand the distinction between Bylaw (2015) and Policy (2022) implications.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

The current riverbank off-leash area at Te Awa is infested with rabbits, requiring regular baiting and it would seem quite possible for off-leash dogs to also get into trouble chasing them or perhaps eating their remains. It is also currently combined with

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Submission ID: 3112

Submitter name/organisation: Kim Elswood

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I don't agree with the 2 dog maximum limit.

I do agree with allowing dogs to be on the sidelines of sports fields.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I don't think it's necessary to amend the current rule around vet death certificates. Most responsible owners who register their dogs would complying with this.

People who can't be bothered with this, probably won't be bothered to register their dogs in the first place.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Purpose built safe, fenced enclosures should be provided but as there is no future funding secured to provide fencing, existing areas should remain open until such time as fencing of new areas can be completed.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

No preference because I think they should both be available.

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Submission ID: 3111

Submitter name/organisation: David Phipps

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

This proposal victimises the majority of dog owners who are responsible because of a few noncompliant people. You are using a sledgehammer to hit a pin.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Money can be better spent on educating people to be good dog owners than by changing the bylaws for no good reason. There is adequate legislation already in place.

The idea that rural dog owners who want to keep more than 2 dogs should have to apply for a permit (and have inspections) is unwarranted given that the number of complaints relate to only a very few owners who are irresponsible and whose dogs are not registered.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Given that the Government is now allowing infill housing and there are likely to be more dog owners in the district, more exercise areas in accessible places are needed, not less.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Neither is suitable by way of size and location especially for medium and larger dogs which need bigger areas for off-leash exercise. Any exercise parks must be fully fenced and have water and clean-up facilities.

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Submission ID: 3110

Submitter name/organisation: **Withheld**

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Please keep my name confidential.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

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Submission ID: 3109

Submitter name/organisation: Sarah Wright

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Setting the limit to 2 dogs on a rural property does not take into account the genuine breeders of purebred dogs - you are punishing everyone because of a few that are totally irresponsible with their dogs. I breed pedigree dogs, I only have, at any one time, one or two breeding dogs, but I keep all my retired dogs - so I would easily exceed the limit of 2 dogs. I do not want to treat my dogs as breeding units and as soon as they are no longer productive I have to get rid of them, just to try to keep under this limit - it makes no sense. While I don't live in Waikato, at some stage I may move, but it would certainly deter me from moving into Waikato. And if one council does this change, other councils will use it as a precedent, hence why I am voicing my disapproval

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3106

Submitter name/organisation: Christa Krey

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

156 dogs out of 1500 is just over 1%. Using that as an excuse to restrict ownership numbers to two, is like banning cars because there are some reckless drivers. Responsible breeders of pedigree dogs usually live in the country to have room to exercise their dogs. Restricting numbers has never worked to weed out neglect. Two dogs can be as much of a problem in the wrong hands as ten or more.

I want to be represented by the appointed lawyer on the day of the hearing.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I don't personally know the exercise areas, so can't comment on those

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

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Submission ID: 3104

Submitter name/organisation: Suzanne Hobbs

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

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Submission ID: 3103

Submitter name/organisation: Carmen page

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not support the dog per property proposed by law, I fail to understand how limited numbers will control the likes of the people in Huntly who have dangerous dogs, I most cases these dogs are not registered anyway so how on earth will you enforce this bylaw! The bylaw will only affect law abiding dog owners who register, train and love their dogs, you would be better to concentrate your efforts and rate payers money on providing better dog control to track down these Rouge owners. Again punishing the good people.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3102

Submitter name/organisation: Paul Kite

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

You have not properly planned any of this. You are increasing costs for ratepayers and punishing those of us that are responsible dog owners because there are some bad dog owners you have failed to properly manage!

Dogs need exercise areas to remain engaged, non aggressive members of the family.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

As above. Increases in costs to run this hair brained scheme are extortionate. The council has shown disregard for the people who elected them with these frivolous spends that will make no changes to the problem they are currently not able to manage of a few bad dogs ruining everything for the majority - well cared for dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Look at Napier council or any other council and they are investing in more - better facilities for dogs. Not WDC though. They just take things away and put in restrictions. A new dog exercise area in a new affluent area will hardly solve any of your current issues. Not even close to being central for everyone to use.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Couldn't care less. Its over an hour from where I live.

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Submission ID: 3099

Submitter name/organisation: Joe Ryan

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

In relation to: Limiting the number of dogs in rural areas to two. Three or more dogs would require a Council permit. (Note: there are some exemptions, including working dogs). In the past five years, Council has received 58 complaints about multiple dogs in rural areas. This has led to 156 dogs being found in poor conditions and showing signs of neglect.

I strongly disagree with this amendment because:

* I am a responsible dog owner of 3 hunting dogs and over time may require more dogs. I shouldn't be penalised because of irresponsible dog owners. They should be held accountable.

* I have invested a lot of money caring for my dogs i.e. vet costs, food, kennels and runs and their enclosure. I think I already pay enough as a ratepayer not mention my water meter and rubbish stickers that were once part of my rates. I have no doubt there will be extra additional costs associated with this new policy.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Not applicable.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Not applicable. I exercise my dogs on farm land and bush.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3098

Submitter name/organisation: Darian Van dijk

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

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Submission ID: 3097

Submitter name/organisation: Peter and Anne Falconer

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Tamahere Park seems more suitable for a variety of reasons.

1. It would be simple to fence off an area at little cost.

2. There's plenty of parking

3. It would save the cost of moving the children's playground at Te Awa Reserve which is used regularly b

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Submission ID: 3096

Submitter name/organisation: Dinsdale Hunting Club

Attachment: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Submission Waikato District Council Dog Control Policy and Bylaw Review:

From The Dinsdale Hunting Club.

We, the Dinsdale hunting club **STRONGLY OPPOSE** the proposal to introduce permits in rural zoned areas for household with more than two non-working dogs. We also object to neighbours' consent being required to gain a permit should the bylaw pass.

The proposal has been put forward to exclusively manage issues with dog owners. One would think that we should start this through ensuring dogs are first registered and education around ownership be available. As stated in the proposal the welfare of dogs is protected – how does limiting households to 2 dogs prevent animal neglect or cruelty?

The majority of members of the Dinsdale Hunting club have multiple dogs. These hunting dogs are all registered and no member of our club has received welfare concerns around their pets. Yes, hunting dogs, are pets too. They are bred for a purpose – to provide food for families, help in the control of wild pigs that devastate livestock and native flora and fauna, exercise to encourage mental health and above all companionship. Our dogs become part of our families, often retiring to become house dogs, and when one gets hurt, they get the best care on offer. One member has spent nearly \$11,00.00 to ensure that his hunting dog had the best vet medical care possible, and this is not a one-off. Many members have spent whatever is needed to ensure that their pets (hunting dogs) are well looked after and loved. No hunter likes to have a dog hurt while on a hunt – and if they are – they are prepared with dog first aid kits, and then that dog is rushed to the nearest vet.

These are not vicious – un registered – unloved animals suffering abuse, neglect and cruelty.

To effectively hunt with dogs, you need dogs in a pack. It is dangerous for the dog and the hunter if the boar you are after is not able to be taken down with the appropriate number of dogs. No hunter wants to put his/her dogs in a position that will injure them – ever. The objective is to provide meat for families – not to injure dogs.

As Tracey Oakes has stated the only reason for this proposal is “to ensure the welfare of dogs is protected” (1st December ,2020). Whether people have one dog or multiple dogs – good owners are good owners – and over the last 5 years only seven households in rural areas have been or are of concern. So, one would think, why not put time and resources into these households and leave good, honest dog owners to do what they have always done – register, feed, house and love their dogs?

We have all brought and own properties around the Waikato so we can have our dogs with us. Asking a neighbour’s permission is simply ludicrous. One would think – if there are no complaints being made around the housing of dogs on a property why would consent be sought?

This proposal encourages people to stop registering their dogs. How with the council resources and lack of staff is this going to be enforced? No costings have been undertaken and therefore there is no resource or financial information available from council around the cost to once again law-abiding rate payers that the council seem to once again conveniently forgotten about.

The council has a responsibility to spend rate payers’ money in a way that provides effective and efficient use of resources. Not, engage in permitting of dog owners due to complaints and welfare concerns around seven households in rural areas.

Further to this, the Dinsdale Huning club would like to put forward to notion that hunting dogs are classed under working dogs.

We often receive phone calls from distressed farmers whose new lambs are being decimated by feral pigs, land made un tenable due to the destruction that wild pigs do – our dogs then **work** alongside and with the farmers to help eradicate the pigs – enabling them to keep on farming and breeding to sustain themselves and their families.

All of our hunting dogs are highly trained. They are livestock safe, kiwi safe and their only point of interest are feral pigs. They are bred and trained to only target the one animal.

The wild pig, however, doesn’t discriminate – it thinks nothing of eating new born lambs, rooting up native flora and fauna and rooting up once fertile paddocks.

The definition of work is "...to perform or carry through a task requiring sustained effort or continuous repeated operations" (Merriam-Webster dictionary 2022) ... is that not what a hunting dog does?

We would strongly suggest the council look at forming a working/sub committee to look into the classification around hunting dogs and think outside the square. Why not have hunting dogs 1. Registered (as they already are) with the WDC, and 2nd have the dogs/owners register their dogs/affiliated with a club under a second governing body NZ Pig Hunters Association – so there are 2 governing bodies able to look into the welfare issues council is trying to overcome.

We look forward to your written response to our submission.

Our club email is

dinsdalehuntingclub@gmail.com

Regards Craig Horan

President Dinsdale Hunting Club.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3095

Submitter name/organisation: Mary-Anne Tobin

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3094

Submitter name/organisation: Matthew Tobin

Attachment:

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3092

Submitter name/organisation: S Causebrook

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Why?? Rural properties can easily cope with more than 2 dogs

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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No

2. Any further comments?

Once again Why?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

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No

2. Any further comments?

Why again? Where are people that live in town supposed to run there dogs

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

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Submission ID: 3090

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

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Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option I - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Keep my name confidential

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3089

Submitter name/organisation: Vicky

Attachment:

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2. Any further comments?

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Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

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Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3088

Submitter name/organisation: Bryan Joseph McKay

Attachment:

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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In part

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Te Awa Road Reserve is an important dog exercise park to retain, but it is small and there is very limited parking. It is also important not to fence the park but to retain it as an open grassed area as it is a functional well used community asset.

The other proposal is to fence the area at the Tamahere Park. Tamahere ratepayers need both parks to be designated as dog exercise areas.

A larger dog exercise area is also absolutely required in Tamahere. Access to parks and space is essential to dogs and dog owners as we have obligations under the Animal Welfare Act and the Dog Control Act to provide our dogs with exercise. The Dog Code of Welfare sites in minimum Standard 13 that dogs must receive daily exercise sufficient to maintain their health and well-being. Thirty minutes a day is the absolute minimum and 60 minutes ideal. As ratepayers we want the Council to support local dog owners to provide these Welfare Standards within a reasonable distance from our homes.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

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- 2. Any further comments?**

OPTION 4 – BOTH THE GRASS AREA IN TE AWA RESERVE AND THE FLAT AREA BY THE ROAD IN TAMAHERE RESERVE

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3087

Submitter name/organisation: Elizabeth Dillon

Attachment:

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The Council needs to implement more dog exercise areas in each region.. Dogs are an essential part of New Zealands community and the Council has an obligation to ensure that adequate provision is available for dogs health and wellbeing.

Dogs should be accepted into all levels of community living " this includes in CBD areas, shops and public transport as happens in the UK and Europe. Let dogs into town centres, with rules for good dog behaviour and if there is a problem, then enforce those rules.

The proposal to limit the number of dogs on properties within the region is unnecessary and an expensive over reaction to a small number of poor dog owners. Good dog owners should not be penalised. Registration and follow up for those dog owners who are not following the rules as they are now is all that is required. Over legislation is ridiculous in this situation.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

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Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

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2. Any further comments?

OPTION 4 – BOTH THE GRASS AREA IN TE AWA RESERVE AND THE LAT AREA BY THE ROAD IN TAMAHERE RESERVE

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3084

Submitter name/organisation: Kathleen Kelly

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Do not support change to Rural dog numbers.

I do not support the new proposal of 'Permits' for keeping more than two dogs in rural areas.

Those with Selected owner policies already with the council have had properly inspections and been approved as responsible owners.

Traditionally rural areas have always allowed multiple dog numbers on a properly. People that participate in dog sports require multiple dogs to facilitate their ongoing recreational hobby. We have relocated from an urban area to live in a rural area to enable us to safely and without impact on neighbours own and train multiple dogs.

We are members in good standing of Dogs New Zealand (NZKC) and have our dogs to show and compete in other dog sports. When our dogs become too old to compete they are still our beloved pets and we keep them in their retirement, but to continue with our hobby and passion we need to introduce new young dogs.

Surely we have a right to be able to pursue our recreational interests on our rural property without undue, and onerous regulation by council.

With 5 complaints a year over the last 5 years, I do not believe that number to be significant enough to change the bylaw and require permits at extra cost and inconvenience to the "Good" law abiding dog owners living in rural areas, considering there are 15,000 dogs registered with the WDC. This is a very tiny percentage.

I believe that the Selected Owner Category of registration and the current

bylaws are amply sufficient for the control of any infringements regarding the keeping of dogs in the rural environment.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**

In part

- 2. Any further comments?**

No change to rural dog laws

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**

In part

- 2. Any further comments?**

I would like to swim my dog in Weavers Lake Huntly and the small lake on Kopuku Road (ex mine)

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**

- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3083

Submitter name/organisation: Kitty joyce

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

This is discrimination against legitimate dog owners who do the right thing in owning dogs big NO from me

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3082

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

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In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Reason not to have at Te Awa Reserve:

Money wasted by the probable removal/fortification of playground (Te Awa),

Lack of parking at Te Awa , increase in noise to surrounding homes, fencing may also be unsightly, people walking down to the river may not w

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Submission ID: 3081

Submitter name/organisation: Rochelle Lemberg

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

It will be affecting the wrong dog owners in the community

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3077

Submitter name/organisation: Nikhil

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

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No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

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No

2. Any further comments?

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2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3076

Submitter name/organisation: Neil Morland

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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No

2. Any further comments?

To introduce permits that require neighbour consent is outrageous. If there have been no complaints from neighbour's under the current policy why would you make it a requirement to have neighbour consent under the new policy. You show no costings as to how this permit system will be funded, how are ratepayers expected to respond based on lack of information like this is ridiculous.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Our current parks are inadequate so why would I support closing some of them.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Live too far away for this to be relevant.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3074

Submitter name/organisation: Karen

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Dogs should be allowed on leash at cemeteries. I love my dog and would hate to know he cant visit me with family if I died. Dogs are part of the family and should be allowed as a greiving family member.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Agree no more than 2 dogs as long as dosnt effect rescues who this would be prohibitive to them to keep having to reapply every time a new dog came or went. And also fostering as only temporary would a permit be required if more than 2. Dogs should be encouraged into the community. This prevents dog attacks as dogs are then used to noise and people and more adjusted. Its becoming so dogs cant even be walked to the dairy in certain areas as not allowed 'in town'. Other countries do not have our appalling statistics with dogs as dogs are allowed into cafes, public spaces, public transport etc so become part of the community not locked away never leaving their section.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

You are taking away places to walk dogs. We have to drive kms as it is and this makes it worse. Dogs are not to be left in hot cars but driving half hour to a park and then not being able to complete errands at same time is wasting petrol in times of climate change. Waikato is a large area and the one that is the least dog friendly. We go to Waipa dog parks or HCC as WAIKATO donot cater for dogs in our area. Our dog rego fees are obviously not used in our part of the Waikato. Waipa have purchased large parcels of riverside land for recreational use and yes dogs are allowed on parts of it and can access water for swims. Waikato could purchase suitable land to make a dog park in Tamahere instead of trying to squeeze dogs into space smaller than most town sections.

Could of part purchased land in Tamahere drive where countryclub is now expanding. There is land further down leased. Maybd asked if they want to sell or lease it with option to purchase.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

If any the Te awa is bigger. Tamahere reserve is not big enough for a cat let along a few dogs. Its not even worth fencing. Can the whole park be used as mostly fenced and only front of playground to do. If sports then obviously no dogs. There is already

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Submission ID: 3069

Submitter name/organisation: Alice Gasnier

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

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2. Any further comments?

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People can easily neglect one pet (for example dogs that are life chained), so limiting the number of dogs you can have does not directly result in less neglect.

Hoarder situations where dogs are neglected are surely the exception, not the rule. Perhaps the permit could be required in situations where people have more than 10 dogs. This then allows breeders following best practice to continue as they are, and doesn't impact on people that have multiple dogs that are well cared for. Or should you be found to be neglecting any dogs, you have a limit of two imposed on you, following an offence.

Restricting the number of dogs on a property to two is a very significant step. There is not restrictions on the number of other pets you can have on rural properties, and the main reason a lot of people live rurally is so they can have the number of dogs they would like to on their own property.

Companion Animals New Zealand have noted that pet dogs are having a massively increased significance in people's lives, and this amendment does not reflect the increasing role dogs are having in the lives of New Zealanders.

What will be the impact on private rescue groups that are dependent on fosterers to house their puppies and dogs while they are looking for new homes? There are so many dogs needing homes that the existing places for dogs that have physical premises don't have the space for them.

Most fosterers already have their own pet dogs, so would be severely limited on the rescue dogs they could assist, especially when some dogs need long term foster care to rehabilitate before being adoptable.

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I am supportive of removing the 10m from a playground rule for dogs, as there are several situations where it is not physically possible to be 10m away and still on a safe pathway.

If dogs are already banned from cemeteries under the cemeteries bylaw, why is it then necessary to put in place another bylaw banning them again?

With regard to the changing of the dog exercise areas, some of the changes seem very short sighted. As I have stated earlier, dogs are having an increasing role in New Zealand families lives, and taking on and increasing significance. More thought needs to be put into both providing safe and functional areas for dogs to go with their owners for exercise, and meeting the needs of public safety.

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Restricting the number of dogs on a property to two is a very significant step. There is not restrictions on the number of other pets you can have on rural properties, and the main reasons a lot of people live rurally is so they can have the number of dogs they would like to on their own property.

Companion Animals New Zealand have noted that pet dogs are having a massively increased significance in people's lives, and this amendment does not reflect the increasing role dogs are having in the lives of New Zealanders.

What will be the impact on private rescue groups that are dependent on fosterers to house their puppies and dogs while they are looking for new homes? There are so many dogs needing homes that the existing places for dogs that have physical premises don't have the space for them.

Most fosterers already have their own pet dogs, so would be severely limited on the rescue dogs they could assist, especially when some dogs need long term foster care to rehabilitate before being adoptable.

Their proposal regarding the restriction on the number of dogs, is suggested for welfare grounds, and that property inspections to provide permits will detect neglect and result in better protection for dogs. If welfare is the primary concern, how is it that property and welfare checks are not already standard, and a restriction on the number of dogs is required to start this? If animal control officers are warranted animal welfare officers (which in my opinion they should be) then if owners are not meeting the five freedoms, then the uplift process can begin regardless of how many dogs are on the property. Remembering that it's not always the case that dogs are neglected in multi dog households, but they can be neglected in single homes.

Surely there is not enough staff to carry out the inspections of properties for permits, or welfare checks would already be a standard part of the ACOs daily tasks. It seems that preemptive welfare checks (not complaint based) only seem to have become a priority when there is potential income to be generated for penalising good dog owners with extra charges to pay for a permit.

I am supportive of removing the 10m from a playground rule for dogs, as there are several situations where it is not physically possible to be 10m away and still on a safe pathway.

If dogs are already banned from cemeteries under the cemeteries bylaw, why is it then necessary to put in place another bylaw banning them again?

With regard to the changing of the dog exercise areas, some of the changes seem very short sighted. As I have stated earlier, dogs are having an increasing role in New Zealand families lives, and taking on an increasing significance. More thought needs to be put into both providing safe and functional areas for dogs to go with their owners for exercise, and meeting the needs of public safety.

The new Tuakau dog exercise area, is only going to be able to be used for less than three years, and there seems to be no further long term plan.

I understand that legislation needs to be in place to protect both the public safety and meet the needs of the dogs and their owners, these proposals however seem to fall short on meeting the needs of dog owners, and need much more consideration and discussion before the changes are made.

The purpose of the bylaw and policy states that it is to allow people to enjoy the benefits of owning a dog; it would seem, in my opinion and that of several others, that the changes proposed actually result in the opposite.

It is very disappointing to see this approach, and I hope that there is significant consideration of all the viewpoints, and that breed bias does not impact the decisions made that have potentially lifelong implications for both dogs and owners.

Restriction on numbers to such a small number without a permit is surely guaranteed to result in massively reduced compliance.

Thank You for taking the time to read my submission,

My dogs are my family, I have no human children, and their welfare is my utmost priority.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

I. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

I believe that the restrictions being brought into place regarding the number of dogs on a property will lead to reduced compliance from owners. Instead of applying for a permit that could be declined, leading to you needing to rehome a pet, then people wi

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3067

Submitter name/organisation: Nicky Harvey

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3066

Submitter name/organisation: Milar

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3065

Submitter name/organisation: Karyn Vickers

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

How can it be fair to punish responsible dog owners, who have had multiple dogs for many years, by making them get a permit all because of a few complaints and a few irresponsible owners. Isn't it fairer to actually punish those few owners properly instead....

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

How are we as responsible dog owners supposed to adequately exercise our dogs off lead if all of our off leash parks are being taken off us ? While on lead exercise is great, dogs need to also have the ability to run freely and unhibited from a lead. How also are we supposed to walk thrm to the off lead areas if we need to walk through a shopping area that is a no go area for dogs ? Not everyone has a car to be able to drive their dogs to an off leash park....some like to leash walk their dogs to the off leash park, give them a good run then leash walk them back home...this is a great time for training them too. Adequate exercise of oir dogs is part of rhe Dog Control Act is it not ?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3063

Submitter name/organisation: Geoff Foot

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3061

Submitter name/organisation: David John Packer

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Dogs have in recent years become a major issue. We now have neighbours with multiple dogs and have loud barking every day. It appears that the owners have little control and the Council appears to be limited in its action re this. Having more than one dog appears to make this issue worse.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3060

Submitter name/organisation: Tony Young

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3059

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Do not agree with limiting rural properties to owning two dogs, if property is large enough then there should not be a limit, I don't agree that we should have to apply for a permit at our cost when we have had more than two dogs for several years and they are very well looked after with ample space for them to be exercised without even having to leave the property. ANOTHER law being passed to disadvantage good people because of the few complete idiots that have no idea, yet another cost good people have to wear because of these few idiots, If this law is passed I hope it is only for new applicants & existing people have a exemption for the life of their current pets, REALLY DO NOT want to have to wear another cost

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Again as above if in a rural area with a large enough property there should be no limit on dogs (within reason) It is NOT fair on existing owners to change the rules on the limit of dogs as we are committed to those dogs for rest of their lives as their caregivers and you want to slap another fee on us for the few idiots out there that cannot commit to their responsibilities

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Doesn't really affect us as our property is large enough to exercise our dogs

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

? Doesn't apply to us,

PLEASE KEEP OUR NAMES CONFIDENTIAL

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015**Submission ID:** 3058**Submitter name/organisation:** Marianne Elston**Attachment:*****Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015***

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**

Option 3 - Neither

2. **Any further comments?**

We are residents of Te Awa Road. We would not recommend a dog exercise park in Te Awa Reserve. This is on a small road with several blind corners. Children regularly walk and bike on the road (& adults) and an increase in vehicular traffic would pose a ri

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Submission ID: 3055

Submitter name/organisation: Shaun Hodson

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I previously submitted in favour of this amendment. After reading Mr Sansons comments in Stuff, it is clear this is not about protecting dogs at all.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3053

Submitter name/organisation: JULIE SCOTT

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I am a dog owner in Tamahere for over 30 years. We have always owned a dig and exercise them everyday. Not only is walking good for the dog it is vital part of the owner's well being. I have never seen dogs pose any problems in this area. The Tamahere park is a great place to take dogs for off lead exercise. They can chase a ball and become socialised and less aggressive with other dogs. Lockdown showed how important dogs can be in alleviating human stress and getting people outside.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Leave rules as they currently stand.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3052

Submitter name/organisation: Dr John Gates committee member of Huntly Dog Agility Club

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not believe the by laws will improve the dangerous/illegal multiple dog issues confined to 7 households [that should be managed through the police].

It is not conducive to good/responsible ownership if you confine rural owners to two dogs [without a permit] as it will encourage people NOT to register their dogs.

It does not allow for people who breed dogs and/or compete with their dogs in various sporting/showing events.

It puts people off considering the Waikato to live in as a NON dog friendly council.

It will be difficult and expensive to manager and the inecvitable rise in running costs is bound to affect the multiple rural dog ownwers.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

extremely limited and reduced areas proposed

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option I - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3050

Submitter name/organisation: Elizabeth Ann Quilty

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Rural property should not be limited to 2 dogs. The whole point of being rural is having room for more animals for most.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015**Submission ID:** 3049**Submitter name/organisation:** Hilary Sillis**Attachment:*****Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015*****1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**

No

2. Any further comments?

I'm a Dairy Farmer in whakamaru, and have fostered dogs over the years. I have different numbers of dogs at various times and I don't see that limiting the number of dogs for good dog owners would change things for the bad dog owners...they will still neglect and have more than 2 dogs . You are just punishing the responsible dog owners! I have never had any issues with dog welfare or control of my dogs. This new law change is NOT FAIR for rural dog owners!

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy**1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**

No

2. Any further comments?***Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps*****1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?****2. Any further comments?*****Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park*****1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?****2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3048

Submitter name/organisation: David Tomlinson

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3047

Submitter name/organisation: Molly Colgan

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Don't be silly please.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

You're being ridiculous, where did you get this idea from? So silly

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3046

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Keep my name private

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3045

Submitter name/organisation: Debbie scott

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3044

Submitter name/organisation: Charlotte Porter

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Many rural households have more than 2 or 3 domestic dogs and it is not an issue. Requiring permits and permission from neighbours is nonsense. Rural people know their neighbours well and communicate regularly, they don't need a permit to facilitate what already is a good working relationship.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

See above.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Need more dog exercise areas in general across the Waikato.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3042

Submitter name/organisation: Pauline Pollock

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3039

Submitter name/organisation: David Whyte

Attachment: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

This submission is on behalf of the Huntly Community Board



Submission on Dog Council Bylaw 2015
By Huntly Community Board January 2022

The board is happy with the proposed changes. We appreciate the high quality published proposal, and only have two minor tweaks. Due to the high quality of the proposal the board does not see a need to make a verbal submission.

1) Southern boundary tweak. The proposed southern boundary exclusion zone is shown below. The exclusion zone goes around the vet clinic and associated carpark. This was based upon the assumption that dogs still need to be able to visit the vet. However we have heard that veterinary visits are explicitly mentioned as being exempt from the by law. If this is correct, then for completeness should include the buildings and carparks, so that in the future the veterinary clinic moves, the by law still covers this area.



Suggested modification displayed on right.



2) Signage. Most board members were not aware that the reserve riverside along riverview road was a dog exercise area. Thus have clear, effective and consistent signage through Huntly and Waikato district is important to inform the public of the areas in which dogs can be exercised and where they are banned.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3036

Submitter name/organisation: Sandra Carter

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I am very concerned rescues and people fostering dogs will be unable to help dogs in need.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I am very concerned dog rescues and people fostering will not be able to help

Dogs in need.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3035

Submitter name/organisation: Harvey Lovegrove

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3034

Submitter name/organisation: Maree Barker

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3033

Submitter name/organisation: Rebecca

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

A bit mean to punish all dogs owners for the bad few. I often make a trip from out of town to the cemetery to visit my Dad with my small dog, would be unfair to leave her in the car during my visit especially on a hot day

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3032

Submitter name/organisation: Steve Waldek

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I live rurally and do not believe this is the right decision.

I believe in rescuing dogs and giving them a better home.

Prosecute those that do not abide by or give their dogs a healthy lifestyle.

Why should the majority suffer because of a few cruel people,, who should not have animals in the first place.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I have 10 acres so my dogs get plenty of exercise ,they do not need to be chained up or locked up.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

I live rurally

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3031

Submitter name/organisation: Mr Zeljko Jasarevic

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

I feel that a complete dog ban in big towns and cemeteries is short sighted and unreasonable

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

The removal of 7 off leash dog walking areas effects everyone

- it is very difficult to give dogs proper exercise, our neighbourhood dogs are much more likely to be barking. The dogs that we pass on 'leash only' walks are more likely to be frustrated and flighty

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3030

Submitter name/organisation: SK

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3029

Submitter name/organisation: Carlie

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3028

Submitter name/organisation: Holly thompson

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I think you will struggle to find anyone to support this. Based on the huge rate increases youve tried to implement during covid and now this regarding our dogs, you wont be in council next time around and your replacements will reinstate everything anyway

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Looks like a huge amount of additional cost with a lot less benefits to dog owners. If there are puppy farms, dog abuse etc you know who they are so why penalise everyone for the minority? The spca fund the enforcement of the animal welfare act though the government and donations, so why should we through the council? I already donate enough to the spca

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

This is laughable, what gives you the right to charge dog registration fees and not provide facilities for dogs? This is their health and happiness and what our money should be contributing to. If you cut your registration charges then you can cut your dog parks

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Too far away for me to use so no comment

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3027

Submitter name/organisation: Mark Mita

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I dont agree, you cant tar everyone because the minority dont pull their weight.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3022

Submitter name/organisation: Jeremy Williams

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3021

Submitter name/organisation: Robert Durham

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

more are required, not less

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

unable to comment

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3020

Submitter name/organisation: Helen Jansen

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

More off lead areas should be available for dogs, not less. I agree that some of the currently locations are inappropriate for a variety of reason however instead of changing the bylaw to make them on lead only, why not change the concerns - ie fencing

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

For such a large area with the large number of dogs, more parks are required, not less. Also dont believe that changing the number of dogs allowed on rural properties will change the incidences of neglect or abuse - this requires more policing not less dogs. The person neglecting dogs will do so whether they have two or four and as an already approved owner, why should I limit the number of dogs on my property due to others poor behaviours

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

as above

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

does not affect me so unable to comment with knowledge

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3019

Submitter name/organisation: Katrina Crowe

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not support the requirement of those in rurally zoned areas to obtain a permit to keep more than 2 dogs. It is not going to enable ACOs to do anything about owners keeping large numbers of dogs below acceptable welfare standards, which is the reason given for the introduction of this change to the 2015 bylaw. It does not make sense to introduce this change for the reasons given in the proposal. The time and money and resources that would be required to introduce and enforce the obtaining of a permit to keep more than 2 dogs on a rural zoned property has not been investigated nor presented by the WDC and I believe to bring the requirement for a permit in would be misuse of community resources, which could be better spent directly targeting the problem of dog welfare in a different manner, that does not disadvantage good dog owners. I have read all of the information presented and it does not make sense to me as a qualified and practicing companion animal Veterinarian.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

The only change that I think is acceptable is to stop dogs being allowed on sport surfaces in Whatawhata and Te Kowhai, as dog faeces on these areas pose a potential human health risk, particularly to children.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

As a veterinarian, I believe having places for dogs to exercise off-leash in the community is important, and to reduce the already small number of off-leash areas without replacing them with the same number and size off-leash exercise areas is not acceptable. Dog welfare will be negatively affected by the reduction in number of off-leash dog exercise areas.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

I have no practical knowledge of these areas so cannot comment.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3018

Submitter name/organisation: Debbie reynolds

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3017

Submitter name/organisation: Becky nicholson

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Rural homes should be allowed more than 2 dogs without a permit. Dogs should be allowed on lead in playparks and skate parks

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3016

Submitter name/organisation: Lisa Taylor

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not support the removal of the Te awa dog area.

I also dont support any of your proposed changes.

This Council is treating its community as children and with a huge amount of arrogance and disrespect.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

As above. I wish the staus quo to remain.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option I - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3015

Submitter name/organisation: Bronwyn Page

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3014

Submitter name/organisation: Birgitta Eshuis

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

2015??

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Area located by road? Doesn't make sense.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3013

Submitter name/organisation: Natasha Kristoffersen-Tuck

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

People should be allowed more than 2 dogs in their properties. I pay my dog rego fees, it is the people who don't pay the dog rego fees that are the illegal backyaed breeders and dog fighters.

I should be able to walk my dog on lead anywhere in public. I pay my dog rego fees to do so. Cemeteries should not be off limits for dogs and their owners.

Where in the hell are we supposed to access Whangarata reserve? No parking, 100km/hr roads (don't even think of changing the speed limits). There is no accessible land in that area, the reserve is practically a one lane road). Again, punishing us responsible owners for registering our dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Again those of us that do register our dogs and do the right thing are being punished. Stop punishing us and our dogs. You take away the resources for my dog and I and I will stop paying to register my dog. Sick of being punished for those that are not doing the right thing.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

I should be able to walk my dog on lead anywhere in public. I pay my dog rego fees to do so. Cemeteries should not be off limits for dogs and their owners. I will continue to walk my dog (on lead like always) up at Alexander Redoubt, regardless if the council votes I can't or not.

There are heaps of parks for kids but our centennial park is now not dog friendly. Kids don't pay rates or rego fees so we should, as dog owners and rate payers have more spaces because we pay more.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

I don't live there and would never take my dogs to either of these locations as it is too far.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3012

Submitter name/organisation: Raymond Murray

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

I don't support any of these changes.

I am 100% against them.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Dog exercise areas are essential

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Don't live in this area so can't comment on which area is most suitable

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3011

Submitter name/organisation: Kim Murray

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Absolutely 100% against it.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Absolutely against it 100%.

You are trying to penalized all good rural responsible dog owners and breeders who have moved rurally specifically to be able to have more than 1 or 2 dogs and let their dogs have a great life with space to run and play without annoying very close neighbour's like in the cities. Urban dogs are far more of an issue for council than the rural ones will ever be. And don't forget farm dogs that will be exempt run and bark just as much as any other dogs possibly more while out on the farm working or chasing quads etc. Animal and machinery noise is all part of rural life.

7 households in 5 years have caused council real issues. It's laughable you would want to change policies for such a minute number of cases when it's proven fact that the very large majority are good responsible and caring dog owners. PLEASE do not make these changes.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Dog exercise areas for those who live in urban areas in particular are a necessity.

Those of us with rural properties provide and maintain our own exercise areas for our dogs costing the Council nothing.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

I don't live in this area so can't offer an opinion on which area is best suited to tge local needs

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3010

Submitter name/organisation: Lisa James

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I disagree with the reduction of off lead areas and dogs not being able to walk downtown/CBD even when on lead.

I do not agree with restricting dog numbers on property. It seems to me WDC admits there are a small number of people (7) who have shown non-compliance towards registration/general care and health of dogs. Why punish all dog owners?

I believe that dog owners need education - a better understanding of which areas are off lead in my hometown of Raglan, what 'control' of your dog looks like and clear instructions of which areas are onlead. I frequently find myself in dangerous situations with off-lead dogs on reserves/public streets where my on-lead dog is approached by off lead dogs who are not under control. These areas are theoretically on-lead areas and I find the majority of dogs are off lead. This bylaw is not going to 'fix' this issue at all.

There is no resource to 'police' compliance with dogs on-lead and I do not see how you can.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3009

Submitter name/organisation: S Payne

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

There is no issues here so why change everything

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Still no issues with dogs on their own property

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Need more not less

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option I - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Not by roads!

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3008

Submitter name/organisation: Codie Taute

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 3003

Submitter name/organisation: Peggy Oki

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I love all animals, including dogs. But I feel that there are too many irresponsible dog owners. Around Raglan there are especially sensitive native bird nesting habitats such as around the sand dunes at Ngaranui Beach. It is important to place priority on protecting the native birds and ensuring that they are not disturbed. I know that this will be a very unpopular statement to many dog owners but urge you to require dogs remain leashed in areas defined as sensitive native bird nesting habitats.

Please consider the following in support of my request.

1) "Responsible pet management means safer pets, and safer wildlife from Karioi Maunga. <https://www.karioiproject.co.nz/news/2020/12/7/responsible-pet-management-means-safer-pets-and-safer-wildlife>

2) "...owners who let their dogs chase shorebirds, thinking it harmless. "What it's doing is it's stressing those animals enormously and it's actually stopping them from feeding and it may be those birds the dogs are getting to fly, are not spending time feeding and taking that food back to their nests to feed their chicks. "People think the dog is having fun, without thinking through any of the consequences," he said. He believed dog owners often didn't know better, rather than behaving maliciously." <https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/383715/dog-owners-urged-to-control-pets-after-native-animals-killed>

3) "In 2007 a study of woodland trails was undertaken by the University of New South Wales (Dr Peter Banks and Jessica Bryant), which showed that dog walking caused a 41% reduction in the numbers of individual birds detected and a 35% reduction in species richness compared with untreated controls – while disturbance from humans walking alone was typically less than half that of dogs. Off-lead activity can lead to physical damage of habitat through the trampling of vegetation, which can adversely damage more fragile species of plants. <https://insideecology.com/2017/12/04/managing-dogs-and-nature-conservation/>

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**

Yes

2. **Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**

2. **Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2999

Submitter name/organisation: Jen Scouler

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2997

Submitter name/organisation: irene meade

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2996

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Option 1 Opposed-

-Te Awa reserve is a small area in a short No Exit residential road - Te Awa Rd.

-It is not close to any community facilities.

-There are no human toilets.

-Dog walkers often need to exercise their dogs before and after work hours.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2995

Submitter name/organisation: Adrian Pyne

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

The limit of two dogs for a rural property is too low. There is a lot more space on rural than in an urban environment and lower density of neighbours. Country Living zone properties needs to be included with the rural zone with the dog limit rules. The issue is not so much about too many dogs, but more a lack of consequence for those people who don't look after their dogs regardless of the number of dogs. I propose a limit of four dogs on rural and country living properties, before a permit is required. I would also suggest that Council reviews its resources to deal with animal health and wellbeing issues.

Also need to include exceptions for breeding pups - maybe until they are required to be registered?

The changes for playgrounds, sports fields and skateparks are OK. Agree with keeping them out of the cemeteries.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

The Te Awa Reserve Walkaway isn't that great, so happy for it to be replaced with a new Tamahere dog exercise park.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Both options are OK.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2994

Submitter name/organisation: Paul Jamieson

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

These proposals unreasonably impact registered breeders who often have informal boarding arrangements in rural areas. I believe the impact on these legitimate businesses, run by responsible members of the NZ Kennel Club, are unnecessary and unfair.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2993

Submitter name/organisation: Priya Indu

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2990

Submitter name/organisation: Bridget Smith

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I think people on rural properties should be allowed to keep up to 4 or 5 dogs on any property larger than 5000m² without a permit.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Dont think the number of existing exercise areas should be reduced

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2988

Submitter name/organisation: Orlena Whittington

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

All of your proposed changes are disadvantaging/punishing law abiding good rural dog owners. You say there is no charge for the permit yet within your recorded meetings, this is just to butter us up with no charge to start!

How do you propose to fund permitting rural owners and policing this, when your control officers are already stretched.

You have no proposed budget for this, where is your business case to support and fund all of your changes? Your proposed changes are significantly flawed!

You have already accepted this ownership by collecting and processing our dog registration fees every year! You are punishing good rural dog owners for 7 bad property owners over 5 years of unregistered dogs!!!! Your policy should be targeting these bad owners who DO NOT register nor enjoy the welfare of their dogs which also include farmers, who have some of the worst living conditions for working farm dogs, this is discriminatory and biased by excluding them from the proposed changes and again punishing good rural dog owners!

Your proposed permits do you allow dog control officers to seize neglected dogs, so what a complete waste of time, money and resources, do your research! And perhaps learn from some of the other dog friendly councils around the country eg Tauranga City Council is one example.

Also for the record, blatantly voicing your despise/hatred anti-stance for dogs on an online council meeting, is not a good look, especially from the elected councilors!

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

No

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

No no no, people need to be able to access of lead safe dog parks, for exercise which is critical for the physical and mental health and their dogs and more often than not themselves!

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2987

Submitter name/organisation: Michaela Lambert

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2983

Submitter name/organisation: Tony Petch

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

I support the limits on the number of dogs per household.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

I agree with the proposed changes in the dog control policy. The changes to how dangerous and troublesome dog are managed provides greater surety that these dogs (and their owners) will be managed appropriately.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

My preference for a fenced dog exercise area at the Tamahere Reserve is that it is more central for most dog owners (greater density at Tamahere village compared with Te Awa Road). More suitable parking is available at the Tamahere Reserve. And dare I say

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2981

Submitter name/organisation: Susan-Fay Petch

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Should option 1 be decided as the option. Then I would like the children's playground to remain outside the fenced area for the dog exercise area and access to the walkway to be retained, without having to walk through the exercise area. The playground is

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015**Submission ID:** 2980**Submitter name/organisation:** Sophie**Attachment:*****Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015*****1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not agree with limiting how many dogs can be on one property. This is a decision that all families should be able to make themselves. If they believe they can have 3 or more dogs, they should be allowed to without getting a permit. It's a right that shouldn't be taken away.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy**1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**

No

2. Any further comments?***Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps*****1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**

Yes

2. Any further comments?***Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park*****1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2977

Submitter name/organisation: Rebecca Toon

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Rural dog owners should be able to have up to 5 dogs without a permit. Often good Samaritans look after wider family owned dogs while on holiday or foster dogs from the SPCA for instance, for rehoming. There should be enough flexibility to do this without having to spend unnecessary money and time seeking permits.

Unfortunately, there continues to be a lot of animal abuse toward all animals including, horses, cattle, poultry, pigs, etc and yet there are no permits required to limit these in number in order to control their welfare. It does not make sense to hinder the positives to housing larger numbers of dogs in order to "try" and reduce animal neglect.

Surely, harsher penalties to those caught breaking animal welfare rules, would be a more appropriate alternative to penalizing the vast majority who are responsible dog owners.

Those caught abusing animals by council should be automatically and permanently banned from owning and registering further animals with said council.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Te Awa, Tamahere should remain as is with no changes made. It is a very safe and quiet road with mainly locals using this park to walk their dogs without any concerns whatsoever.

Continuing access to this will also allow many dog owners the choice to go here or the new proposed site depending on the nature and needs of the dog.

Removing this as an off-lead area is pointless and will only frustrate local ratepayers.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

The area proposed at Tamahere Reserve on the provided map did not look very large in size. Although this site could be a great spot for a dog exercise space, it would need to be of a reasonable size in order for it to be worthwhile for dog owners to use.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2975

Submitter name/organisation: Tracey Collins

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2974

Submitter name/organisation: Anouska Sweetman

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2972

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I am living in a rural zone with a large property where I am able to look after my dogs and meet their exercise needs appropriately. To limit my ability to own more dogs because of the sake of a few who cause nuisance and treat their dogs badly seems non-sensical to me. Those who can't look after their dogs should be dealt with independently of infringing on my rights. I was also looking to start breeding my dogs - I was on a waitlist for over 18 months for my female golden retriever puppy, and now she is just over 12 months old we are nearly 3 years into this potential venture and these proposed changes would now take the opportunity away from me to be able to do this without additional permits, costs etc. I don't see how a limit on the number of dogs owned in a rural zone is of any consequence to anyone else in and of itself as a rule. If there are other factors such as noise, or nuisance, concern of welfare, well that seems like an entirely separate issue to deal with.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I think it is great to support positive dog ownership and responsible dog owners should be rewarded!

I do support removing the 10m distance rule from the edge of playgrounds, as a mum of primary school kids with dogs I love taking the dogs to the park on their leads, and letting the kids play at the playground. To be able to sit closer to watch the kids is ideal. Thank you.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

This aspect of the changes has very little impact on me and my dogs as we exercise regularly and well on our rural zoned property. We do not often have need for dog exercise areas, but it is

awesome to have these provided as designated areas by the council when they are needed. As long as dog owners are responsible, everyone can use facilities without problems. Problems arise for the few irresponsible or unreasonable owners, not the many dog owners that also pay their registrations and help to support these types of exercise parks with those fees. So, I don't have an opinion on the locations of the areas, but I do think that as many options should be continued to be provided as possible for dog owners.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2971

Submitter name/organisation: Janie Denny

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

they are the most rediculous and worst thought out changes . We live rurally to give our animals many of which are rescued the best lives ever . My dogs are family and my best friends. I follow the rules the proposed changes crucify people who register and look after their dogs

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

why the hell would you be decreasing exercise areas and not increase . rediculous did anyone actually use common sense on this

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2966

Submitter name/organisation: Marieke van Kooten

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

While I appreciate visitors to our town (Raglan) like to picnic in our dog exercise area that runs from the

Opotoru inlet to the aerodome bridge, there are many, many spots people can picnic away from off lead dogs. We pay for the facilities in our town via our rates, not our visitors, but, more importantly, WDC may want to go down to this spot during our busy seasons and take a look - the majority of people picnicking in this area have a dog or two with them and have chosen that spot so they could picnic and swim with their dogs without having to have them on a lead or deal with highly strung folk, fearful of dogs.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

This does not affect me, I live in Raglan.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2962

Submitter name/organisation: Tracey Blackwell

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not feel there is integrity in the reasons for the changes.

The changes are based on a few councillors opinions & not facts.

The changes will not address the issues of concern. The areas of concern need specific attention not a sweeping bylaw.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

The proposed changes will not address the issues that are causing concern.

Attention needs to be targeted directly at the concerning owners.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

There are other ways to ensure the areas are maintained if maintenance is the issues

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2961

Submitter name/organisation: Jan Dawson

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

There are only a few off leash areas to exercise dogs and the park at Te Awa Road should Not be changed from off leash as it and the river walk is an ideal place to be able exercise dogs in this way.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

See above

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2960

Submitter name/organisation: Dave hurst

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

More free run areas are required not less people love there dogs and an animal needs to do what is natural

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2956

Submitter name/organisation: Glen McClunie

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

See below.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Living in Te Awa I strongly disagree with the dog exercise area being placed in the reserve, and the moving or changing of the playground and whole feel of the reserve. The area by the community centre is perfectly located. Parking, away from housing, doe

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2953

Submitter name/organisation: Kelli scott

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2952

Submitter name/organisation: Sharlene Hird

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2949

Submitter name/organisation: Debi Gallagher

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

We have previously walked our dog in Te Awa Lane, but there is frequent poison drops. Thus area is not suitable for dogs to be off the lead.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

We walk our dog around Tamahere. Some mornings there are up to 12 dogs happily playing on the Tamahere Reserve. The area proposed for off lead exercise is simply too small and will lead to poor behaviour by the dogs. It is very important for dogs to be so

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2945

Submitter name/organisation: Patrick Wong

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I am against the policy of Limiting the number of dogs kept in rural properties to two. As there will be more responsibility of dog owners after this amendment, we shall have the freedom of the number of dogs in the lifestyle block when the space allows.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2944

Submitter name/organisation: Tony Oosten

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2941

Submitter name/organisation: Vikki Searancke

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015**Submission ID:** 2940**Submitter name/organisation:** Lingyun Tao**Attachment:*****Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015*****1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**

In part

2. Any further comments?

I am against the policy of Limiting the number of dogs kept in rural properties to two. As there will be more responsibility of dog owners after this amendment, we shall have the freedom of the number of dogs in the lifestyle block when the space allows.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy**1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**

Yes

2. Any further comments?***Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps*****1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**

Yes

2. Any further comments?***Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park*****1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2939

Submitter name/organisation: Richard Cameron

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

My submission relates to the limiting of dogs in rural areas to two.

I and my wife and family, have lived on our property at 501 Marychurch Road for over 25 years.

Over the course of our time here we have had up to five dogs on the property. The district council have approved our location and the facilities (kennelling fencing and controls for dogs), and all of our dogs have always been registered chipped vaccinated and otherwise controlled during that time. We have never had any neighbour complaints, and the council animal control has never had cause to contact us for any animal problem.

The point I wish to make is, if there is no problem why do you need to alter the bylaw/policy.

I would request that you ask yourselves: Has there has been a recent significant increase in problems relating specifically to households with more than two dogs?

If there is no significant increase, then the bylaw is simply being put in place as a restriction on rural dwellers' individual rights to enjoy their property as they see fit.

There is enough regulation as it is, and if it isn't broken, please do not fix it.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2938

Submitter name/organisation: Brent Pratt

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

With regard to the proposal to close the Fenced AFFCO park Horotiu.

I object to this proposal as this is the best fully fenced dog park in the Waikato and to close this would be the loss of a very important ground to all dog owners who like to have their dogs run free in a safe area.

This will only be more important as further housing development takes place in the region over coming years.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2937

Submitter name/organisation: Julie Grant

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Having only 2 dogs does not make any sense. Back yards are so different- rural property with lots of land size to rural property with small landsize. Also, would only be a money revenue gathering stream. As the welfare of dogs was the reason given - no evidence to back up this claim for the majority of dog owners

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

See above

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Should be making more not less

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2936

Submitter name/organisation: Gareth Rich

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2935

Submitter name/organisation: Hayley Coyne

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2934

Submitter name/organisation: Lydia Richards

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I do not support the limitation of number of dogs kept in the rural zone. This is not a solution to the problem of dogs being badly looked after. The reasons given for this wide-ranging rule seem to be based on a small number of dog owners, and this proposal would do little to improve the welfare of dogs.

Regarding the limitation of dogs in rural zones, I do not support the exemption of farm dogs, hunting dogs and greyhounds where they are being kept to race and are excluded as working dogs. I do not see how because these dogs are working dogs the conditions they are kept in either does not matter, or is considered automatically acceptable. The rules should apply equally to all dogs and to all rural properties.

I also do not support the continuation of restrictions that ban dogs from cemeteries. There is no evidence shown in the proposal to support why dogs are considered a problem in cemeteries. Reference to faeces is surely a matter for enforcement and education of dog owners rather than ban, and is surely the same for all spaces. The idea that the council is proposing this merely to make two documents match shows a complete lack of thought and logic - if matching paperwork is the issue then you could equally remove the ban from the cemeteries by law next time it's up for review!

I do not support the removal of exercise areas unless replacement areas are made available. The council should be supporting and encouraging exercise and socialising of dogs in the Waikato as per the Dog Control Policy, and not restricting access to public areas.

Lastly when removing off-leash areas I would ask that the council review the safety of existing areas. The area next to the Tuakau Bridge in Les Batkin reserve is not safe for off leash exercise being next to the road with no fences. I would ask that security and safety be considered for all off leash areas which are close to roads, if the council want these areas used for exercise then they need to be safe.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I have always wondered how dog walkers at Port Waikato are supposed to get their dogs through the red zone of prohibited area to beyond the 250m mark from lifesaving patrolled areas. Also, given this area moves about why have you shown an entire block as prohibited which is well over 250m long (700m by my calculation).

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

I do think the timing of this consultation is poor and the engagement by the council with dog owners is lacking. Responsible dog owners should be listened to and the council should work with them to create shared spaces that are safe for everyone. It seems

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2932

Submitter name/organisation: COLIN GROVES

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2931

Submitter name/organisation: Adriane Bryce

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

I would request Te Awa reserve remain unchanged as the main river side access where dogs can swim is a large rocky outcrop ie not crumbling. There is a large area of underbrush that dogs enjoy playing in adjacent the rocky outcrop.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2929

Submitter name/organisation: Debra Kells

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

is restricting the number of dogs allowed to be owned in rural properties really going to fix the issue of poor owners? instead we are introducing extra cost and bureacracy to administer. how will you monitor if there are more than 2 dogs as it is likely they won't disclose or register them anyway.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

The current supposed designated dog exercise area in Tamahere has not been fit for purpose for some time. the nearest dog exercise park is in cambridge.

If you want to encourage responsible dog owners then it needs to be fit for purpose - good rubbish bin

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2928

Submitter name/organisation: Greg Wiechern/Ngaruawahia Community Board

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

On behalf of the Ngaruawahia Community Board, as discussed at the Boards last workshop, the Board don't see any justification for the 'No Dog' restriction on the commercial section of Great South Road and Jesmond Street in Ngaruawahia and consider this area should become an on lead dog area.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

As above

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

The Ngaruawahia Community Board agrees with the changes in Ngaruawahia and Horotiu

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2926

Submitter name/organisation: IM

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

The changes proposed are bs. Why should we change the laws because of a few that have not followed the rules. These law changes impact law abiding people that have been awesome owners. This is simply a revenue gathering exercise plan and simple

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Also bs and more revenue gathering. The public do not want these changes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

More bs

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option I - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2925

Submitter name/organisation: Zen

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Why take away dog parks ? We already pay lots of taxes too the Waikato

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

This is not fair and some bull crap !! Most of

Us people live for our dogs and give them good homes day in and day out its all about dogs from am to pm..

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2917

Submitter name/organisation: Maree Purser

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Taking away so many areas that dogs are allowed to go and not even replacing them with somewhere else, there's already not enough places a dog can go its extremely restrictive as it is. Trying to find a decent off lead area for dogs is becoming non existent.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2916

Submitter name/organisation: Anne Hall

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2913

Submitter name/organisation: Katherine Samplonius

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

You are penalising responsible dog owners who pay their registrations on time.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2912

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Please keep this confidential.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

I support a fenced area in Tamahere Park near the Community centre, where there is plenty of parking and open space. I support on leash dogs at the Te Awa road reserve, especially when children are present. I do not support the removal of the playground,

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2911

Submitter name/organisation: Vanessa Cave

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I am strongly opposed to the proposed amendments, in particular the proposal for permits for more than 2 dogs in rural areas and the changes that ultimately will lead to a reduction in off- and on-lead dog exercise areas and opportunities.

With respect to the permits for 2 dogs, this punishes the many good owners (with registered dogs) in the district. The council appears to be justifying this change based on dog welfare concerns - "at times large numbers of dogs are being kept unsafely on rural properties". However, there is no evidence to support the notation that this action will achieve this aim. There is no evidence that complaints are higher, and dog welfare worse, at properties with multiple dogs. There is no consideration of whether dogs are registered or not, and what the impact of this is. Is there a difference in complaints and dog welfare outcome between owners with registered or non-registered dogs? Why would people that don't currently register their dogs apply for a permit? Will permitting provide a barrier to people to register their dogs? Furthermore, a cost-benefit analysis of implementing this policy hasn't been conducted.

How much will it cost to implement the permit proposal? Is it sustainable? There is no evidence that this proposal is useful (i.e. beneficial to dogs or the community), cost-effective or an appropriate use of resources.

With respect to the changes in dog exercise areas, dog control areas and where dogs are allowed, the net result will be a reduction in both off and on lead dog exercise areas, making the Waikato district increasing dog-unfriendly. Dogs (and ourselves!) need to ability to exercise, in a safe social setting, off-lead. Rather than restricting dogs and their owners, the council should follow Tauranga City Council's fine example: <https://www.tauranga.govt.nz/Portals/0/data/living/animals/dogs/files/dog-owner-information.pdf>

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

There is a complete lack of transparency over the proposed changes. In the document, the proposed changes haven't been tracked, thus it makes it extremely difficult to understand exactly what's being changed and the impact of these changes.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Results in a reduction non-restricted exercise opportunities for dogs.

The Whangarata Domain new exercise area is only a temporary solution.

The change will mean that there are no exercise areas in proximity to Whatawhata or Te Kowhai, two large townships in our district

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Both!

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2909

Submitter name/organisation: Sharon Craig

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I have 3 older dogs who have never caused any problems. Why should I be penalized for a few who have had complaints.

Focus on the rule breakers and leave law abiding constituents to live a quiet life

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2907

Submitter name/organisation: Patsy Lyall

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2906

Submitter name/organisation: Sally Fenwick Ridley

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

The changes are unfair and unnecessary and based on limited data primarily around a small number of problem households/ dog owners. Penalising the many good dog owners in the Waikato district is wrong.

There was no little or no consultation prior to this proposal with the many experienced and knowledgeable owners, trainers, kennels, rescue organisations, dog behavioural specialist etc in the Waikato district prior to these sweeping proposed changes.

The cost to monitor and enforce this will be prohibitive with the expectation that registered owners will be charged higher fees to meet the costs.

Animal control currently struggles to manage its workload. How will they manage the increased enforcement responsibilities?

Preventing well mannered and controlled dogs and responsible owners accessing public spaces such as cemeteries and parks etc is unnecessary. Reducing opportunities for dogs in public spaces will increase potential behavioural problems and reduce opportunities for positive interactions between owners and dogs, and dogs and their environment.

No allowance has been made for education for dog owners which would be a critical and positive way for the council to influence dog and owner behaviour, and raise awareness of owner responsibility in all facets of dog ownership.

Requiring neighbour agreement on ownership of more than two dogs is ridiculous. Not everyone is blessed with neighbours they get on with and this requirement opens the door for unfriendly neighbours to inflict harm just for spite.

My recommendation would be the council puts its energy towards non-compliant and (often) unregistered owners, educating them on proper dog ownership responsibilities, and develop a three strike system (of undesirable behaviour, fighting, biting, roaming unsupervised, chasing stock, menacing etc) whereby individual owners and dogs can be targeted and educated and some of the proposed penalties being suggested can be individually applied.

Clearly the problems the council is attempting to address are created by a small number of generally unregistered owners and their dogs. Penalising all registered dogs and dog owners with these changes and the increased fees these changes will require to monitor is unfair and frankly draconian and pointless as they will not address the issues the council has identified and will quite likely make things worse in some situations.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy**1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**

No

2. Any further comments?

As above

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps**1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**

In part

2. Any further comments?

More parks are good reducing current parks is not

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Unsure I dont live in this area

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2905

Submitter name/organisation: Betty Davies

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Ill conceived idea which will fail to produce desired outcome but will punish those that already comply

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2904

Submitter name/organisation: Susan Fawcett

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2900

Submitter name/organisation: Heather McGill

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015**Submission ID:** 2899**Submitter name/organisation:** Shay Cowley**Attachment:*****Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015*****1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**

No

2. Any further comments?

The Ngaaruawaahia dog exercise area is very popular - it is used by a wide range of people from the community to exercise dogs off leash, and socialise them.

The owners that I have encountered have all been diligent in monitoring their dogs behaviour, and there are no other nearby areas for dogs to be exercised off leash. This makes it more difficult to socialise dogs freely as when on leash there is a constant risk of choking or injury to the dogs or nearby people due to tangling.

Due to the close proximity of the pound, dog control officers are close by in the event that there is a dangerous dog within the off leash area.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy**1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?****2. Any further comments?*****Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps*****1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?****2. Any further comments?*****Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park*****1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?****2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2896

Submitter name/organisation: June Penn

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Strongly object to changing any of the off-leash dog areas in Raglan to on-leash. The dogs here are well behaved, well socialized and cared for. The areas as they are today are working well; please do NOT change them. DO NOT make Raglan beach, from Opoturu inlet to Aerodome Bridge on leash. Thats ridiculous. It is only busy for a few weeks over Xmas, and we keep away from there during that time.

I walk 2 big dogs every day, on various walks around the town and beaches, we have never had a problem nor even seen any issues. There is an active dog walking group, all owners walking dogs are responsible. PLEASE don't change anything, don't muck with what is not broken, why spend the \$\$? Its not necessary here. Leave Raglan alone. PLEASE.

For goodness sake, let the residents of Raglan manage their own backyards, we know where its safe to walk dogs and where and when its a problem and we move accordingly.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

As above please DO NOT change the Raglan beach areas into on leash only - it is NOT NECESSARY!!! We don't go there when its busy with visitors!!! There is no problem STOP this plan!

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2895

Submitter name/organisation: Fiona Rhodes

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Dog exercise areas need to be provided throughout the district. There are currently few areas where dogs can be exercised legitimately, leaving owners with few options other than walking beside busy roads, or using inappropriate sites.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

See above

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2889

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Permits for more than 2 rural dogs is a waste of resources and money which could be better spent on education. The permit does not solve anything and will be near on impossible to police and implement. We need to look at education and dealing with the small number of problem dogs we have at source rather than making things harder for 99% which are the good owners.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Waikato is already one of the hardest places to own a dog. Very limited off lead exercise areas and so many no dog areas. Dogs that are not properly socialised and exercised are far more likely to have problems than those that are. Dogs are an important part of our lives and council needs to find more ways to integrate them rather than exclude them. Look to examples from other areas such as BOP. Let's find ways to make dogs (and owners) lives more fulfilling and stop the anti dog stance this council currently has.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Please do not publish my name

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2856

Submitter name/organisation: Roger & Melanie O'Shannessey

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

* No issue with reducing the number of dogs on a property, but why does it have to match residential? A rural property can easily accommodate more than two.

* If it is changed, what will happen to any extra dogs currently on a property?

* Mistreatment is mentioned as the reason for these changes however, mistreatment happens regardless of the number of dogs on a property and should be treated as a criminal issue with those particular dog owners.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

As Above

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2854

Submitter name/organisation: Erin Rogers

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Making Bridal Veil Falls off limits to dogs does not allow for tourists or people visiting the area to enjoy one of Raglans Top attractions. Consider Leash Law so people do not have to leave pets in hot car.

Dogs need the ability to run freely and not be under constant restraint of a leash. Create more areas with owners taking responsibility for dogs actions with increasing the fines or infringements.

Provide Shady areas for people to park and leave their dog in the car is helpful for visitors dining or shopping in the area if dogs are not allowed.

Pets offer companionship and aid in reducing stress and loneliness. Some communities offer certian hours of the morning or late afternoon in which dogs are allowed more freedoms.

Fostering a dog for the vet or short term pet care for a additional registered dog above 2 should have some sort of allowance so long as the duration is limited without violation.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

The policy states

Under control means keeping a dog under control either by a person by physically limiting its movements, or by using direct commands.

Consideration should be made for dog owners who have control over their pet by means of training for off leash situations.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Request for more Off Leash designated areas

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2849

Submitter name/organisation: Wade & Rebecca Gerrand

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

The removal of dog exercise parks could limit the availability of exercise areas to people who may not be able to travel further distances. With the development of further housing in the outer Hamilton north areas any loss of parks in those areas would be detrimental to providing services to allow for the exercise of dogs.

The comments on the Horotiu Dog park closure are confusing, is it the whole fenced dog park area or are you referring to the small area to the left of the car park (playground on the right) that is not fenced. Clarification of this should have been made so people can make an informed submission. As long as the fenced area remains open we have no issue. The fenced dog park is utilised daily by a great number of people both from the local area and also from Hamilton and Huntly.

It could be said it provides an essential large area to adequately exercise larger dogs that a lot of the smaller fenced areas (including Hamilton) do not.

It also provides an area for social connection aiding in the mental health and wellbeing of people within our communities.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

This does not affect us as we would not travel to south of Hamilton to exercise our dogs due to the inconvenience. But we would support the most voted for option as this in theory would be what would suit the local people of the area.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2807

Submitter name/organisation: Bailie

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

No they are so stupid, you are going to have more dogs in the pounds and more dogs killed because of these stupid rules

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Why take away dog parks? It's stupid you are going to have more dogs roaming in the streets since some of the dog parks are getting taken away

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2799

Submitter name/organisation: Pam Little

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**

No

- 2. Any further comments?**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the proposed changes to the dog bylaws for the Waikato District Council. I've had dogs for well over forty years and have been involved with obedience, agility, and breed shows.

My feedback is about the thinking and approach being taken by the Council in relation to dog ownership within the community and the use of free run exercise areas. I'd like you to consider thinking more widely around how the council can contribute towards good dog ownership through community engagement, council processes, and appropriate infrastructure.

I'd like to refer to a quote from Animal Control Team Leader Tracey Oakes.

We have taken this review as an opportunity to consider a different approach to address some of the issues we are seeing. Dogs bring people a lot of joy. They are an important part of the family for many members of our community but, with the enjoyment of having a dog, there also comes responsibility. We want to make sure the wellbeing and welfare of dogs is protected through responsible ownership, while also keeping the public safe and avoiding nuisance caused by dogs.

I acknowledge there are irresponsible dog owners and nuisance dogs within our district. Why is the council making changes that impact all dog owners rather than managing those who create the nuisance? The proposed changes are a band aid which doesn't address that issue. I would like to see the council introduce education and intervention processes to deal with the problem rather than restricting and impacting responsible owners and good canine citizens.

What makes a good canine citizen and how can the council contribute towards this?

Good canine citizens are well socialised outside of the house. They have been introduced to the range of things that may greet them at any time including other dogs, children playing, people on bikes and scooters, other animals, sounds, lights etc. the list would go on and go. Being exposed to stimulus from a young age builds confidence in the dog to be within the community. We want to encourage people to get out with their dogs. Free run areas/dog parks are great for this. They add value to exercise dogs however I believe their greatest benefit is socialisation. Dog owners are often social themselves and want to mix with other dog folk. At the free run areas I frequent you regularly see groups of people standing around talking while their dogs run and play together. Successful free run areas contribute to both human and dog health and wellbeing.

For free run areas to be effective they must be easily accessible, have enough of them to meet community needs, and they need to be large enough spaces to enable free run and exploration. Reducing the number of areas available has a negative impact on dog socialisation within our communities. You are proposing restricting availability to areas where we can throw the ball for our dogs, where we can play chase, and where dogs can have positive interaction with other dogs and people. You are going to restrict opportunity for exercise and socialisation which is not a good step towards good canine citizenship within the district.

I was recently at a dog exercise area when the dog of another person did its business. The owner did nothing, so I held out a poo bag and suggested he pick it up. His response was it was a dog park and thats what they were for. I explained to him that it wasnt meant to be a toilet. He said he had no idea and had been using the park for months. The council can contribute to good canine citizens by taking opportunities to educate your residents. Signage and social media are great ways to connect. Also promoting opportunities for dog folk to come together in fun. Activities like Dirty Dog have been hugely successful as was the bring your dog to the pool days. They are great opportunities to share messages and information. However I encourage the council to think more widely than just having dog activities. How about we have community activities where dogs are also welcome. Engage with your dog owners and groups and we will be able to offer lots of ideas.

Another factor for consideration is dog ownership is on the rise within our communities. More people are getting dogs at a time when housing density is increasing with no all residents having access to good outdoor space to exercise pets. Not everyone has good mobility which can make getting out and socialising and exercising their dogs challenging. Not everyone has a car to transport a dog to a dog park but are happy to walk there if accessible. Again free run areas are critical to enable everyone within our community, regardless of their personal circumstances, to be good dog owners. Don't make it harder for people to do the right thing, support diversity and be a truly inclusive council.

Those people who dont follow council processes and rules (such as cleaning up after their dog) will continue to do so after any bylaw changes are put into place. Limiting access to these spaces wont stop this behaviour and will encourage more people to not conform with the bylaws. People not following the rules will in turn create more work for council. The council needs to work on addressing the problem, working with the owners and the dogs who cause the problem on an ongoing basis. I can give an actual example of how this isnt currently occurring. A while ago I was running with my dog on lead along the Te Awa cycleway. A woman was walking with a dog not on lead and the dog attacked mine. In dealing with the council afterwards I found out the dog had a dangerous dog classification and was not allowed off the property without being muzzled and on a lead. When I asked what ongoing contact the council had with the owner the response was none. As a council you classify a dangerous dog in your community and there is no council interaction or follow up with the owner after the classification. Bylaws wont change the behaviour of that owner. This is a council problem, and we need processes to manage the owners and the dogs that cause the problem. Dont make it harder for responsible owners in the hope it will manage the minority.

Lets look at Taupos approach to dogs within their community. They have over 18 off-leash areas in an area significantly smaller than Waikato District. They have over 200km of dog-friendly biking and hiking trails across the region. You can take your dog cruising, to restaurants and cafes. They encourage people to visit their region with their dogs. This progressive approach is good for residents and visitors alike. In Queenstown council staff can take their dog to work. Wouldnt it be great if Waikato District was as progressive and sought inclusive solutions to the issues you say you want to address?

So congratulations on the two new dog exercise areas in Tuakau (only until 2025, so what happens then?) and Tamahere. However you are planning on restricting six exercise areas so thats not a positive step forward as a council. What other areas are being explored to provide alternatives for dog owners to use?

I come back to the point we agree on, that we all want good canine citizens within our communities. Easy access to dog exercise areas where dogs can run and socialise support achieving this. Also acknowledging and celebrating that dogs are part of our community and creating more inclusive spaces and activities would be a positive step.

As a resident I pay my rates and my annual dog registration fees however as a dog owner what do I get in return? Supporting, educating, and enforcing (when required) are council responsibilities. The proposed changes dont address the problem of nuisance dogs, you are just making it harder for all dog owners to be responsible residents with good canine citizens.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2798

Submitter name/organisation: Kim Conchie

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2795

Submitter name/organisation: Kitty joyce

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2792

Submitter name/organisation: Kirstin eade

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2790

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Please keep my name confidential. Thank you.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2789

Submitter name/organisation: John Richards

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I refer in particular to the proposal to limit the number of dogs on rural properties to two with three dogs requiring council consent.

I do not support this proposal for rural properties. I have moved out of the suburbs to be free of the over regulation that comes with living in those areas I do not wish to see rural areas being treated as though rural properties are a suburban properties.

If however Council still feel the need to impose further restrictions on rural properties certainly a by-law that requires Council consent for more than two dogs where there are already more than two dogs is tantamount to introducing a retrospective by-law that goes against the principles upon which the law is base; one can only be liable for breaches of laws that existed at the time; anything else whether implied or explicit is inconsistent with the rule of law.

With such a by-law the implication is that an owner of more than two dogs becomes liable for a breach of the by-laws and without Council consent the owner has to get rid of the dog(s) that they have where it is more than two dogs, which is inhuman and positivity un-kiwi.

When I obtained a third dog there was nothing in Council publications that alerted me to the possibility that I should have foreseen Council introducing a by-law that would in essence apply retrospectively to require me to limit the number of dogs I have to two.

I therefore propose as an alternative to the current proposal to limit the number of dogs, without Council consent, to two dogs that such a by-law would not apply to dog owners that are currently registered with more than two dogs and whose dogs are identifiable; so that such a by-law would only apply to dog owners who acquire a dog(s) that result in more than two dogs being owned on the property after that date the by-law comes into force.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. **Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2788

Submitter name/organisation: Lynn Orr

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

I agree that a property urban/rural should have a maximum of two dogs, with the exception of a working rural farm with consent from Council to have more than two dogs.

Make it law that all dogs are on a lead when outside their own property or in a fenced designated exercise area. That is to include urban and rural areas. I am fed up going for walks to be greeted by unruly dogs whose owners are miles away yelling at me, he/she is friendly and wont hurt you.

Make it commonly know on a regular basis, that it is law in NZ to pick up your dog poo, that includes rural roads that others also use. Start issuing fines for failure to do this.

Every registration form sent out every year should have this printed on it, until dog owners get the idea that it is law in NZ. Our Streets and Roads are littered with dog poo.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2787

Submitter name/organisation: Ron and Sylvia Bird

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Providing the Bylaw 2015 changes do not affect in the Northwest Waikato

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

There is an area on Kariotahi Beach which Waikato District Council do permit us to exercise our dogs on an area south of the surf life saving building.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2786

Submitter name/organisation: Ingrid van Dorsser

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

We have two 11 year old pet foxy dogs.

Living on a 9 acre section, our pets prove to be useful.

I pay for their license, but the dogs hardly ever get of the property, in the car to the supermarket

And walk over to the neighbors over the road.

We never go to a park with them so what do we get for our money.

Ok they catch rats mice rabbits and help finding possums in our bushblock, so our licensed friend is happy to take a walk and

Shoot them.

One of the dogs is gone blind last year, if we want to replace that one and let the pup been thought by the older 2, do I have to ask permission?

How much is that going to cost, for whos benefit, do we have pest control, we seem to look after that ourselves.

In town or small section, yes I can understand that we dont more dogs but for us ? SORRY NO

More work for you, rates up and still what do we get, nothing heaps of rabbits, still hopping around!!

So Please leave the dog law alone

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2785

Submitter name/organisation: Nicky Webber

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Access to dog parks is critical and dogs are popular among most households in the area. Socialising and exercising your dog/s is critical to their health and welfare.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Both these areas are required. As ratepayers and members of the dog owners in the area we need BOTH of these parks to meet the exercise obligations under the Animal Welfare Act.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2783

Submitter name/organisation: Michelle Hall

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

I have no issue with limiting the dog numbers in rural areas.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

I live in Tuakau, at present none of the off lead dog areas are suitable to have dogs off lead as they are all not fenced, extremely small and close to busy roads and so dogs cannot be let off safely. I ask that you consider this when looking at new off lead areas.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2782

Submitter name/organisation: Debbie Rawlinson

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I am a responsible dog owner for the past 30 plus years having lived in the Auckland Council region and more recently in Waikato. Two of my dogs at present are rescue dogs that had been mistreated in the early stages of their lives.

One of the driving factors of moving to the Waikato was the opportunity to be in an area where the Council saw people as part of a community and not just as a citizen paying land rates. This included the flexibility of more than two dogs on a property in a rural area. Waikato is known for its beautiful environment, trails and dog friendly areas and it would be a shame to turn this beauty into the less flexibility and robotic functions such as Auckland Council

An area of concern is the limitation of the number of dogs in rural areas down to two.

It is appalling to read in the last 5 years council has received 58 complaints about multiple dogs in rural areas, leading to 156 dogs being found in poor condition and showing signs of neglect.

May I first thank Waikato Council for their staff dedication in responding to peoples concerns, including investigation and resolution to animals being poorly treated.

It is highlighted in Council documentation that there are approximately 15,000 dogs in the Waikato District with 156 dogs being found neglected by some means; this equates to 0.01%.

On this information there is clearly a higher percentage of responsible dog owners that should not be penalised for a small percentage of irresponsible public. Prohibition, large fines including sentencing, supervision periods are a few items that could be implemented. As a responsible dog owner I would be more than happy for my dog registration to increase in cost to reflect dog welfare checks to be carried out.

I would be interested in the proposed exemptions that Council are considering for the limitation of the number of dogs in rural areas. There appears to be no available documentation to enable public the opportunity to review as part of this proposed change. Having this documentation available would be beneficial to all parties. Also there appears to be no parameters outlined as to requirements to be met regarding dog permits as well as council proposal for properties already in excess of 2 dogs that are responsible dog owners.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- No
2. **Any further comments?**

The proposed review indicates change of the current dog exercise areas, with a proposal of one new dog exercise area.

Due to a growing population with less land for homes, this may be detrimental to responsible dog owners who utilise these exercise areas in a responsible manner for both the general public and dogs in general. Although appreciated that some of the current dog areas are to become on leash areas for the dog safety, it would be ideal to consider the opportunity of more areas where dogs can be unleashed to enjoy freedom and playtime with their owners and other breeds of dogs in a safe environment for all.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2781

Submitter name/organisation: Roger and Naomi Drower

Attachment: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

See attached

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

See attached

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

See attached

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

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Roger and Naomi are spokespeople for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People NZ for Civil Defence Emergency Management groups (CDEM) throughout New Zealand, advocating for Disability/Service assistance Dogs and their owners and what will be needed in a CD emergency. It has been great to see CDEM groups taking us seriously for what we might need in an emergency and incorporating this into their plans.

Waikato District Council dog control bylaw 2022

There are **7** organisations has Disability/Service assistance Dogs in NZ under GOVT Dog Control Act 1996 under section 2. Work Safe Act 2015. Humans Right Act 1993, Bill Of Rights Act 1990, Heath Act 1956. No

council can't exclude D/S dogs from any of the organisations listed under section 2 of the GOVT act. 34 Dogs

register (2) (da) 35A National dog control information data base

Disability assist dog means a dog certified by one of the following organisations as being a dog trained to assist (or as being a dog in training to assist) a person with a disability:

(a) Hearing Dogs for Deaf People New Zealand:

(b) Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust:

(c) New Zealand Epilepsy Assist Dogs Trust:

(d) Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind:

(e) Assistance Dogs NZ:

(f) K9 MDNZ:

(g) Prefect Partners Assistance Dogs Trust:

(h) An organisation specified in an Order in Council made under section 78D

Safety needs to come FIRST for both us and our Disability/Service Assistance Dog.

Thank you for your help and understanding.

Within NZ 2021 Disability/Service assistance Dogs been asked to leave the CBD, Countdown Auckland, Cambridge & Putaruru (6/12/2021 with Guide dog at Countdown, The Base, McDonalds, Burger Kings, cafes, Camping grounds, Hotel, Public Transport, Taxi VTNZ, Council buildings and The Beach with lack of understanding in 2021 there was in Total **6**

With the GOVT and Most Council is helping us to make sure that we are known to people and Businesses.

Within NZ 2021 Disability/Service assistance Dogs been attacked or rushed at in NZ been total **5** and not recorded by some Councils within NZ this is poor to see.

Question how many Disability/Service assistance Dogs been attacked or rushed in your area?

IN NZ 2021 Pet/family Dogs pooing and peeing in the **CBD** within **NZ** Total **295**

Dog is a dog but our Disability/Service DOGS are train to go to toilet to smell other dog business is not on in the **CBD**. This shows that people do not pick up the dog poo and do not care.

Not sure how many pet dogs that the Dog Control Officer come across where Pet Dog/s not allowed to go. Are they asked to remove the dogs straight away? Or just warned not to do it again in the future? Or where to go like the park?

Within NZ 2021 Dog/s left outside shop in CBD on leads tided up so the pet dog having ago (rushing, barking etc.) or will not let Disability/Service dog to go into shop the owner of the pet dog do NOT know that the dog is doing when the owner inside the shop, within NZ Total **399**

Electric cars and E-bikes are a danger to us.

1 Cannot see. 2 cannot hear. 3 cannot move fast enough to get out of their way.

One Dog Control officer told one person who had a Disability/Service assistance Dog in 2021 to go back home so he stood his ground and said no this is my name and you will find out this is a Disability/Service Dog the Name xyz? Council Dog Control called the Police and tried to fine him for having a Disability/Service Dog. So he has taken this to Auckland Council and Human Right office (HRC) the Dog Control Officer was out of line. This person got a letter from Auckland Council saying sorry what the Dog Control officer had said and done. I do have the copy of this letter. Or you can find it on FB. Police could not do anything as the man with the Disability/Service Dog was right with the GOVT Dog Control Act 1996 and Humans Right Act 1993 which the DC Officer was not happy with Police.

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Mel Griffiths

29 July

Today my husband and I with our two guide dogs had another near miss with an electric car. We were crossing a side road and it came in off the main road and passed very close in front of us. If it'd been a petrol or diesel engine, or if it'd had a sound emitter fitted, we'd have heard it, but, apart from the sound of the tyres on the road, it was virtually silent.

I am a confident guide dog handler but I can honestly say that silent electric vehicles scare me. I fear that it will take serious injury to a blind person, or even worse, death, before any meaningful legislation is put into place. If it happens to me or someone that I care about, I'll be in court and I won't rest until we have justice.

So please, if you drive an electric vehicle, switch on your sound emitter. After all, you wouldn't drive at night without your lights on, it's the same thing.

Many people will like this post but please don't. I ask anyone who would have hit the like button to please hit the share button instead and pass this far and wide. I fear for our lives and those of these two amazing dogs.

Joel MacManus05:00, Nov 19 2020

A blind Wellington man is "spitting tacks" after being told his guide dog was not allowed on a bus because the driver did not believe poodles could be guide dogs.

George Taggart was boarding at a bus stop outside the Blind Foundation offices on Adelaide Rd, along with three women, who were also blind, when he was told his large white poodle Guss was not allowed on board.

"I accept it's not the norm, but he's dressed accordingly," Taggart said.

"He has a collar, a harness, and tags which tell you it's a guide dog."

Taggart was also carrying an identity card confirming that he was blind, which includes a picture of Guss.

The driver told Taggart to get off, which he refused to do, telling the driver to call the police. It was eventually resolved after a long radio call back to the bus terminal.

It was the second time in two weeks that a driver had attempted to stop him bringing Guss onto a bus.

"I'm kind of fed up with it, it's quite embarrassing.

"The bus stop was right outside the NZ Blind Foundation. I don't understand what the hell is going on," Taggart said.

Even with Guss, Taggart has to be careful where he puts his feet when boarding a bus, and the three women he was with all carried white canes, making it obvious they were blind.

"I have to wear dark glasses. I think I look like a blind person – but I'm not sure," he laughed.

"Maybe I should be wearing a sign around my neck."

Poodles are a rare breed for guide dogs, often used in homes where someone is allergic to dog hair. Taggart said he was aware of just one other poodle guide dog in the Wellington area.

Taggart is involved with educating TransDev train staff to appreciate the difficulties blind people experience on public transport but said no Metlink bus company had accepted his offer for training.

Scott Gallacher, Metlink General Manager apologised to Taggart for the encounter. People is now speaking out.

Joanne Holden14:28, Jan 04 2021 Up until the end of November, South Canterbury's AA had been called to four children and eight animals locked in vehicles in 2020.

Four children and nine animals were reported trapped in 2019, two children and six animals in 2018, four children and 11 animals in 2017, and three children and nine animals in 2016.

The SPCA is already getting calls from concerned members of the public seeing dogs left alone in parked cars.

SPCA Southland, Tasman and West Coast team lead Jamie Hancock said the organisation was constantly fielding calls about dogs left in hot cars.

She said nationally, between November 2020 and March 2021, there had been 339 calls from members of the public.

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Question Time:

People that is hard of hearing Deaf or mute, is there a texting number for us to get help from Dog Control/council? This is for them to use only that they have to sign a form not to give it out to anyone.

3.2 Pet dogs are covered and not allowed pet dogs in food areas under the health act 1956 under section 120 this is where service dogs have been attacked entering or exiting shops. Some pet dogs may poo/ urinate and the first finger get pointed to us with service dogs.

I know what that is like for have a service dog some people think it is fun but it is not ok pet dog/s and people doing XYZ

GOVT Dog Control law 1996 this is for service dog 2 & Public place a & b, 75 1 (a) Not for pet dogs this is not ok In the CBD, food places, shopping Mall etc.

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5.6 Question if service dog is looking for help and the Dog control officer thinks the service dog is wandering but could be looking for help for that person without them knowing then what will happen? This has happened in Christchurch earthquake. Auckland.

Question what about service dog allowed on sports fields, cemeteries in town centres or scenic reserves?

Council maybe giving wrong message to public and confused? We need to get it right.

Dog Control Officer or Police Officer to move on dog owners with dogs/dogs. All matters raised around the prohibition of dogs in the Central Business District (CBD) are matters for the Dog Control Bylaw.

WDC below.

3.2 **No to Pet** Dogs in outdoor dining establishments The Council is supportive of food businesses allowing dogs in their outdoor dining areas, provided the business complies with all regulatory requirements. As with all public places, dogs must be under control at all times. **No to pet dogs** It is up to each individual business to decide if they want to welcome dogs, and if so, to manage any issues that may arise. **YES to Disability assist** dogs are allowed in all customer areas of all food businesses in accordance with Section 75(1) of the Act. **Safety for our service dogs comes first.** This is where people do not understand what could happen to us and our service dogs. Allowing Pet dogs into businesses puts the safety of the service dogs in jeopardy and with service dogs being attacked by pet dogs puts their jobs at risk, a lot of time and money is spent training service dogs, most which isn't covered by the government, so a dog attack while a service dog is working can end the working life of a service dog and can mean isolation and reliance on other people for the recipient until another service dog can be trained which can be a long wait due to the cost and time it takes for a service dog to be sourced, puppy raised, trained then matched with a recipient. This is after making it to the top of often very long waiting lists. The impact on the recipients mental health after their service dog attack also takes time to get over as well as the mental health impacts of the dog which we both have seen first-hand with our own service dog and being attacked (in this case kicked by a courier driver in the CBD in Tokoroa, my wife could tell exactly where a month later due to the change in the dog's behaviour when walking in the area)

3.3 Disability and working dogs exemptions Disability assist dogs and working dogs, if working at the time, are exempt from all public place restrictions specified in this Policy. They do not need to be on-lead in prohibited public places. Disability assist dog exemptions require written authorisation from the appropriate organisation. Consider rewording exemption to identification from certifying organisation. All disability dog recipients should carry identification cards from the certifying organisation at all times when in public. Identification should show recipient and dog name and a photo of the dog

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5.6 Impounded Dogs Council impounds a large number of dogs every year. This can be for a variety of reasons, including: • wandering • not registered • attacking animals or people • surrendered to Council. Council's Animal Control Team runs a very successful rehoming operation called Waikato Pound Pups. Except for dogs which are impounded for aggressive behaviour, any dogs that are impounded are extensively temperament tested. All dogs that pass this test are then placed into the rehoming programme. All dogs that are rehomed are desexed, micro-chipped, registered, given a flea and worm treatment, and have received their first vaccination. Any dogs that do not pass the temperament test are euthanized humanely by a veterinarian. [Question if service dog is looking for help and the Dog control officer think the service dog is wandering but could be looking for help for that person without them knowing then what will happen? This has happened in Christchurch earthquake.](#)

7.1 Dogs in vehicles over the summer months Council is concerned about the health and welfare of dogs that are left in vehicles during the summer months. The Council takes a strong stance on dogs suffering in hot cars and will act swiftly to release dogs that are clearly in distress. Council's Animal Control Officers may work to release a dog that is in distress and may get assistance of the Police or officers of the SPCA Waikato if necessary. [Agree](#)

7.2 Dogs at Council events and festivals Some Council or community events or festivals may not welcome dogs or may require them to be on a lead. This is at the discretion of event organisers and promoters and is not the same as dogs being prohibited or required to be on a lead through the Council's bylaw (unless the event is being held in a place where dogs are prohibited or required to be on a lead). You should always check the requirements of an event before you leave home. [No pet dog why some people have tripped over the dog/s some people do not like the dog at events, I know what that is like with my service dog. Also for people who are less stable on their feet, leads create another danger that could cause them to fall.](#)

7.3 Education and training increased public awareness of safety around dogs, particularly for children, is one of the best ways to reduce dog attacks in the long term. Toddlers and young children should be supervised around dogs at all times. Most dog attacks happen to children in their own home or the home of a relative or friend. The Council offers a free education programme that shows children how to keep themselves safe around dogs. Council also offers a programme where children can read to a dog in the library, while learning about dog safety. Contact the Council for more information or to ask about booking a session. [Agree safety education also about what to do when coming across a service dogs when they are about.](#)

7.4 Teaching dog safety for workers Some jobs require people to enter private property, and this can be dangerous if the property has an aggressive dog or a dog defending its territory. For example, common jobs may include couriers, meter readers and census personnel. Council offers an occupational dog safety course that helps employees in these types of roles to recognise and understand threatening dog behaviour to avoid injury or accidents. Contact the Council for more information. [True agree. What happens when for example tradies, couriers, meter readers and census personnel get aggressive to a dog or a service dog? I have had couriers come to my home and just kick my service dog at my door when I open the front door and I have a sign up on my door.](#)

[On 23/04/2021 9:49 am, Roger Drower wrote:](#)

[Hi Gary at PBT.](#)

[You can tell him to leave my service Dog alone thanks to him scared my service dog this IS NOT THE First time this has happened.](#)

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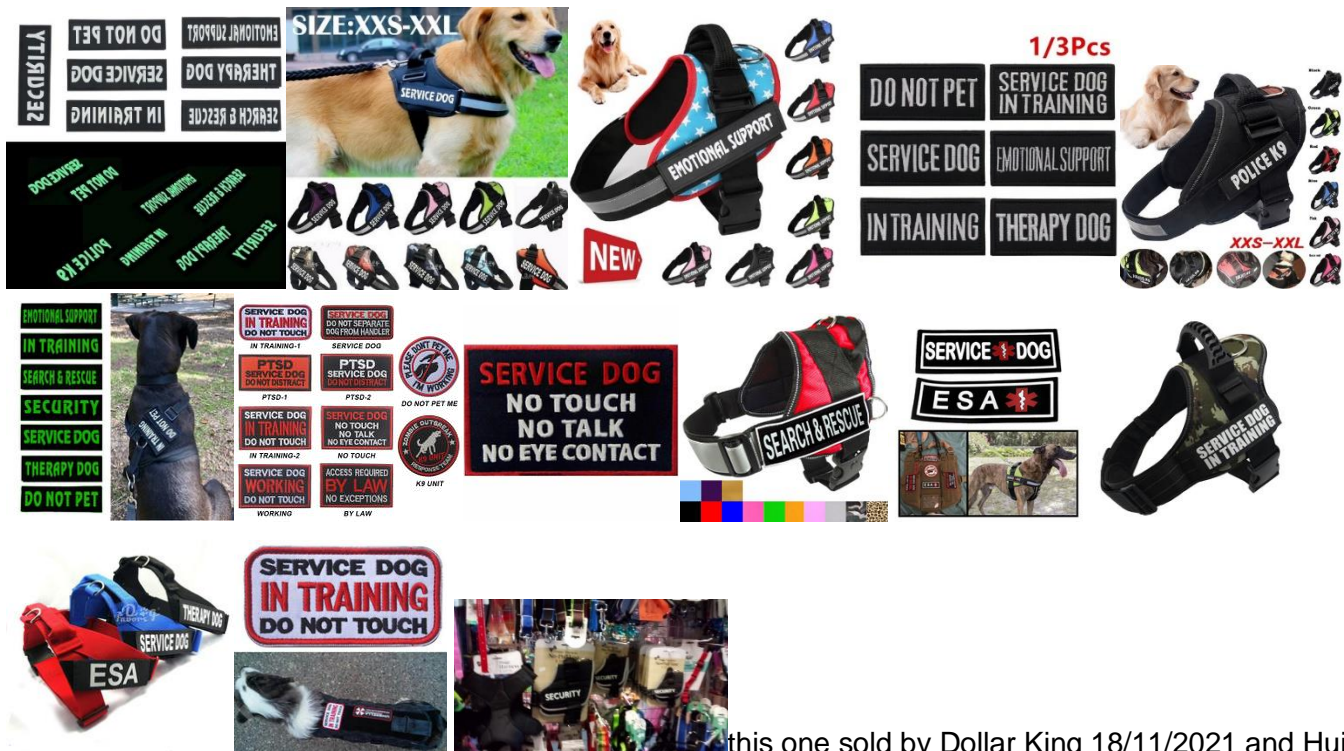
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OTHER CHANGES TO DOG CONTROL AREAS

Dog control areas what we are currently doing Waikato district has six prohibited areas, where dogs are not allowed to enter. These are mainly in town centres or scenic reserves. Dogs are also not allowed on sports fields, cemeteries and within 10 metres of playgrounds.

[Question what about service dog allowed on sports fields, cemeteries in town centres or scenic reserves?](#)

Waikato district also has 24 dog exercise areas, where dogs can be exercised freely off lead. **I Agree**



this one sold by Dollar King 18/11/2021 and Hui Huang 9/12/2021 in Tokoroa, Hamilton, Auckland, Taupo and more towns.

New Zealand with (**label signs** Service Dog, POLICE, Search & Rescue, In Training, Security, Emotional support, Therapy Dog) on it was **sold illegally** as it is not legal to sell them in NZ this is a serious offence. You need to tell all your suppliers. Reflective Service Dog Vest Harness Adjustable Chest Plate Collar. People can NOT use the name POLICE, Search & Rescue, In Training, Security, Emotional support, Therapy Dog and Service Dog on and pet/family dog this also come under the **NZ serious offence by law** this is the same as Service Dog we are all under the NZ GOVT Act. They, you are Misleading people has bought the harness and **label sign** saying "Service Dog" from a shop or tredeme or wish and on Face book. People is making up this sign Service Dog to go on pet/family dog is not right, they are breaking the NZ GOVT law. This has gone to NZ Police & GOVT. Please remove the **label signs** from you site. Or shops :) this is all Velcro Labels.

Under GOVT Dog Control Act 1996 (2 Interpretation service dog, (a) specified agency, warranted officer, (40) proof of class of dog, They are Registered under DC GOVT) work safe Act 2015, Humans Right Act 1993, Health Act 1956, Bill of rights Act 1990 All Disability/Service Dogs and GOVT Dogs are been put at risk with pet/family dogs this label on their pets are NOT Registered this is breaking the law.

I cannot use your name and your business name and put it on XYZ this is offense then I am breaking the law and your rights this is the same here.

Having Security, service ETC label on the harness and the dog attacked a person or another dog that you are liable under the law that the dog is not Registered under DC GOVT and work safe.

Hope this help you to understand you can look this up.

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Welcome to 2022

Report Pet Dogs in CBD in the South Waikato Tokoroa and around NZ 2021

Under GOVT Dog Control Act 1996 work safe Act 2015, Humans Right Act 1993, Health Act 1956, Bill of rights Act 1990 All Disability/Service Dogs are been put at risk with pet/family dogs in the CBD, without fear of attack or intimidation by Pet family dogs.

The DUTY of CARE for our service dog where is it?

There have been Pet dogs in the CBD **January 34** SWDC DC talked to 4 Dogs owners on 6/1/2021 Keep it up SWDC. **February 10** pet dog pissing in Leth pl went into campervan RegASL136 19/02/2021 **March 9. April 19** Pet dog rushed at Harper 9/04/2021. **May**

12 24/05/2021 great to see guide dog come to Tokoroa. **June 15** Pet dog peeing Leith Pl and bridge church 23/6/2021. **July 29. August 17. September 19** Lady pet dog peeing & pooing around town, outside KK's man dog pooing 4/09/2021. **October 15** dog pissing on Rubbish bin 22/10/2021 Rosebeary st dog poo 29/10/2021.

November 19 8/11/2021 Dog shit in Leith Pl, 18/11/2021 man and lady with a dog going into shop on the "Security" and at BP at 21.40 sold by dollar king, Man with his dog with a long lead so far apart nearly tripping people over 19/11/2021, **December 18** Dog shit outside ANZ Bridge & Rosebeary St dog pissing and shitting on the grass where the

toilet, in the CDB that I have recorded that I have been asked to keep a record by SWDC Mayor. Most of these I alerted the Dog control via text or I Came into SWDC this is still a job card by txting when I see the dog in the CBD area. I have send Picture into SWDC.

There is No place for pet dogs in the CBD there are parks for the pet dogs to go

Total **1** pet family Dog rushing or Attacked on Disability/Service assistance Dog in CBD in the South Waikato Tokoroa alone. One is too many. These all happened to me, and I did report every instance to council.

How many Disability/Service Dog attacks have been recorded by SWDC and reported to GOVT? Under GOVT ACT 1996 57 Dog attacking persons or animals?

Within NZ Person/s attack, rushed at or injury threatening or scaring Disability/Service Dog total **5 Rushed at or attacked a Disability/Service Dog**. In the CBD by a Pet/Family dog going to the shop. Taupo 15/01/2021 1 Guide dog has his ear bitten by a pet/family dog in the CBD they went to council seen the Mayor want to know more, SEE photo below. HDNZ dog was attacked service dog, owner of the pet dog did the attacked a service dog on the street.

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3 Dog left in a car on a hot day at MacDonald car par reported to SWDC on 11/02/2021 SWDC DC did not come at all when there was a few DC in the building. Putaruru dog left in a ute all the window up 3/09/2021. Member of the public called SWDC. Noel Leemings Taupo 26/12/2021 Police was called.

Out of the Dogs in the **CBD** quite a few are the same person with the same dog even after dog control officers have spoken to them. Question what has been done fined or? Out of Town **0**

Pet dogs not on lead in the **CBD** total **19**. Under GOVT DC Act 1996 54A not carrying a leash in public \$100.00 infringement fee GOVT Law. Council Bylaw says No Dogs in the **CBD** hours between 8am - 6pm.

Super liquor has a bucket of water for pet Dog and they have been told by SWDC Pet dogs are allowed in the **CBD** this is not right as the SWDC Bylaw says NO Dog in the CBD between 8am to 6pm is the Council giving wrong message to public? 17/01/2020 The CBD starts from Bridge St Railway lines that what it say in the SWDC Bylaw or are they?

Second Schedule: Areas where dogs are restricted, prohibited and permitted (as mapped)

Restricted Dog Areas (between the hours of 8.00am and 6.00pm) Tokoroa

Dog Control works from 8am to 4.30pm after hours will not come out even dogs in the CBD. Question what happens with dogs in the CBD area after hours, right up to 6pm?

I been told by SWDC staff to approach people with their dog and tell them to leave the CBD. This is not my JOB to do, this is SWDC DC Job. And I am not putting me and my Disability/Service dog at risk.

Council dated 4 March 2021. Issue Raised Animal Control and Compliance Manager Response Free registration for disability assistance dogs. Free registration is available to all owners of a disability assist dog in New Zealand and has been available for years. A disability assist dog is one that is certified as being trained to assist a person with a disability (Dog Control Act 1996, s 2). The organisations which certify disability assist dogs are found under Schedule 2 of the Dog Control Act 1996. Keep the CBD free from public dogs unless they are taking the dogs to the Vet; Dog Control Officer or Police Officer to move on dog owners with dogs/dogs. All matters raised around the prohibition of dogs in the Central Business District (CBD) are matters for the Dog Control Bylaw. From the last review of the Dog Control Bylaw: - Both Putāruru and Tīrau CBD's are "dogs on leash" areas. - Tokoroa CBD has a "no dogs between the hours of 8am to 6pm" restriction. These restrictions have been accepted as favourable to the wider community and dog control and will remain in place. The next Dog Control Bylaw review (January 2023) will be the correct place to submit on this subject.

Pet/family Dogs going into shops Total 9 There are Two people saying their dog is a service dog when it not this is all Velcro Labels they have got of shops and internet within the SWD.

Within NZ Dog/s left outside shop in CBD on leads tided up so the pet dog having ago (rushing, barking etc.) or will not let Disability/Service dog to go into shop the owner of

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the pet dog do NOT know that the dog is doing when the owner inside the shop, within NZ Total **399**

Pet/family Dogs pooing and pissing in the Tokoroa **CBD 38** Putaruru **CBD 7** Tirau **CBD 5** that's what I have come across. This put people off coming into the CBD.

OUR SERVICE DOGS have to put up with pet dogs pooing and pissing within the CBD the worst thing that people is standing in the dog poo and we get the blame for it. Dog is a dog but our Disability/service DOGS are train to go to toilet to smell other dog business is not on in the CBD. This show that people do not pick up the dog poo and do not care.

IN NZ Pet/family Dogs pooing and pissing in the **CBD** within NZ Total **295**

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Not sure how many pet dogs that the Dog Control Officer come across where Pet Dog/s not allowed to go. Are they asked to remove the dogs straight away? Or just warned not to do it again in the future? Or shown where to go like parks?

Within NZ Disability/Service assistance Dogs been attacked or rushed at in NZ been total **5** and not recorded by some Councils within NZ this is poor to see. HDNZ dog was attacked service dog owner was going to get fined \$XYZ for a pet dog did the attacked a service dog then the pet/family dog had the service dog in of the pet dog mouth.

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With the GOVT and Most Council is helping us to make sure that we known to people and Business. 9 November 2021 Ring for a taxi. Arrives. Refuses to take Service dog (HDNZ) **Rogan Josh** . Changes his mind. Get home 3 hours after car breaks down.

its a horrid drama alright with our hearing dogs! AA are awesome here in Napier and as soon as I say I have a service dog in the car with me, they turn up very quickly.... but.... taxis on the other hand, Jasper and I were turned away by 8 taxis in a row at the Wellington Airport!!!!

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responded to us after saying a representative would do so. Once they hear a newspaper is involved that usually evokes a response.)

Refused to be able to rent a home 2 within NZ because having a Disability/Service Dog. 1 Auk & 1 Nap

I have been doing a survey on rentals out of 40 Rentals Business to see what happens to Disability People when they go looking for rentals like the entrance. Doors ramps, service from the real estate world most welcome service dogs but Since I have started doing this I have had 4 real estates say no to service dogs and 3 real estates said not to bring the dog back into the office and NO to Rentals. I have told them My Dog IS a Service Dog But the Real Estate put it as a pet dog. Under the GOVT Act, Humans Rights Act they are breaking the law.

Trade me Face book about service dog 18 2 2021

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Electric car and E-bike are danger to us.

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There are **7** organisations has Disability/Service assistance Dogs in NZ under GOVT Dog Control Act 1996 under section 2. Work Safe Act 2015. Humans Right Act 1993, Bill Of Rights Act 1990, Heath Act 1956. No council can't exclude D/S dogs from any of the organisations listed under section 2 of the GOVT act. 34 Dogs register (2) (da) 35A National dog control information data base

Disability assist dog means a dog certified by one of the following organisations as being a dog trained to assist (or as being a dog in training to assist) a person with a disability:

- (a) Hearing Dogs for Deaf People New Zealand:
- (b) Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust:
- (c) New Zealand Epilepsy Assist Dogs Trust:
- (d) Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind:

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Safety needs to come FIRST for both us and our Disability/Service Assistance Dog.

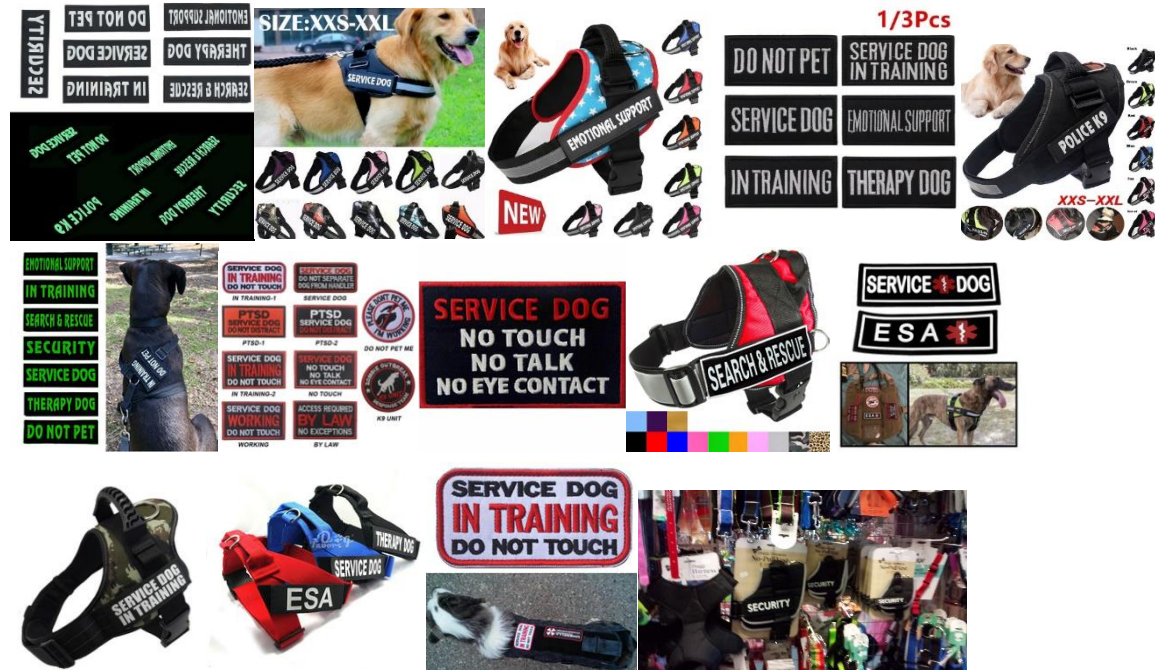
Thank you for your help and understanding.

Roger and Naomi are spokespeople for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People NZ for Civil Defence Emergency Management groups (CDEM) throughout New Zealand, advocating for Disability/Service assistance Dogs and their owners and what will be needed in a CD emergency. It has been great to see CDEM groups taking us seriously for what we might need in an emergency and incorporating this into their plans.

On FB 20/11/2020 This is so say and I know what it like to be told that you and your Disability/Service dog can NOT Come into Under the GOVT Dog Control Act 1996, Human Rights Act 1993 ETC. All people needs to be aware and needs to be trained of our needs. in 2019 In NZ Disability/Service Dogs been attacked or rushed at in NZ been total 9 this is really sad. In NZ Disability/Service Dogs been asked to leave the CBD, Countdown, The Base, McDonalds, Burger Kings, Rotorua shopping centre, Public Transport, VTNZ and The Beach with lack of understanding in 2019 there was in Total 7 In 2020 In NZ Disability/Service assistance Dogs been attacked or rushed at in NZ been total 3 In NZ Disability/Service assistance Dogs been asked to leave the CBD, Countdown, McDonalds, Burger Kings, Camping grounds, Hotel, Public Transport, VTNZ, Council and The Beach with lack of understanding in 2020 there was in Total 3 The GOVT and Council need to do more.

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this one sold by Dollar King & Hui Hung in Tokoroa all fake.

New Zealand with (**label signs** Service Dog, POLICE, Search & Rescue, In Training, Security, Emotional support, Therapy Dog) on it was **sold illegally** as it is not legal to sell them in NZ. You need to tell all your suppliers. Reflective Service Dog Vest Harness Adjustable Chest Plate Collar. People can NOT use the name POLICE, Search & Rescue, In Training, Security, Emotional support, Therapy Dog and Service Dog on and pet/family dog this also come under the **NZ serious offence by law** this is the same as Service Dog we are all under the NZ GOVT Act. They, you are Misleading people has bought the harness and **label sign** saying "Service Dog" from a shop or tredeme or wish and on Face book. People is making up this sign Service Dog to go on pet/family dog is not right, they are breaking the NZ GOVT law. This has gone to NZ Police & GOVT. Please remove the **label signs** from you site. Or shops :) this is all Velcro Labels.

Report The Automobile Association has issued a plea for people not to lock children and pets in cars in a warning that gets more-urgent as summer months set in.

AA said it has been called to 470 children and 450 pets locked in cars during 2020 so far but that number was down on previous, non-lockdown years.

Normal years involved about 760 call-outs for children locked in cars and 650 for pets.

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“On a 30C day, the temperature inside a vehicle can reach 39C in less than 5 minutes; in 30 minutes, it will be 49°C,” AA roadside solutions general manager Bashir Khan said.

LAURA JAMES, 1 NEWS REPORTER

SAT, DEC 26 • SOURCE: 1 NEWS

Drivers are meant to stop for anyone with a cane or guide dog, without being flagged down, but that's not always happening.

Blind Low Vision NZ told 1 NEWS passengers who were blind were being left behind every day, and it's happening nationwide.

"Just yesterday I had a call from a client in a major city in the North Island, who said that three times in the last week, despite the fact she had a cane in her hand, a driver went straight past," Access and Awareness Advisor Chris Orr said.

"They're relying upon public transport to go about their business, they can't just jump in a car and drive."

Carolyn Peat said one in three buses leave her and guide dog Imogen behind.

Joanne Holden 14:28, Jan 04 2021 Up until the end of November, South Canterbury's AA had been called to four children and eight animals locked in vehicles in 2020.

Four children and nine animals were reported trapped in 2019, two children and six animals in 2018, four children and 11 animals in 2017, and three children and nine animals in 2016.

The statistics encompass Timaru, Waimate, Temuka, Geraldine, and Tekapo.

Yates said it was “surprising” how quickly cars heat up, endangering children and pets inside.

On a 30 degrees Celsius day, the temperature inside a vehicle can reach 39C in less than five minutes and 49C in 30 minutes – even if parked in the shade with the windows down.

Trapped children and animals were “pretty high priority” for the AA, Yates said.

“If we get a child locked in the car and I’m already at a job, I excuse myself.

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“You’re against the clock a wee bit because the car’s heating up, and when you’ve got kids locked in and nobody can get at them, anything can happen.

“Sometimes the engine’s running and kids can turn the steering wheel and get the car moving. These sorts of things have happened before.”

Yates’ most unusual and “shocking” anecdote from his experiences rescuing children from cars was a father asking which of the vehicle’s windows was cheapest to break.

“I just broke the window. Mum was on the phone to dad, and when I did it the conversation went silent.

“I couldn’t believe he was worried about the price while his daughter was red in the face. You don’t want to mess around with that.”

Smashing windows was “pretty much a last resort”.

“It’s just about doing whatever we have to do to get in. We have to do it as quickly as we can.

“We used to be able to get in with a coat hanger, now we’ve got computers to deal with. Manipulating the computer to open a car is something we’ve had to learn in the last few years.”

Yates said many call-outs took him to Caroline Bay, Patiti Point, Centennial Park, or supermarkets.

The AA was called to more than 470 emergency call-outs for children locked in vehicles and more than 450 for pets across New Zealand in 2020. Meanwhile, the SPCA received 672 animal welfare calls about dogs left in vehicles.

ROTORUA DAILY POST 5 Jan, 2021 01:41 PM Are you kidding?

That's how Kate Murray felt when she pulled up to the Ngongotahā Four Square this morning to find a goat tied up outside.

"We went to get some eggs for breakfast and two dogs and the goat were just tied up outside with the ladies shoes, politely taken off and placed outside."

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This Disability/service dog was attacked at Taupo CBD on the 15/01/2021

War veteran seeks help for cherished service dog hit by car

Jonathan Guildford 05:00, Sep 08 2021



STACY SQUIRES/STUFF

Dion Taka is helping his service dog, Delta, recover after she was hit by a car and had her leg broken.

Afghanistan war veteran Dion Taka was absolutely “beside himself” when his cherished support dog was hit by a car.

Taka, who served as a private in Afghanistan, was wounded in the [Battle of Baghak in 2012 when he was shot by an insurgent sniper](#). Lance Corporal Rory Malone and Lance Corporal Pralli Durrer were killed while five others were wounded in the battle.

Taka developed post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and type-2 complex regional pain syndrome.

[Delta, a white german shepherd named after Taka's company in Afghanistan](#), was given to him by charity Kotuku Foundation Assistance Animals Aotearoa in 2017.

From: Tech Support [<mailto:businesssupport@taupo.govt.nz>]

Sent: Thursday, 14 October 2021 10:59 AM

To: Upston Cambridge <upston.cambridge@parliament.govt.nz>

Cc: Shainey James <sjames@taupo.govt.nz>

Subject: LGOIMA - Reply RE: hearing dog attack

Good morning Louise

Your request dated 27 September 2021 has been processed under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

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There has been a single attack reported on a disability assist dog in Taupō - Incident date & time 07 October 2020.

The only other attack known to Council on a disability assistance dog relates to an incident in 2017.

The incident dated 07 October 2020 was investigated by Taupō District Council Compliance Team, the dog involved was a menacing classified dog at the time.

The outcome was as follows:

Although Council was to re-classify the dog as dangerous the complainant was not willing to give a sworn statement. Due to this the dog remained classified as menacing.

The owner of the offending dog was also given the following infringements:

Dog Control 1996 Section 52A Offence of failing to keep dog under control.

Dog Control 1996 Section 33E Failure to comply with the effect of classification as menacing dog.

The offending dog owner was also disqualified from dog ownership as a result of this incident and other offences.

If you believe your request for information has not been adequately dealt with you may contact the Office of the Ombudsman, and their contact details are:

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Kind regards

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Hi Angie and Louise.

Can you find out if this was in the CBD or in a park. service dog and where is the report in 2017 and 2020 and which service dog organization?

Did the person who Had the Service Dog get fined?

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On the 15/01/2021 a service dog was attacked in the Taupo CBD never logged Why? I have met the people the dog had been placed with for training (still classed as a service dog), and also a Hearing dog has been involved in an attack the last 6 months.

From Roger.

NOVEMBER 9, 2021



MR DARCY AS A YOUNGER PUP (PHOTO: SUPPLIED; ADDITIONAL DESIGN: TINA TILLER)

Hounded out: How bans on dogs hurt disabled people like me

Hannah Gibson | Guest writer
 Opinion

A new member's bill would make it illegal to deny someone service because they have a disability assist dog. Dog owner Hannah Gibson explains why the law is so necessary.

For over two and a half years, I have navigated the world with **my trusty mobility dog**, Mr Darcy, by my side. Specifically, I have navigated Wellington, a beautiful but notoriously inaccessible city for those with different mobility needs. And people, it hasn't always been pleasant.

Once trained and accredited, disability dogs have what are called public access rights, allowing them to enter any public place, including public transport, and private businesses like supermarkets, restaurants, shopping malls, cinemas and motels or hotels. However, in reality, when a shop owner or café worker asks you to "leave the dog outside", it isn't always feasible or safe to explain the law.

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Staff in a sushi restaurant once loudly told me I couldn't be there with Mr Darcy. I could feel my face going red as everyone looked at us. We ended up leaving.

Other times, however, I have had the energy to not back down when sales assistants told me to take him out. I explained the law, pointed at his jacket where it says PUBLIC ACCESS RIGHTS, and offered them our photo ID. In the end, though, staying to browse or shop was excruciating. Plus, I don't want to spend my money somewhere people have been rude.



MR DARCY IN HIS YOUNGER YEARS (PHOTO: SUPPLIED)

Searching for accessible rental properties in Wellington was already a nightmare – not just for me, but for people like my friend Erin Gough who **had to use a shower at work for seven months** because she could not secure an accessible house. Trying to find an accessible home that Mr Darcy would also be welcome in has made it much trickier. It is more challenging because landlords or property managers can legally deny your application because you have a dog. I have the same protections that people with regular pets have: nil.

Over the years, my partner and I have experimented with various approaches:

1. Go to the viewing and make a good impression, but don't mention the dog. Bringing him up comes later, after we are sure the house is somewhere that could work for us.
2. Before going to a viewing, we determine how (in)accessible the property in question is. If we want to proceed, we send the owners/property manager a message and a CV-like document outlining a bit about Mr Darcy and us. The *I have*

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a service dog, but you'd never even know he was a dog approach. The photos of him usually win over the hardest of hearts.

3. Be upfront, enquire about the access, and mention Mr Darcy. But, again, make sure to minimise the fact he is a dog. Instead, make him sound like a super being. Throw in a few examples of what he does, and tell them that he helps keep the house clean by assisting with laundry and picking things off the floor. Charm them with his charisma.

The third approach has been the most successful. We discovered that landlords tend to fall into three categories. The first are happy for tenants to have animals, pet or otherwise. The second unequivocally do not want any animal in the house, regardless of how well trained Mr Darcy is. The third state they don't want any pets, but then are open to our application. Maybe they know someone with a service dog, or perhaps they know that dogs, if well trained, probably make less mess than kids (I love kids, but I stand by this statement). These landlords are the rarest.

The thing is, it's hard to be upfront when a large proportion of people respond with "we don't allow pets here" even after you've explained *he isn't a pet*.



MR DARCY IN HIS 'PUBLIC ACCESS CERTIFIED' JACKET (PHOTOS: SUPPLIED)

Even when we did find one amenable landlord, and we moved in, they made sure to tell me: "I did an act of kindness and allowed you to have the dog here."

No one should frame allowing my mobility dog, who supports me to be independent, into the house with me as a "kindness". It suggests I owe something to my landlord,

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or should be forever thankful. It's enough to make me feel uncomfortable in my home.

It's also exhausting to always be forced to package myself and family to minimise my disabilities and needs, to make them acceptable. Yet I have done it too often. Society is inherently ableist, and there aren't a lot of protections to ensure disabled people are treated with respect. Making myself smaller, not asking for much, is a habit I am forever trying to break.

It's not just rental accommodation. Public services, shops and restaurants are all places where people with disabilities are often denied entry or opportunities because they're accompanied by an assistance dog. More legal protections would result in more choices for those who have such dogs.

Ricardo Menéndez March's Human Rights (Disability Assist Dogs Non-Discrimination) Amendment Bill seeks to ensure that disabled New Zealanders do not face discrimination for having a mobility assistance dog.

The bill explicitly states that a person cannot be denied a service because they have a disability assist dog. The bill would replace the term "guide dog" – generally associated with dogs used by people who are blind – with the broader term "disability assist dog" as a prohibited grounds for discrimination.

So why is this new bill important?

As an extension of my arms and legs, Darcy is part of my physical body. Sometimes I call him my shadow, but really, he allows my precarious and struggling (but strong in many other ways) body to do more than I ever thought possible. He is my independence; he bolsters my confidence. I know that with him, I am safe.

To deny him entry is essentially denying **me**. It strips me of choice. If the bill is passed as legislation, it won't magically make Wellington less hilly and inaccessible, but it would make a tangible difference to many of us with mobility assistance dogs.

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This bill is welcome news, and I urge people to engage with the **public submissions process** which closes tomorrow, 10 November 2021.



19/11/2021 Dog with Security is Not registered as a working/service dog under GOVT Act This "**Label Security**" was been sold from Dollar King Tokoroa. People has Asked me is this a service dog and allowed into shops.

Heading out in the car - leave your dog at home this summer

Carly Gooch16:00, Nov 28 2021

As temperatures rise, animal welfare advocates have a message for dog owners – don't leave them alone in cars.

The SPCA is already getting calls from concerned members of the public seeing dogs left alone in parked cars.

SPCA Southland, Tasman and West Coast team lead Jamie Hancock said the organisation was constantly fielding calls about dogs left in hot cars.

She said nationally, between November 2020 and March 2021, there had been 339 calls from members of the public.

Anna Samuel shared a post. 6/12/2021

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I am sharing this post that my sister in law has done, at Greytown South Wairarapa. One of the incidents happened here in Putaruru at Putaruru Countdown a couple of weekends ago my brother was refused entry with his guide dog. It was obvious the security guard and the Countdown person are not familiar with the NZ Law Legislation. Under the Equality Act, guide dog and other assistance dog owners have the right to enter most premises and vehicles with their dogs. Restaurants, offices, clinics, hospitals, shops, cinemas and hotels. They can also travel on public transport -including buses planes, ferries, ships, trains, taxis and shuttles. It is completely unacceptable and illegal for a business or service to refuse entry to a customer with a guide dog. Please be mindful of a person that has an assistant dog.

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Theresa Fraser

0Yest8erdaypuh ait9 g129275:26d ·

Further to my post re Ankie.

In the nearly three months since Ankie came into our lives he/we have encountered six instances where we have encountered issues. It is these issues that we are bringing to public knowledge.

The majority is positive, however we believe that as a couple we must advocate. A person with a disability has enough to deal with without encountering this sort of ignorance in 2021.

My partner and I both believe to have a guide dog is a privilege , not a right.

Together we three are Ambassadors for Guide Dog Services and therefore we are striving to be the best ambassadors we can.

Advocacy and education are very important to us.

For more information

Blind Low Vision NZ Guide Dogs



Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2780

Submitter name/organisation: Sandra Barlow

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I would like to strongly object to, "limiting the number of dogs in rural areas to two".

As a responsible owner of three dogs over many years, I object to being restricted to the amount of dogs I can have on our property.

A good owner is going to care for their dog/s regardless of Council bylaws and policies. An unfit owner shouldn't have any dogs at all, not just be restricted to how many they can badly own.

Also, dogs are pack animals and are happier with company.

I think it would be more advantageous to make it policy to have properties with dogs securely fenced.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2779

Submitter name/organisation: Janine Hayde

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

* The 3 or more dog, permit requirement is unwarranted, unworkable and unjust. People expect a certain amount of extra freedom by moving to a less dense housing environment ie from suburbs and city to spacious rural living. I personally plan never to own more than 1 dog so this does not directly effect me but it is totally ridiculous. Having said that, right at this moment I do in fact have 3 dogs on my property as I am looking after my brothers two Labradors, which I do occasionally for short periods when he can't take them away on weekends due to so many restrictions. As a dog loving friend and family member I do seem to look after other peoples dogs from time to time and the thought of having to get a permit for this belies common sense.

The idea that a neighbour's consent is required to comply with the permit obligations is opening up a whole can of worms for some people. It's yet another case of NZ bureaucracy gone mad. It will not help the situation of a small numbers of people miss treating their dogs. Another rule that will only cost the law abiding citizens that already pay over and over again for bad owners. Many of the good owners who will be affected by this are those very people that mop up the bad owners mistakes ie adopt extra dogs that have come from unwanted, unplanned pregnancies, mistreated and abandoned.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

What is the point in having a designated dog exercise area if the dog can't be free to run? Some dog owners have absolutely nowhere to let a dog run free. Consequently, many dogs simply don't have enough proper exercise (walking around the block on a leash it not enough for many dogs) and then create other behavioural issues. Instead of changing them to 'on-leashed' it would be far better to adequately fence these areas permanently. Owners will actually see some payback for years of registration payments.

I have recently (2 years ago) traveled extensively throughout the UK and parts of Europe where dogs are viewed differently. Dogs are allowed to go most places including public transport. I talked to many people about this, both dog owners and non dog owners and it seems that this system works well. Dogs are much better socialized and they experience very few problems. Dogs pretty well go where ever their families go and it's great to see.

NZ needs to change it's attitude to dogs and this needs to start at local district council level.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2772

Submitter name/organisation: Lyn Harris

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

The exercise area next to the Waikato River (Map 32) has become unsafe for dogs and owners alike. This area has not been maintained by Council and is a real mess with blackberry and other invasive weeds covering the shoreline.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Although the grass area in Te Awa Reserve looks like a larger space the area in Tamahere Reserve is more centrally located for residents meaning many can walk to this area rather than travelling by car. Many residents already let their dogs off on the Re

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2763

Submitter name/organisation: Paula Singer

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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No

2. Any further comments?

This has not been fully thought thru. The impact on rates for this change is not known. Dont push it through it needs for review research and full understanding. Our area doesnt have HIGH incident rates why

Push higher costs onto everyone. We are all just getting by. Our pets are our family.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Not enough off leash areas

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2757

Submitter name/organisation: Leanne Tahu

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

This is the most unfair and unjust proposal I have seen. Unfair on legitimate dog owners and unjust for the fact it is a personal proposal that has been put forward by a dog hater that has verbalized as such within council meetings.

No business case has been put together to justify or warrant change when clearly this issue only affected 0.23 % of complaints.

This proposal shows just how amateur This current council is at governing our community.

To expect to answer to your neighbor on how many dogs you can have on your property is the most ridiculous proposal and shows just why we need a change in council.

You are an embarrassment to our community so

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

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No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2742

Submitter name/organisation: Abbey Pryor

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I think its a stupid change.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2736

Submitter name/organisation: Angela Pullar

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

We have three well looked after dogs, and I do not support reducing dog ownership numbers to 2, for responsible owners who already own more than two dogs, but are following ownership requirements including full, annual registrations, and no history of complaints to animal control. This proposed change means that those people who currently own more than 2 dogs may have to rehome a pet, or euthanise them prematurely.

I would support a rule that allowed existing dogs to remain until death, but to introduce this rule for anyone seeking a new, third or more registration for new dogs in the future.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2734

Submitter name/organisation: Christiana Roth

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Concerns about the bylaw regarding the number of dogs permitted in the rural area,

The proposed bylaw changes are partially well founded except for the one regarding the number of dogs allowed rurally. This is actually in my opinion a major unnecessary change, targeting the wrong people and having potentially major damaging, even disastrous side effects to a large range of the rate payers and even to the Council.

Analyzing the stated reason and purpose the Council has put forward to explain the need for the bylaw about the number of dogs allowed in rural areas.

The reason for this change as the council puts it forward is the fact that in the last 5 years it has received a total of 58 complaints related to dogs. So just because there has been in the last 5 years an average of less than 12 complaints per year in the whole Waikato area and some dogs related to these complaints have been found to be neglected, to practically order that hundreds of multiple dogs to the owner that may well be well-kept and beloved dogs to be killed? That is beyond my comprehension.

It is not even known or stated how many of the complaints were justified complaints and not some kind of vendetta, how many of the found neglected dogs have been multiple dogs or just one or two dogs to the owner and how many have been in the rural area. That is scientifically called confounding variable.

The logic of this change is based on twisted data and is stereotyping in the conclusion that the number of dogs to the owner brings necessarily neglect of the dogs. It begs for the question: why not punish properly, with very heavy fines the bad and neglecting dog owners???

The stated purpose of the change is to lower the number of reasons for complaints and make order in the chaos produced by neglected dogs.

The logic used in this bylaw in order to achieve the purpose is quite stereotyping and the stereotyping is based on an imaginary and no proven notion that the number of dogs impacts the care of them. That is completely not true and is stereotyping. It all depends on the love the owner has for the dogs, his/her humanitarian values and his/her ability to spend time home with the dogs. One can have multiple dogs, like I do and train them not to bark, have a high fenced backyard, go out (on own property) with them only supervised and only one at a time, never let them go out side of their own property by themselves, let them be together in the backyard only the ones that get along well and train them never to try to escape the backyard. I am sure no one can complain about my dogs as no constant barking and no escape has ever happened. One can have just one dog and

neglect that dog to the extreme letting him bark constantly and escape all the time. That mostly happen to people that leave the dog most of the time home alone. So what does the number of dogs have to do with the neglect of dogs? The ability and willingness of the owner to be home for the dogs and take care of them is the only factor influencing the neglecting of dogs. That should be addressed with heavy fines by the council.

Actually here in the rural area, at these distances, there are rare the cases that dogs are even heard or interact with the neighbours. I am quite sure that some of the received complaints were just reflecting a personal issue between the neighbours and not the dog issue presented in the complaint. With the change you will not reduce the number of complaints but will just shift the nature and the subject of the complaints.

The bylaw is not addressing the right target, that is; the neglecting dog owners and this will impede achieving the stated purpose. The bylaw will be actually directly or indirectly be damaging to many not guilty rate payers while at the same time not punish the really bad dog owners.

Commenting on the need of the bylaw in the rural area. The bylaw is unnecessary and is not justifiable to the extreme in the rural area. That is because the distances here in the rural area are quite large and in the great majority it is impossible to hear any noise from the neighbour. Due to the great distances the interaction of dogs with other than the dogs owner, family or visiting friends is almost nonexistent. Also, the social life and security here in the urban area is a lot less possible and the dogs fill in the gap. This situation cannot be compared with an urban situation so the same law is absolutely not needed or justified at all and could be downright damaging to some people. The urban law regarding the dog numbers should not be copycatted in the rural area because the rural area is very different from the urban area. It begs for the questions: why make a change when it is not justified and potentially dangerous? Why not take in consideration the dramatic differences in terms of the rural and urban environments?

Possible side effects and problems created by the proposed change related to the number of dogs permitted in rural areas:

- 1) I know quite a few people that live in the country just because they are allowed to keep their beloved dogs, and I mean all of them. Would you pick which of your children should perish? No, I am not exaggerating. There are a whole variety of people out there that love their dogs intensely, so much that they have shaped their life around their dogs. It is not known their possible desperate, crazy or dangerous reaction to such a drastic, cruel change for them: namely to get rid of some of their so much (rivalling to the love for a child) beloved dogs. To help you understand please think what would you do if you were to be asked to get rid of some of your children?
- 2) A portion of rate payers that have more than 2 dogs and love their dogs dearly will exit the region. As a result of the forced departures house prices will be lower disproportionately to the other regions and as such the popularity of the council will drop.
- 3) As a result of the exodus forcefully produced by the change and the following consequence of property prices getting lower compared to other regions, the rates paid-to the council (that are proportional to the property value) will be lower.
- 4) The change will lower the money the council takes for owning the dogs as due to the change there will be fewer dogs registered to the council.
- 5) Some rate payers that live rurally just because they are allowed to have all their dogs and after the change, for one reason or another are not able to exit the region (in time) could have a major medical event due to the stress of forcefully having to choose which of their beloved dog will perish.

I am 72 years old, widow, and no social life here in the country so my dogs are extremely important to me. Such an intense stress produced by the change will possibly cause a major medical event.

6) Not all dogs could be considered working dogs as for example some rate payers are orchard growers or grow native habitat as the council encourages it. Their social life could be minimal. What happens to them? Throw them under the bus? Make them a potential statistic number in the New Zealand already between the highest in the world suicidal rate or mental health patients?

7) What happens with the rate payers that rely on the relation and love for their dogs in order to fight some past trauma and/ or find a reason to live? In the rural area due to the great distances socialising is not possible or that easy. That is why the suicidal rate in the rural area is that big compared to other areas. Some rate payers use their dogs in a therapeutic way and instead of socialising. Will they be thrown under the bus and asked to traumatically get rid of the excess dogs? What consequences will it be? Will not this change (that in great majority punishes the not guilty part of the rate payers) create a much bigger problem for the health sector and/or increase the suicide rate that is already the greatest in the world? How will understand the government this issue?

8) Some rate payers use their dogs occasionally when hunting. Two dogs may prove not to be enough in the case an angry hog is attacking the hunter and for some reason the hunter is momentarily unprepared. What life threatening arguments brought up in the received complaints to the council can be compared to that? Especially that a noisy dog owner can be fined and the problem resolved as opposed to a hunter hurt or killed when hunting.

9) Some neglecting, cruel kind of owners will probably abandon their excess dogs and not register them. This will be very real as the big distances in the rural area will ensure the needed privacy. The stray dogs resulted due to abandonment may even kill stock or hurt or kill people as the distances are big and help could not come in time or not at all.

10) Due to the great distances in case of home invasion neighbours will not hear or see anything. In some areas, including where I live, there is no mobile reception due to the remoteness and hills and just a knock to the land line node (that is very visible at the gate) is making the landline dead. So here in my house and many others, in case of home invasion, no help is expected, possible to ask for or provided in time or ever. Only two dogs may prove not enough to deter the home invaders. I for example had a while ago a Mongrel Mob member telling me that you will see what will happen to you. It is documented by police report (in Huntly) and tenancy law suit where the Mongrel mob member was menacing even in court and he later came several times by the property in Huntly wanting to do harm. Do you think that here (where it is so absolutely isolated) I and only two dogs will deter a group of members of Mongrel mob wanting to do harm? Do you think that I, at past 72 years with only two dogs will be able to defend myself against them or scare them away in any way? Do you think that I deserve such a terrible possible death? Well in case you do not think that then please do not pass the bylaw. The home invaders in general will know that defence against them (in form of dogs) has been practically lifted and the cases of home invasion will sky rock. So it is not about my life only.

11) Some of the tragedies caused by the change could leak to the media. Tragedies like material loss and/or job loss caused by the forced departure from the region or stock or people killed by the stray dogs or not being able to deter home invaders, major medical events, mental health issues and suicidal deaths caused by the stress, etc. In light of the lack of necessity of the change in the rural area the media outcome could not be positive.

12) Some of the rate payers may sue the council following the disastrous effect the bylaw had on them. As for example they may sue about the material loss and/or job loss caused by the forced

departure from the region, people or stock killed by stray dogs or home invaders, major medical events, mental health issues and suicidal deaths caused by the stress. In the light of the lack of necessity of the change in the rural area, as there are great distances, no social life, they may even win the case.

What I propose:

Instead of passing that stereotyping, not correctly targeted, rate lowering, potentially causing some legal battles, and in many respects broadly damaging (including to the council) change, why not address the issues raised by some complaints by targeting the real target, by punishing the real offenders, the neglecting dog owners ? These owners could be fined properly to cover in considerable excess the cost of sending there an inspector and the surplus money could be used by the council for the public good. In the case of unfounded complaints the complainer could be fined for making a false complaint and causing an unnecessary costly inspection and investigation.

The council can issue for all dog owners some compulsory guidelines like: 1) Have a high fenced backyard 2) Dog(s) not allowed when not supervised on the entire property (if the property does not have a solid 1.8 m high fence all around), 3) Dog(s) should not be left to bark constantly outside, but taken inside when they bark 4) Dogs should not be left outside at night. The dog owners that do not follow these guidelines could be fined a very heavy fine that making them think twice when wanting to repeat the offense.

In conclusion the change does not bring any good to anybody but only some disastrous side effects. In the rural area there are big distances between neighbours that make the change unjustifiable. The change is based on a stereotyping logic that the number of dogs owned impacts the care of them. The bylaw is just copycatting the law in city area (area that is greatly different from the rural area). The bylaw is not targeting the guilty party (the real neglecting dog owners) so is not effective. The real and truthful complaints related to rural areas and multiple dog ownership are just a few and are actually not proven by the council that it is entirely about multiple dog owners and even if it would the number of good multiple dog owners is surely highly surpassing the bad ones. If passed, the bylaw could bring cases of stock and even human life loss, a lot more home invasion cases, mental health issues, suicidal and hastened exit from the region, material loss that will be linked to this change made by the Waikato Council. It could bring unpopularity, lower property prices in the region (compared to other regions that do not have such law) and lower rates to the council and in some cases will bring even possible law suits and undesirable media attention.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2731

Submitter name/organisation: Emanuel Roth

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

To whom it may concern,

I believe the new proposed bylaw, in particular the one that limits dog ownership to 2 dogs, is an unfair knee-jerk reaction and will likely prove to be counterproductive. These are city laws, not country/rural laws.

People that choose to move to rural areas, such as ours, do so largely in order to enjoy certain freedoms. One of those freedoms is being allowed to own as many dogs (and other pets) as they wish. Without being able to enjoy certain freedoms, it is hard to imagine why anyone would put up with the negatives of rural living, such as excruciatingly slow internet, poor and dangerous roads, long time needed for emergency services to reach us, lack of basic services such as rubbish removal, no connection to city water and waste, general dangers of rural living due to remoteness, and just simply the enormous extra cost of living far away from various businesses (and work) in the city.

As with anything in life there are positives and negatives that need to be weighed up.

There must be positives to counter balance the negatives of living rurally.

Council, with this proposed bylaw, is taking away a MASSIVE positive of living rurally.

Fewer people will choose to move here (because, why would they??). Fewer people means being able to collect less in rates. Less rates means less money for existing dog control and welfare services. Also, many people would likely be forced to give up their dogs, which would only compound the problem for the council and potentially lead to an increase in dangerous stray dogs rurally killing farm animals and even people. The council could potentially be legally held as accountable for directly leading to this unnecessary situation. At the very least, this would be extremely bad publicity for the council.

The bylaw limiting dog ownership to 2 dogs is counter productive whichever way you look at it.

Naku iti noa, na

Emanuel Roth

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2730

Submitter name/organisation: Samantha Adams

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I object to the number of dogs being limited to 3. Its not the amount of dogs thats an issue but the owner. Bad owners shouldn't even have 1 animal . Also cats threaten NZ wildlife. Why no controls on them.?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

What a waste of money. Dog owners need to have sufficient land of their own to exercise their animals not rely on council.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2729

Submitter name/organisation: Alida Palmer

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not support the limitation of 2 dogs per home in rural areas, the reason for this is based on the majority of the rural population being responsible, reliable dog owners who care for the wellbeing of their dogs very well while a small minority do not. This would be an extreme and unrealistic bylaw to be passed based off the percentage of responsible owners compared to irresponsible dog owners.

There are many different reasons why rural homes have more than 2 dogs. I will list just a few below.

- The placement of a dog/dogs that have just lost their owner and a family member/friend is able and willing to give the dog a home.

- Medical condition that the person moves into a family home for extra support that also benefits from having a guide/ support dog. While the other family members have dogs already raising the number of dogs to above 2.

- A mental health support dog for someone who develops a mental health condition and will greatly improve with a companion dog of their own taking into consideration that other household members

might have 2 dogs already.

- Rural living is an excellent place for rescue dogs as it gives them the space and time to adjust, there are many rescue dogs in rural areas which in return assist the overloaded pounds and dog shelters.

Limiting rural homes to a 2 dog bylaw will greatly increase and burden the number of animals in the shelters.

- Multi home property's where there are more than one dwelling on the property that homes their family pet dogs. This would also increase the number to over 2 on that property.

Taking into consideration the stated issue of some dogs not being cared for properly there should be actions taken to stop this from being the case. There are many different courses of action that can be done that directly affect the people who have made this offence without it affecting the responsible dog owners who have more than one dog.

If firmer actions were to be put in place regarding the mistreatment and care for dogs then the chances of people making this offence would be hugely limited due to the consequences and would encourage proper animal husbandry.

I also feel it would be unfair on responsible owners to pay an additional fee to have more than 2 dogs or having to pay for a permit to have more dogs aloud on their property.

In irresponsible dog ownership households financial actions could be put in place.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

As stated above

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Regarding the dog exercise areas for Tuakau as I can only speak for this area not having visited the other stated areas.

The current dog exercise park in Tuakau is in an excellent position for people who are close to the town ship to walk their dogs. This is very beneficial for people who are unable to drive due to many different reasons.

This park also has a lovely playground for the children to play in while the dog/dogs are having their off leash exercise time. It also provides beautiful shaded trees for the family (dog included) to picnic under or the picnic tables provided.

Taking into consideration the danger on the road on either side of the park. There could be dog secure fencing put in place to take away this danger.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

I am unsure of this as it is not my area and I have not visited this place with my dogs

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2728

Submitter name/organisation: antoine jaubert

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2727

Submitter name/organisation: julie simsar

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

there is no such thing as an exercise on leash. the dog needs to run and be free in order to exercise.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

i don't live there

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2726

Submitter name/organisation: Jane Young

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I would like the limit on the number of dogs allowed rurally to be 3 dogs, not your suggestion of 2 dogs allowed. I agree that some people have too many dogs and numbers should be limited. They can be a problem to stock - running as a pack. Also, some people with large numbers of dogs don't fully care for them. However, many people living rurally do so because they love the outside life and animals. I believe many people rurally could happily own 3 dogs successfully.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

We really enjoy going to the Alexander Redoubt with our dog. It enables us to exercise the dog and then go for a walk in the bush. We love to be able to have a walk in the shade of the bush on hot days, without the sun exposure of a standard dog exercise area.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

No opinion - don't know the area

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015**Submission ID:** 2723**Submitter name/organisation:** Kim Kerr**Attachment:*****Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015*****1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**

In part

2. Any further comments?***Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy*****1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**

In part

2. Any further comments?

Support the proposed changes to dog exercise areas, however, do not support the limitation of dogs in rural areas. This makes it much too difficult for farmers and families whom already have multiple dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps**1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**

Yes

2. Any further comments?***Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park*****1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2722

Submitter name/organisation: A Bujang-Stokes

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Have selected this option as it does not affect me. I do not live within the Tamahere area and unlikely to take my pet to a dog exercise park there.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2721

Submitter name/organisation: GS Stokes

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Have selected this option as I don't live in that area.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2720

Submitter name/organisation: Mark Benson

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

1. I object to the exemption of working dogs from the household limit. Working dogs need equal protection to non-working dogs.

2. I object to the limit of two dogs per household. Though I don't want more than two myself, this seems an arbitrary limit. It is just as likely to have unintended consequences such as reducing compliance with registration.

3. If a household limit is to be imposed, the mental health of the owner needs to be given significant weight in any decision before enforcing removal of dogs for not complying with the registration process.

4. I object to the restriction of dog access to cemeteries, skate parks and playing fields. If these facilities are mostly deserted they are less safe than if they popular. Granted a higher degree of dog owner etiquette is required in these areas, but better education and enforcement is a better solution than banning them.

5. I object to the reduction of off lead areas. If the facilities need upgrading, or better enforcement is required, that will bring better outcomes for the dogs and the communities.

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In part

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**

In part

2. **Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**

2. **Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2719

Submitter name/organisation: Hendrika Tate

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Re: "Limiting the number of dogs in rural areas to two. Three or more dogs would require a Council permit." Your reason for making this change is that you found 156 dogs in rural areas that were in poor condition and showing signs of neglect.

However, such a punishment doesn't fit the crime. 156 neglected dogs is not a reason to limit responsible dog owners to two dogs except by special permit. 156 neglected dogs is only a reason to bring charges of animal abuse against the people who neglected those dogs.

The illogic and unfairness here should be obvious to anyone: you're asserting a causal connection between numbers of dogs and neglect of those dogs, yet there is no proof of such a causal connection.

Nevertheless, you are quite willing to impose more bureaucracy and red tape on responsible people in order for them to give three or more dogs a loving, caring home -- even though irresponsible people will not be in any way deterred by such changes.

I foresee two negative consequences of this bylaw amendment:

1. Irresponsible dog owners will continue to be irresponsible, because there is nothing in the bylaw or the amendment to incentivise good animal care or to disincentivise animal abuse/neglect.
2. Responsible dog owners will be tempted to keep unregistered dogs, since registering more than two dogs will incur more compliance costs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2718

Submitter name/organisation: M Grut

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

"Limiting the number of dogs in rural areas to two, with some exemptions, such as working dogs. Three or more dogs would require a Council permit."

I'm not entirely opposed to a limit but two dogs is too restrictive. People hoarding dogs on rural properties in unsafe/unclean conditions aren't likely to stop because of this law (if they didn't care before why would they now). Unnecessarily restrictive money grab as well as more unnecessary bureaucracy and red tape just to be a responsible dog owner.

More needs to be done in the actual townships. My dog has been attacked five times since moving to Huntly in June/July by off leash dogs and has had countless close calls - some wondering around on their own but most with irresponsible owners flouting the rules and leaving them off leash despite being aggressive.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

There are already so few places to take your dogs outdoors in the Waikato as they aren't allowed on any scenic/nature/trail walks, getting rid of dog exercise areas and not replacing them is a bit rough though I am sympathetic to the council as the average dog owner in this region seems to be a complete dimwit - no one leashes their dogs and they're all either poorly trained and don't listen or are incredibly aggressive, dog poop everywhere, or even worse, dog poop that's been bagged and then just been left behind (at least without the bag it'll eventually break down). Something needs to be done about useless dog owners in general in this region. Having lived in Wellington for a few

years, which is very dog friendly, the Waikato is not only way more restrictive but the behaviour of most dog owners and their dogs is atrocious.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2715

Submitter name/organisation: Lee-Arna Searancke

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2713

Submitter name/organisation: Stephanie Philp

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I support the owning of no more than 2 dogs in non-rural areas. However, I don't see why people in rural areas, where they have the space, shouldn't have more than two dogs if that's what they want, and they can take care of their dogs. I know people with several dogs in rural areas whose dogs are beautifully cared for and well looked after. Our dog registration fees fund, in part dog rangers who can check up on complaints of people with large numbers of dogs who are not caring for them properly. Your suggested new ruling appears to be an attempt to control everyone with more than two dogs, instead of targeting the people who are causing the problem. You say "This is because at times large numbers of dogs are being kept unsafely on rural properties. Over the last five years, Council has received 58 complaints about multiple dogs in rural areas." However, you fail to mention how many dogs you HAVEN'T received complaints about or the percentage of complaints per dog capita. I do not support this proposed amendment.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Preventing off-lead dogs and their owners from walking along Marine Parade in Raglan seems ridiculous. There's no one there for the majority of the year and most dog owners either put their dogs on leads when there are people around, or they take their dogs somewhere else. Again, more heavy-handedness and control from WDC. The people who walk their dogs are generally rate-paying citizens of Raglan. The 'visitors' are generally not paying rates here.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

I can't comment on this.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2710

Submitter name/organisation: Victor Preston

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2709

Submitter name/organisation: Haylee Jaques

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2708

Submitter name/organisation: Kurt Parks

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

These changes only make dog ownership more difficult for those that already obey the rules and register their dogs.

The properties with complaints and dogs found in unacceptable living conditions are unregistered dogs from only 7 properties.

Shouldn't government resources be going to help those dogs and prevent people from owning unregistered animals?

These changes will only encourage people to not register animals making the problem worse.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Build more fenced dog parks, don't take them away.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2698

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I agree with all items proposed apart from rural areas not being able to have more than 2 dogs. I think this limit should be higher, and would propose 3 dogs.

Personally, although at present I only have one dog, I do like the option of having two bigger dogs outside for protection (I live alone and I am not very mobile), and a smaller dog to keep me company indoors.

The people who have mistreated dogs (that have been found in poor condition) will more than likely not pay any attention to the rules anyway. I am in favour of prosecuting anyone who mistreats an animal.

I have been in a position where I have complained about my own neighbours dog on more than one occasion, and as it is only one dog causing issues, I do not see that restricting the number of dogs would reduce the issues caused by a persistently roaming dog.

Please keep my name confidential

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Comments as per previous section

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
2. **Any further comments?**

N/A

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2694

Submitter name/organisation: Kelly Pilkington

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2693

Submitter name/organisation: Brooke congdon

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

The dog exercise area in Raglan I find works really well. Our community respects the land and follows appropriate rules for the area and have seen or heard of nothing going wrong within those fences.

For many who have dogs in Raglan having a fenced area for exercise, training & so on is a valued part of the town it would be disappointing to see it changed from off leash to on leash.

Yes, there is the beach but with the black sand the times a dog can safely be on the sand is very limited. Being able to stop and give my dog some exercise in a safe fenced quiet area is such a blessing .

Making it safer for dogs to be off leash should be the option for the Raglan area .

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2690

Submitter name/organisation: Christine Sidwell

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I agree that there should only be 2 dogs per property.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

As long as the area is easily accessible and large enough for multiple dogs to exercise at the same time, I'm not too bothered where they are.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2685

Submitter name/organisation: Liana Adamson-Coop

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

This country is becoming more of a dictatorship every day.. I don't feel restricting dog numbers to 2 per property will fix anything... as this would just penalized people who actually register thier dogs, not those who don't, and the problem of neglected dogs wouldn't be fixed by this restriction either. Maybe try push for harder penalties for those who break the law, rather than punish those that abide by it.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2681

Submitter name/organisation: Robyn

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2678

Submitter name/organisation: Jennifer monk

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Limit of 2 dogs on rural properties is just ridiculous. Who comes up with such idiotic ideas. Most rural properties have working farm dogs, pig hunting dogs, and maybe a house dog as a pet. I myself am a registered breeder and often have numerous dogs on my 50 acre farm. Why expect us to waste our time and money in guessing applying with exceptions. If an individual needs restrictions placed then do that instead of penalizing a whole group of farmers. We have enough to deal with already thanks.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Ludicrous

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2677

Submitter name/organisation: Kendall

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Limiting access to playgrounds yes, everything else, no.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Need more areas to safely run dogs off lead not less

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2676

Submitter name/organisation: Colette and Phil Hanrahan

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Reducing the amount of dogs allowed to be owned on a rural property to two is ridiculously mean. I agree with putting a limit on the amount, but this should be at least four.

I like the park by Tamahere Community Centre as the new dog exercise area - it is more central for all Tamaherians. The one at Te Awa is really way out of the way. However, the area is very small. WDC needs to provide a much larger area for dog exercise off the leash. We pay so much in development fees, and yet WDC is not providing a basic element of areas to exercise dogs off leash. What is with taking away seven areas, and not replacing any of them? Again, ridiculously mean and not meeting the needs of the numerous dog owners in WDC area. Take a look at how TCDC does it - Whangamata is only small, but they have a huge big off leash park, with an agility course, and also the use of the beach, at certain times over the summer. It is fantastic what TCDC do for their dog owners.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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In part

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park**1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

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Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2675

Submitter name/organisation: Hind Samy

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2674

Submitter name/organisation: Natalie Greaves

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I do not agree with the limitation of the number of dogs in rural areas to two. I do not believe that this will address council concerns regarding neglect etc.

I know of many people who are responsible owners who have more than 2 dogs, register them etc and are under this changes are being asked to pay even more.

I understand the reason for the council to want to limit the numbers due to people not being able to care for their animals properly but is all likelihood this rule change will simply be ignored by those they are trying to target and will only penalise honest law abiding rate payers who register and take care of their dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2673

Submitter name/organisation: Ruth O'Connell

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Is that mayor for real? He carries a gun and wants to go around shooting peoples pets?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2672

Submitter name/organisation: Brenda ter Veer

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not agree that limiting dogs to 2 per property will have any impact on the welfare of mistreated dogs.

I do not agree that permitting dogs when there are more than 2 per property is necessary for the welfare of dogs nor will it have any impact on those that mistreat dogs as they will tend not to register their dogs in the first place if this goes through.

I also believe that this is merely a revenue based decision. If one does the math, only 1.04% of the dogs that council currently have registered received complaints against their owners (that resulted in only 156(1.04%) dogs being found in poor conditions and showing signs of neglect). The current registrations fees should be enough to cover this cost.

In a rural area to limit properties to only two dogs is simply absurd. Maybe limit to 10 dogs. To define working dogs is also absurd, all dogs are working dogs. Domestic dogs just serve different roles than that of police, customs, farm, gun, and pig dogs but their role is equally as important to their owners.

Permits just increase the costs and hassle to owners for no advantage bar council profit.

I also believe that this is possibly to bring all future merging councils policies and bylaws into line with each other.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

As mentioned, any requirement for a permit for more than 2 dogs i do not agree with.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

I do not use any of these areas as I believe they should be cyclone mesh to 1.8m high to be suitable as a dog exercise area and none of them currently are.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

I have no comment to make as this does not effect me. I do not use any of these areas.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2670

Submitter name/organisation: Kamini naidoo

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Im against the 2 dog rule as we have 3 dogs and feel that our property is of adequate size for 3 dogs. I dont feel that I should need a permit to retain my pets or require neighbours permission.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2669

Submitter name/organisation: Kate Thomas

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2667

Submitter name/organisation: milanlukan

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2666

Submitter name/organisation: Alan Page

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2665

Submitter name/organisation: Olive Thom

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2664

Submitter name/organisation: Lindi Colby

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

The information is flawed and does not represent the true situation.... its again against rural

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2663

Submitter name/organisation: Jude Weatherly

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2662

Submitter name/organisation: Raeleen Sheehan

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I do not think dogs should be allowed at sporting grounds at all.

Dogs require off lead exercise. Most responsible dog owners are able exercise with throwing balls sticks etc safely. I do agree there is a problem with certain dogs but should be like everything ban the guilty dont punish the ones complying.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Dogs require off lead exercise as it helps to wear them out especially the more active breeds, the flow on to this is they are more inclined to stay home and not want to escape during the day when we are at work!

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2661

Submitter name/organisation: Sarah Leigh

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

I live in a rural area so i can have animals fenced approximately on my property. My dogs are well looked after and i have never ever had a visit from the council or dog control over my dogs. Why should people who look after their dogs well, be reprimanded because of the select few assholes who dont register their dogs and mistreat their animals. People who mistreat their dogs are going to mistreat their dogs no matter how many dogs they have. These people need to be prosicuted by animal control instead of making the rest of us good owners get punished. Who ever decided on pushing this bylaw has no understanding of good owners and clearly don't want to do their job and get out there prosicuting those who arent caring for their animals.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015**Submission ID:** 2660**Submitter name/organisation:** Nikki**Attachment:*****Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015*****1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**

No

2. Any further comments?

Having a law to only allow people to own two dogs is not going to stop any any animal abuse. The people that abuse and mistreat animals do follow the laws, they don't register their dogs and it won't stop then getting more than two. If animal control and soca actually did their jobs properly we wouldn't be having this issue. Go out and find the asshole people that don't look after their dogs and stop punishing the good owners that actually look after their pets.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy**1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**

No

2. Any further comments?***Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps*****1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**

No

2. Any further comments?***Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park*****1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2658

Submitter name/organisation: Astrid Lambert

Attachment: Yes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

No mention is made of the Tuakau Domain/Recreation Reserve as a dog exercise area or a prohibited area. The area surrounding the sportsfields are often used by dog walkers. Dogs should not be allowed in the Pony Club area due to horses and stock.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?



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Proposed Dog Control Bylaw 2015 and Policy 2022

Submission form (please provide feedback by **Wednesday 26 January 2022**)

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A hearing will be held in February 2022. Would you like to present your submission to Council at the hearing? Yes No

Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015? Yes No In part

Refer attached

Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy 2022? Yes No In part

Refer attached

Do you support the proposed changes to the dog exercise area maps? Yes No In part

No mention is made of the Tuakau Domain/Recreation Reserve as a dog exercise area or a prohibited area. The area surrounding the sportsfields are often used by dog walkers. Dogs should not be allowed in the Pony Club area due to horses and stock.

What is your preferred dog exercise park option in Tamahere?

- Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere
- Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve
- Option 3 - Neither

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Proposed Dog Control Bylaw 2015 and Policy 2022

Submitter:
Astrid Lambert

The purpose of the amended bylaw does not support the reason stated for limiting the number of dogs in rural areas to two which has been motivated by animal welfare issues. If the purpose of the bylaw is to assist with managing animal welfare then this should be stated.

Limiting the amount of dogs per rural property citing animal welfare reasons will not resolve the problem. Those committing the offence need to be dealt with. The bylaw should be worded to address the issue of neglect and abuse and the associated penalty should be included in the bylaw. Penalties for neglect and abuse may include removal of the dog/s and not being allowed to own a dog/s whilst living in the Waikato district.

Why should law abiding citizens who love their dogs pay the penalty for those who abuse or neglect their dogs. The proposed changes to the bylaw will not change the animal welfare problem. Dealing to the perpetrators is what will change this problem.

I do not support reducing the number of dogs owned in rural areas to two.

Should Council insist on proceeding with this bylaw, the conditions of the permit should be added as a Schedule to the bylaw. It is all very well for Councillors to approve the changes to the bylaw however without seeing the detail of what is required in the permit, Councillors may be approving a bylaw with a raft of unintended consequences due to further detail not being provided. The expression 'the devil is in the detail' is appropriate in this instance.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2657

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I disagree with limiting the number of dogs in a rural location to two. There is space for them to be part of the family and run free. Town is limited to two dogs so rural should not be the same limit.

Why are we persecuting responsible dog owners because a few are not able to care for their animals. This is a heavy handed approach to a small issue. We should be assisting those who have issues or remove the dogs.

Instead of removing dog parks we should be making them safe for both the dogs and people. Dogs need an outlet if they live in a small section and it would affect their mental health if they are not able to run free. Being on leash in a dog park is a contraction to the point of the dog park which is that it is a dog area to run free. We are already reducing the number of areas a dog can go such as parks, beaches. A dog park is becoming their only space. Why close them or make them on leash.

Overall this seems like an anti dog policy. Animals play an important part in the mental health of many people. If you keep limiting where dogs can go and/or not "allowing" people to own pets then mental health will be a bigger issue in the community.

Consider for a moment the voice of the many rather than the few who may have complained. Animals are our friends and deserve the right to run free in open space and run and play in the water.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

See above comments

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

If a dog park is unsafe for the dogs or people make it safe. There should be more dog parks not less and with equipment for the dogs to play on and running water available to drink. The definition of a dog park should not just be a paddock with a fence and gate. It should have chairs for people with shade. Maybe even split areas for large and small dogs.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park**1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Please do not publish my name. I am happy for my comments to be published.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2655

Submitter name/organisation: Nick Faulkner

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

I agree dogs should be on leash in public

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

I agree dogs are not appropriate in skate parks etc

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2651

Submitter name/organisation: George Maru

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Move play area not dog park.. Play ground is hardly been used. I bet you anything, soon as you made all these changes, you'll increase dog fee's and give yourselves a pat on the back..

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2649

Submitter name/organisation: Adeline Prouse

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2647

Submitter name/organisation: Ivan Fateev

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2646

Submitter name/organisation: Tina Flack

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I support the 2 dog or permit change but I think if a person has a good owner record in this district or another they should not have to have input from a second party ie. Neighbors. For a number of reasons one being cost, that's a lot of time needed from the ACO and let's face it they have other things that need their attention. Another being new rate payers have no relationship with the new neighbors and if they already have a number of dogs this could cause issues from bad neighbors to not trusting the council who potentially could be pulling their family apart, this is not how you want to welcome new rate payers. Finally the ACO's in this district are working hard to change the way the public see them and if a person is a good dog owner a permit with the number of dogs registered should just be added to next year's registration if they then wish for more dogs an application should be made.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Dog owners don't have a lot of parks and spaces they can let their dogs run the council needs to look at finding more better sights for dogs and their owners places safe for dogs to run, swim maybe some bush walking tracks these things will give back to the people that register their dogs instead of making them pay for the ones who don't. Make them dog friendly with bins for poop and water for the dogs, good fencing areas for small dogs so they feel safe.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2644

Submitter name/organisation: Nichole Gibson

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

I wonder if the possibility to look further into urban areas also could be looked at with the amount of dogs on properties as I feel this could prove to be an issue as well.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

I do not live in this area so am unable to comment.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2641

Submitter name/organisation: Sarah Martin

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not support this proposed amendment. It creates more bureaucracy, more paperwork, more council fees to be paid when the large majority of people with 3 or more dogs are responsible owners. The people who are NOT responsible owners are unlikely to adhere to or care about this restriction.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not support the prohibition of dogs on the Te Kowhai Recreational reserve. As a mother of children who play on this ground I have never seen dog poo - I do however see plenty of chicken poo from roaming chickens and I even know of children who have had to poo under the trees as there is no toilet available. I think it's highly ironic that the council calls the reserve a 'sports ground' yet refuses to install and maintain a public toilet which one would assume is a pre-requisite for hundreds of children playing over the a weekend (and no, having to pay money at the dairy over the road to use their toilet isn't good enough).

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2637

Submitter name/organisation: Kirstie rear

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I do think some changes need to be made about how many dog rural if you are not farming .in town yes 2 dog rule and apply when needed .the trouble is its the one who don't register there dogs they also don't follow the rules once again once again the ones who pay pickup there costs .I belive no rego up lift the dog till paid in full then you can have your dog back .some dogs are fine to be in town and some not so it makes the rule very hard I am undecided on dogs in town as some don't care once again no leads no rego and half the time no owner .how about employee more dog control to enforce what is already there .

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

As above

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2633

Submitter name/organisation: Stevie Draper

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I feel that more walking / dog friendly places could be allocated.

Also, in terms of only 2 dogs per house, I think some properties are rather large and could potentially hold 3 or 4 with no issues at all.

Maybe it would be best to consider all options and not make a "one size fits all" when it comes to animals :) maybe it could be based on land size? I don't know but just a thought :)

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2632

Submitter name/organisation: Karel Kuper

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Fenced off area in central Tamahere will be a great addition!

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

As above, near the school

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2629

Submitter name/organisation: Suzanne Powell

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Implementing restrictions on the number of dogs being allowed on a rural property will not make a difference to the conditions the dogs are kept in. An individual can mistreat one dog just as easily as they can mistreat multiple dogs in their home. Instead of tackling the end result you should start at the beginning:

1. Backyard breeding is a huge problem in NZ. Backyard breeders are responsible for flooding NZ with badly bred dogs, with health and behavioural issues and do not care who they sell to. To weed out the backyard breeders from the genuine breeders perhaps work with Dogs NZ (NZ Kennel Club) on some kind of accreditation system for breeders like you do with cafes and restaurants. Inspect properties, ask for regular updates/photos – genuine breeders will have nothing to hide. Backyard breeders sell their puppies on Trade Me, work with Trade Me to ban the sale of animals just like Facebook have.

2. Out of the 58 complaints received over the last 5 years, and the 156 dogs found being kept in neglect, how many of those owners still have dogs on the property? Is there some kind of register/database for these people? Have they been banned from owning dogs? Or did they just get a fine/warning and are still allowed to keep dogs? People who are capable of abusing animals will continue to do so, and telling them to apply for a permit will not change that. They quite simply will not apply for the permit. There needs to be tougher consequences for people found to be neglecting animals.

3. The kind of people who abuse dogs are not the kind of people to follow the law and register their dogs in the first place, so why would they bother applying for a permit? These are the people you need to target, not the existing dog owners who have registered and neutered their dogs and like me, have a responsible dog owners licence.

You also need to clarify what is a working dog. My farm would be overrun with rabbits if it weren't for my dogs. However, they do not move stock, so are they classed as working dogs? Rabbits are a pest and need to be kept under control. I do not have a firearms licence so how else would I control them? I can't put bait down for risk of poisoning my dogs and other wildlife. I also have a Responsible Dog Owners Licence. Would you make exceptions for dog owners with these?

Exceptions to the permit rule include dog businesses – but which type of business? The dog industry is not very well regulated – anyone can pick up a dog lead and call themselves a professional dog walker. Does your list of exemptions include Joe Bloggs who wants to walk dogs in the school holidays? Or is it just for registered businesses? The proposed changes affect both me

personally and my established dog business so thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. I hope all of this is considered carefully and discussed before any final decisions are made.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I agree with the requirement to provide a Veterinary Certificate of Death to apply for a dog registration fee refund.

I do not agree with the removal of so many dog exercise areas. Whilst this doesn't affect me personally as I run my dogs on my own land, there are already not enough fenced parks for dogs to be exercised. Corban Park Reserve in Henderson is a good example of a good dog park. There should be more of these available. Also removing dogs exercise areas because of a recorded dog attack is not a good enough reason to remove the area. Dogs attacks happen frequently due to handler error (i.e. the dog owner is not paying attention to what their dog is doing or they are putting their dogs in situations it cannot handle). Providing education for dog owners on how to use dog parks would be a better idea.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

I have no preference for this.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015**Submission ID:** 2622**Submitter name/organisation:** Tania Simpson**Attachment:*****Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015***

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Just want to have my say, I don't mind about dog parks changing, but I don't agree that you have to have a permit to own more than two dogs, being able to have more dogs is one of the reason we love living rural, no close neighbors.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2620

Submitter name/organisation: Louise Mercer

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

â€¢ Limiting the number of dogs kept in rural properties to two, with some exemptions. Three or more dogs would require a Council permit.

o As a household with 3 dogs currently I'm initially concerned as I cannot see any criteria as to how I would get a permit. I've never had any issues with my dogs with my neighbours here nor in Wellington where I was a registered responsible dog owner, had the inspection and everything.

â€¢ Still strictly prohibiting dogs on playgrounds, but removing a 10 metre distance requirement, and prohibiting dogs on sport field surfaces, instead of sports fields, and skateparks.

o Totally agree with this. There are many child friendly dogs, mine included as my children, now 5y and 7y, have been raised with them however I never assume other children want to meet my dogs. There is also the possibility of negative dog interactions around the children which could have lasting implications on a child's confidence.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

New dog exercise areas

â€¢ A new dog exercise area is proposed in Tuakau, until the Whangarata Domain becomes a cemetery in 2025

o Seems a good idea however it could create a habit in some people to continue using it for their dogs even once it is a cemetery so good change management at that point would be good.

â€¢ On lead areas (where dogs are required to be on lead) are no longer mapped. This is because dogs are required to be on lead in all public places.

o Very sensible idea, assume on leash unless there's a sign.

â€¢ Seven dog exercises areas are proposed to be removed

o Papahua is marked as no dogs yet is the safest place to park the car then move to the dog exercise areas or walk the dogs along a street. Making it leash only would be more sensible and still protect picnickers.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

â€¢ Two options for a new fenced dog exercise area in Tamahere - Te Awa Reserve, or Tamahere Park

o I am very against the Tamahere Park dog area. I feel the park is already heavily used by dogs owners, many who disregard the on leash rule on a daily basi

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015**Submission ID:** 2619**Submitter name/organisation:** Allison Graves**Attachment:*****Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015***

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

I think that if you are a proven responsible dog owner you should not be limited to 2 dogs. Often if you have 2 dogs and 1 is old it is good to get a replacement whilst your old dog is still around. Old dogs are often a good influence on younger ones. 3 is a better limit in my opinion.

Dogs in public areas should be on a leash.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015**Submission ID:** 2618**Submitter name/organisation:** Yvonne Nikora**Attachment:*****Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015***

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

the purpose of new exercise areas in Tuakau and Tamahere when there are already exercise areas there and you are looking to removing some from those areas.

2. Where in Ngaruawahia do you propose to remove exercise areas
3. Changes to where dogs are permitted. I object to not being able to take my dog to the cemetery in Ngaruawahia as I dont take her out on the footpaths because of straying dogs and also the exercise areas have some large dogs exercising and my dog is tiny and I worry she may get hurt.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2617

Submitter name/organisation: Mark Innes

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
2. **Any further comments?**

As a resident of rural Ngaruawahia who is fortunate enough to have land upon which my dogs can roam, I look at bemusement in regards to your proposed changes. I drive past the Ngaruawahia dog park several times a day, it is constantly being used by dog owners. This morning when I drove into Hamilton there were 4 separate groups of dog owners all letting their dogs exercise off lead. I have never seen any issues there in the last 20 years we have been local residents. In fact the only local issue I have experienced is when I was bitten by a loose dog whilst out running on the Waipa esplanade river path. Predominately it is the free range dogs that cause issues rather than those exercising with their owners.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2616

Submitter name/organisation: Paul Farr

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Regards to proposed Bylaw for dogs I am opposed to all the changes especially the two dogs per property change.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2615

Submitter name/organisation: Tracy Creswell

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I would like to raise concerns regarding changing the number of dogs allow in rural areas to 2.

Living rurally, is a lifestyle that is different to residential areas and having more than 2 dogs is part of that lifestyle should the resident want that. Along with farm noise in busy seasons, livestock etc

I have lived rurally all my life and had very few issues with neighbouring dogs. Dogs bought up in the country behave differently to their town relatives.

The only recent issue I and neighbours have had with dogs is, town dogs moving to the country. Not the number of dogs. Dogs in the country perform, even on smaller block duties, guard, hunting, and stock etc.

Treating rural areas the same as town areas does not make sense to me as a resident. Rural properties are larger & more distance to neighbours. Being allowed to have 2 dogs on a town section and close to neighbours, children and then treating rural properties the same does not add up to me .

If there are concerns regarding neglect of animals this is more to do with the owner not the number of dogs. I would guess that this owner would be problematic in any area and should not then imposed on the average dog owner.

If you are wishing to reduce numbers in the Rural areas then 2 is not your number. Blanketing a new by law on a community is my opinion is not a solution, to it seems a more recent problem. When looking at the changes to our communities in the last 5 years, has been urban people moving to the country. It would seem more common sense to target the problem and not give a broad penalty to those that are not causing issues.

I have never written to the council before on any by law issues but feel strongly that this issue warrants a voice to give feedback.

I understand there is problems with dogs/owners, but ask you to consider raising the number above that or urban areas

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2610

Submitter name/organisation: Peter Martin

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

5.3 typo restive = resistive

Make sure the bylaw has enough "teeth" to swiftly deal with problem owners with problem dogs. To be able to sort out the owner / dog quickly without long drawn out stalling and legal costs, appeals to dog control abuse using social media to push there hard done by point of view.

5.4 "opinion of dog control officer" I assume there as some guidelines around this to make it easy for enforcement by the officer / council.

7.1 Neutering. give yourself some teeth, change may be required to WILL be required.

7.2/7.3 neutering / de-sexed whats the difference? do you need to be consistent with wording used?

11.1 keeping of more than two dogs. it would be reasonable to include dog breeders with kennel club registration to have an easy process to have more than two dogs. My thoughts are that a breeder is going to be looking after there dogs to a high standard.

14 dogs on vehicle tray. do you need to have trailer / farm trailer / quad bike / quad bike trailer in here as well or is that implied / covered in some other way?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

yes I agree. Seems to be a balanced approach to dog ownership.

Has it got enough "teeth" to deal with problem owners / dogs / unregistered dogs

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Sports fields. excluding dogs due to fouling I support. Do you need to specifically need to exclude Whatawhata & Te Kowhia sports area's. I think this will be covered by 6.3.e. Local residents will need to be informed of the bylaw changes.

Also consider that this might also bite WDC as what happens when the wild geese foul the Huntly soccer fields, Lake Hakanoa lake edge Will WDC then have to control the geese ?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

n/a as Huntly resident

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2607

Submitter name/organisation: Dean Mendes

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

We have more more than two dogs on our property and every single one is seen as a part of the family. If this bylaw goes through you would be forcing my kids to part with their pets. We moved rural so we could have multiple animals. Our property is well fenced and the dogs are safe from people and people are safe from our dogs. We pay very high rates to the council for this lifestyle. We are doing no harm to anyone. I believe if this was put to the vote, the majority of rural homeowners would disagree with this proposal.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

The more dog parks the better

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option I - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. **Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2606

Submitter name/organisation: Sonja Mendes

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I agree with all the proposed conditions except for the 2 dogs per rural property one. I think that's unfair and unrealistic. I would like to know more about what would happen to the people who have more than 2 dogs already, would they be required to re-home? It's not a realistic situation for a lot of people and definitely not in the best interest for a lot of dogs. A lot of people move rural so they can have more than 2 dogs and have a large property that can accommodate more than 2 dogs. Especially if they own the property it's hard to see the logic behind why the number would be limited. If there have been some people who have abused their dogs then the punishments for doing so should be harsher, but the majority of people are responsible law-abiding dog-loving owners and it's extremely unfair that we get punished for the few that don't care for their dogs properly. If one of my kids does something naughty I'm not going to punish all of my kids who have never done anything wrong, it's flawed logic that literally makes no sense. All the other proposed conditions make sense to me because it's about the safety and well-being of the dogs. But 2 dogs per rural property is an extreme measure for the few that have mistreated their dogs. As stated there are over 15,000 dogs in the Waikato area and in 5 years only 156 dogs were found to be in poor, unkept conditions. While that's completely and thoroughly unacceptable in every way and I hope the people got a severe punishment, the rest of the 15,000 dog owners should not be bearing the brunt of that punishment by the threat of having to get rid of much-loved family members or facing consequences/fines etc.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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In part

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2605

Submitter name/organisation: Ben

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2604

Submitter name/organisation: Michaela Hodge

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2603

Submitter name/organisation: Sarah

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I think the limit to a rural property should be 3 dogs. After that you should then need a permit

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2602

Submitter name/organisation: Rob billington

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2595

Submitter name/organisation: Jane Bougen

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

I disagree with limiting dog numbers on rural properties.

This proposed change is not fair to the majority of good dog owners and will not change the bad dog owners one bit.

This will also drive a wedge between the council and a lot of good dog owners

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2592

Submitter name/organisation: Lynnette Constable

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

We have more than 2 dogs on our property. We feel, until such times one of the dogs passes away, we should be able to have them without permit as they are on the property already. However we do support getting a permit for us and other people who want more than 2 dogs later on. As our dogs pass away, should we want to replace them, then I think it fair we apply for a permit then. Any existing property that has more than 2 dogs should be exempt from permit at the moment.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2591

Submitter name/organisation: Angelique van der Merwe

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Why on earth would you punish the responsible dog owners???? Why not focus on the bad owners instead or the fact that MOST properties don't allow dogs when really so many families wants animals but may not have one due to landlords that don't understand dogs!! This is RIDICULOUS!!!

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Why would you take that away from me and my dog??? SERIOUSLY!!!!

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2590

Submitter name/organisation: Emma Thatcher

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

If you limit the number of dogs in rural areas you will drive more people underground and there will be more unregistered dogs. Us folks that are following the rules are the ones that are punished for the ones that don't follow the rules. You will only create an even bigger problem if you start making it harder because people like me that foster and rescue dogs, or adopt that extra special needs dog because nobody wants it, won't be able to continue trying to help these dogs and more unwanted litters will end up abused or dumped in bags, or shot. You need to be putting your efforts into desexing programs to help stem the flow at the source.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

As I said before any changes need to be focused on those that are not obeying your bylaws, not targeting the responsible owners.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2589

Submitter name/organisation: Nicola Turnbull

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not support any of the changes to the additional off leash restrictions or the limit on dogs owned.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2588

Submitter name/organisation: Kymberly

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Awesome re the sports field as I like my dog to accompany to watch sport he is on lead and never goes on the field itself

Cemetery should not be prohibited, I know many people who take their fur babies as support in a time of grief

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Permits should not cost. We already pay so much in rego and standard pet costs

Responsible owners should not be punished, how would it be controlled? 3 pugs are less work and less space than 2 Great Danes

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

There are not enough dog friendly places as is. Look at times of busy periods being restricted rather than a blanket rule most people wouldnt take their dogs on a black sand beach mid summer when its busiest anyway

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option I - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2587

Submitter name/organisation: Liam Woodney

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

My family has more than two dogs already which are well looked after and well trained. They are registered and on MY land. I understand that some rural dogs are neglected but why should people who do the right thing conform to a law change that is intended for rule breakers who will do what they want anyway. We love our dogs and they have a purpose. What will happen to all the extra dogs when this limit of two is imposed? Sorry but I think it should be a case by case basis instead of a blanket rule.

How much is this permit going to cost each year? People that are registering their dogs pay enough already!

Target those who dont please instead of increasing the cost of dog ownership for those who do.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2586

Submitter name/organisation: Tania Sampson

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I don't agree that if you are rural that you need permits to have more than two dogs, working or pets.

That's the great thing of being rural.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2584

Submitter name/organisation: Anita Garratt

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I am a VERY responsible dog-owner - my dog is NEVER off my property unless she is with me and NONE of the dogs I've ever owned have been impounded. I ALWAYS pick up her droppings and dispose of them in the nearest roadside rubbish bin wherever I take her.

Before anyone is even permitted to register a dog with WDC, they should first be required to sit (and pass) a test. To demonstrate they are capable of caring for a dog - they will not allow it to wander off their property - and accept that they will be fined if their dog can be identified as the one fouling private property.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

In Hamilton city I know of a situation where there are THREE dogs on the property - have been for quite some time. It's NOT a cross-lease section - the main house has one dog and at the "granny-flat" at the back there are TWO large dogs.

I don't intend to ever have more than one dog myself. However, in a rural area if a farmer rents a spare dwelling on their property to someone and they have two "family pet dogs", what gives Council the right to restrict dogs allowed on the entire property solely to "working dogs" belonging to the farmer?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

I don't EVER go to any dog parks in WDC area.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Never go to Tamahere so of no importance to me.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2583

Submitter name/organisation: Shelley Kennerley

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Dogs should definitely be allowed on leash at cemeteries. For many people, their only companion while grieving is their dog, and to force people to be potentially completely alone while grieving at a cemetery is inhumane. There is an abundance of research showing the benefits of grieving with a companion, including when that companion is a dog.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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In part

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2581

Submitter name/organisation: Michael & Carron Huymans

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

As rural dwellers we have the right to have 3 or more dogs as long as we act responsibly with neighbours and the Dog control officers. Having 13 acres means we have the area to exercise dogs safely. The distance between properties means that our dogs do not encroach on our neighbours rights to having a peaceful lifestyle. Also dogs on a rural property do not create a nuisance with barking etc.

In town we think there should be a limit of 2 dogs per household, as there is so much more likelihood of numerous dogs causing a nuisance to neighbours.

People who purchase land for a rural lifestyle pay far more in rates etc. without the many benefits urban dwellers get for their rates contributions.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

As above

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

There should be no reduction in the number of exercise areas, as there will be no reduction to the number of dog owners using these exercise areas even if the lowered number of dogs is passed. The majority of dog owners using these exercise areas only have one or two dogs anyway.

To be responsible dog owners there must be adequate areas available to exercise dogs. The cost of registration per annum adequately allows for the current number of areas to be maintained

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2577

Submitter name/organisation: Bridget Duncan

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2576

Submitter name/organisation: mihi cowley

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

A one off fee for a permit for rural owners of more than 3 dogs would be appropriate. I am against any costs incurred for AC visits, registration fees should cover those costs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Prior to receiving my notification I was against as a result of having information passed on by word of mouth from community pages only. With official outlining of proposed changes I now understand and can support the changes.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Received my notification of amendments to dog control bylaw and policy through mail yesterday 15/12/21 when submissions were meant to close 16/12/21 (before extension). Time to consider the proposal, gather information and make submissions based on knowle

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2569

Submitter name/organisation: Graham McAdam

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

The area considered at Tamahere Park is used regularly for parking. We do not have a surplus of parking around the park .creating another problem to sort another doesn't make sense.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Happy with TeAwa proposal not Tamahere Park.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option I - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2568

Submitter name/organisation: Kelly Daniel

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

In amendment to my previous submission.

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Addition of new areas, however we already have so little allotted dog off lead space it is not fair to reduce this more.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2566

Submitter name/organisation: Lisette Vesper

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I strongly oppose the only 2 dog policy, we have over the last 30 years always had 2 to 3 dogs, often acquiring the 3rd dog as a puppy so the older dogs can help train the puppy and then when the older dog passes the remaining dog copes a lot better and always has company. Our children will quite possibly also own dogs and in these times if they ever needed to come home with their dog this would not be possible, if my parents needed to come and live with us they would also not be able to bring their dog, in their late stages of life their pets are a blessing and a life line, if I came across a dog that needed rescuing I would not be able to do so. We have acreage in the country, we have always complied with dog control laws, our dogs have always been well looked after they are a part of our family and my therapy dogs even if not trained or registered as such. The above are just some examples of what may happen, (god forbid if it happened at the same time)! I would be saddened if I were not able to care or help if this proposed bylaw came to fruition. I know Im not the only one that feels this way in fact I have friends that are already in these positions with their familys. I feel it is punishing the many because of the few bad apples so to speak. I also understood that what our fees went towards, so your dog control officers were checking on the more unfortunate dogs that were owned or unregistered by uneducated owners, again its the law abiding owners that get penalised.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2565

Submitter name/organisation: Joyce Buijs

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2564

Submitter name/organisation: Joyce Buijs

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2561

Submitter name/organisation: Donna Daniels

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I dont agree with Limiting the number of dogs in rural areas to two. Three or more dogs would require a Council permit.

I bought my property originally for my 3 dogs. I only have one now, but to be told I can only have 2 dogs on my rural property and if I want more, Id have to apply for a permit, is not on. Therefore my 3700 SQM property is now classified the same as a urban property a portion of its size. This is not right, Ive got more than enough room for more dogs if I choose and Im a responsible dog owner. So I vote against this proposed by-law.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

No to limiting the number of dogs to 2 in rural properties!

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2559

Submitter name/organisation: Cynthia Tucker

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Access from the Raglan walkbridge to Papahua to get to dog exercise area further around has been removed. I live in town and walk this daily with my dog.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2558

Submitter name/organisation: Kerri Brown

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

It is not any of your business how many dogs per rural property there are unless there are issues with those dogs. A few bad eggs shouldnt spoil things for most owners who are generally good.

If an owner doesnt look after their dogs they probably dont look after their chickens or livestock either. Limiting dogs doesnt help with that. The councils one size fits all approach is turning into a dictatorship. Much like the way you canned horses on the beach. Where does this high handed chancel culture stop?

Rural properties have plenty of room to support plenty of happy dogs and much better than a small town property.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

As above

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

No way. There are hardly any off leash areas. The ones there are currently should not be taken away. Off leash areas are clearly sign posted. People who have issues with dogs have plenty of other places to go if they dont want to see dogs off leash. Stop taking away rights of animal owners who enjoy the environment and let their dogs have a run with other dogs.

Please stop ignoring the voice of the people in these matters.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2557

Submitter name/organisation: Amy Henderson

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Do not approve changing Oporuru inlet area in Raglan to leash only.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2555

Submitter name/organisation: Katrina clark

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

There is absolutely no reason to punish responsible rural owners on behalf of a few Irresponsible people Who mistreat their dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2554

Submitter name/organisation: Neil Jennings

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Out of 15,000 - 58 complaints are not many. Target the abusers - not the rest of the public!

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Limiting the number of dogs owned will only make more people actually not register their dogs. We need more laws banning abusive dog owners and the irresponsible ones and not hurting the responsible ones. Responsible dog owners in rural areas have the space and time to have 3 or more dogs. Out of 15,000 - 58 complaints are not many. Target the abusers - not the rest of the public!

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Would rather see this by seasons - in Summer limit where people exercise their dogs but in Winter make that go back to off lead areas.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2553

Submitter name/organisation: Sara Tattley

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I do not think a permit should be required unless you have more than 4 dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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In part

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2552

Submitter name/organisation: Amanda Church

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

What is wrong with just dealing with neglect and irresponsibility and those offenders rather than punishing and making laws for all. And making us pay for it. Over it

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

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2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2551

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I do not agree with the proposed change in the number of dogs allowed at rural properties, although I agree that some rural dogs are often the least protected. However, I think it should be set at 3 dogs allowed per property and then a licence should be applicable for more than 3 dogs. I don't think working dogs, breeders who live rurally, kennels or anyone else should be exempt from that rule. Working dogs and breeders' dogs are often kept in poor conditions and these dogs need more protection, not less.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I agree, if it is adhered to and education is promoted for responsible guardianship. The council also needs to set an example of respect and responsibility for dogs within their region and within their care, when in pounds.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

I think you are making it incredibly difficult for people to exercise their dogs who live in these areas. This could lead to dogs being further confined or chained in the back yards. You should be increasing dog exercise areas, not reducing them.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2547

Submitter name/organisation: Marsha Sinclair

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I do not agree with the 2 dog per rural property bylaw proposal. I get there are owners who have excessive amounts of dog and are not looked after, however punishing others for these peoples behavior will not stop these people having multiple dogs. I am sure these dogs were not registered so why would this law change anything. It won't.

We have 3 dogs, 2 outdoor dogs and 1 indoor dog. We have no close neighbors, our dogs do not annoy anyone and we should be able to have as many animals as we like if we look after them.

This law will only encourage more people to not register their dogs. This is the completely wrong approach and dealing with the people of concern is the way around this, not hitting the majority of good dog owners with a blanket rule. Total Ridiculous and unfair.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

I really don't care. being on a rural property gives us space and we do not need to access these area's

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2544

Submitter name/organisation: Reuben Kendall

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**

No

- 2. Any further comments?**

I don't support the removal of the dog exercise area between Opoturu inlet to Aerodome Bridge. If there are concerns around the summer picnics (which I find somewhat dubious), a seasonal restriction would be more warranted.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**

No

- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2542

Submitter name/organisation: Ben Suffield

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Do not agree with limit of 2 dogs in rural areas. The people who have problem dogs are the ones that do not abide by rules anyway, so why penalise the majority for the minority. If more than 2 are allowed via a council permit it again will likely be more cost to the owner for the permit. Fine the problem people rather than excluding the majority of law abiding and responsible citizens. Rural properties are generally larger areas and can handle more dogs (3 dogs on a rural 4 acre area is sill far less than 1 dog per house times 40 houses on 4 acres!!)

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In part

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Prefer both to be made available

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015**Submission ID:** 2540**Submitter name/organisation:** Pam Graham**Attachment:*****Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015*****1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**

No

2. Any further comments?

I am opposed to the plan to limit the number of dogs kept on rural properties to two, with some exemptions. Three or more dogs would require a council permit.

It is my belief that if councils lose control of three waters it is quite likely they will later lose control of regional roads. Their main business will then be overseeing the well-being of their community.

It concerns me that in documents on well-being by LGNZ and some councils in the past the only reference to dogs in a well-being context has been the need to protect members of the community from dangerous dogs.

This is important work but the role of dogs, even in a rural setting, as companion animals is being overlooked. In covid times people who live alone or in isolated situations gain even more comfort from companion animals and they are able to look after more than two dogs well.

The barriers to enjoying this source of well-being are already rising with high vet costs and the price of dogs has risen a bit like house prices. Council should not be adding to the barriers to well-being sourced from dogs.

I know of a number of people who own more than two companion animals and live rurally and they look after their animals to the highest of standards and work within dog communities to help others to do this.

I am a first-time dog owner and it is difficult to explain how many people I have met from just owning a dog. People who see me walking my dog (on lead) wave on our regular walk and stop for a chat. I have attended dog parties at a dog park with 50 dogs at them. I have met new people at dog shows, at dog obedience training, in internet dog breed groups and my dog is a member of canine friends and visits old folks homes. He is a conversation starter, a source of connection and well-being. Many of the reputable breeders, who should be encouraged and breed quality dogs in small numbers, live rurally.

The 156 figure of dogs found in poor condition in rural areas seems to comprise two separate properties with 40 dogs and one with 35. Should you not be managing these properties intensively, and even closing them down, rather than hitting the issue of puppy farms with a sledge hammer that affects people with three or five dogs on well fenced rural properties.

It is also inconsistent to exclude working dogs while clamping down on rural lifestyle blocks with for example five companion dogs or retired working dogs. These are properties where most dogs have a good life/retirement without disturbing others.

On the issue of the positive role dogs play in well-being dogs can I attention you to episode 8 of the television show Barkley Manor. It contained the story of a man who lived alone and was on anti-depressants who bought a dog on impulse and it turned his life around. He is no longer lonely and is off meds. The dog's routine gave him a routine and looking after it gave him purpose and connected him to other dog lovers. I urge you to balance the role dogs have in well-being with the work that has to be done to contain dangerous dogs. I suggest councillors visit some properties where more than two dogs live rurally and are well looked after. I appreciate this is a regular review of bylaws and policy required by law. But that doesn't mean a radical change that could be a precedent for other councils should be enacted. It is an opportunity to look at the contribution dogs make to well-being in turbulent times.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2537

Submitter name/organisation: Coen Antheunisse

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I do not agree with point 11.0 and 12.0 of the proposed Dog Control Bylaw 2015.

Targeting everyone with more than 2 dogs is ridiculous, there must be much better ways of sifting out bad dog owners.

The figures used in this proposal are insignificant when compared to the total number of dogs in the district. It states that there have been 156 welfare concerns with multiple dogs on rural properties. As 39 dogs were seized from 1 property last year, this 1 property is responsible for 25% of the welfare issues in the last 5 years.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Point 4.1 should have a section for rescued dogs, where the registration fee is less than standard.

This will motivate people to rescue a dog instead of getting a random puppy from a puppy mill or other unregulated sources.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2536

Submitter name/organisation: Rene Bacher

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2535

Submitter name/organisation: Graham Barlow

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I think the number of dogs requiring a permit should be 4 and more. Allow 3 dogs per house without the need for a permit.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2534

Submitter name/organisation: Mark Burke-Damaschke

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Limiting the number of dogs in rural areas to two is excessive. Whilst it is accepted that people need to ensure their dogs are well looked after and kept in a secure environment to stop them from straying, the comment above justifying this reduction: "In the past five years, Council has received 58 complaints about multiple dogs in rural areas" would imply less than 6 complaints a year. This does not seem to be a large number over such a large geographic area. The further comments above "This has led to 156 dogs being found in poor conditions and showing signs of neglect." would suggest that the majority of concern relates to a small number of Cases. Are the cases related to persons who have registered their Dogs with Council? Insufficient information is being provided to justify this limitation to two dogs. Rural properties are suitable for having more than two dogs. I would suggest the majority of owners are responsible, and register their dogs with Council.

It would be helpful for more information to be made available to assist in understanding how the cases of neglect relate to the number of dogs registered and if this reduction in dogs is reasonable and will directly reduce the number of neglect and complaints. Further information in relation to the application for permits should also be made available to ensure people are able to make an informed decision as to whether or not they support the proposed amendments.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
2. **Any further comments?**

no comment

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2533

Submitter name/organisation: Lincoln & Lynda Sharp

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

We disagree limiting the number of dogs in rural areas to two and the requirement that three or more dogs would require a Council permit. This is draconian at such a low number for all rural landholders. A third dog does not drastically change owning obligations.

Further, this does nothing to address poor ownership practices, which makes it meaningless. We know of rural owners of one dog not adequately containing their animal. This would not be addressed by the change.

This change introduces more bureaucracy with no expected improvement. It punishes all for the in/actions of a small minority.

We also have concerns regarding the Councils ability to manage any permit issuance and control. For the last four years our dog licence renewals have had errors.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2529

Submitter name/organisation: Alison Ewing

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Te Awa Reserve is too far from the village area of Tamahere and would require a car ride for a lot of people.

There is already a path to walk dogs around the periphery of Tamahere Park so the enclosed area would be a logical addition there.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2527

Submitter name/organisation: Rory OBrien

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2525

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

I would like my name kept confidential

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Re number of dogs in rural areas

I would like to see more clarity in bylaw around definition and numbers of working dogs. Owners with larger blocks of land and high numbers of stock clearly need more dogs than e.g those on a smaller block. I question how is council permit going to work in this type of scenario and are there going to be set criteria to meet.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Unfamiliar with area so not applicable

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2524

Submitter name/organisation: Mark Deddis

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2523

Submitter name/organisation: Vivienne Ferris

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Our neighbour has multiple dogs which not working dogs. They are uncontrolled and bark continually. A limit of two dogs would be an improvement.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Not really applicable.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Not applicable

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2522

Submitter name/organisation: Julian Booker

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

As below

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Limiting the number of dogs to 2 in rural areas is pointless, consultation documents mention neglect as a reason. People that neglect their animals will do so regardless of the limit.

It has become too complicated to know where you can and can't take dogs for a walk, this is a particular problem when you are not from the local area and have taken your dogs away with you. There is insufficient signage on all the entrances to such places to know if dogs are ok or not.

Trying to find information on council websites on where you can take dogs is too difficult.

Amend policy to you can take your dogs anywhere provided it is not a DOC reserve, they are on a lead, are not aggressive and you pick up their waste. This is particular so for smaller breeds.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2521

Submitter name/organisation: Mathew Morley

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I understand there are a lot of dog owners that dont deserve dogs with how they get miss treated or how they have lack of training.

But you should be aloud more than 2 dogs on your property in the rural sector. That is part of living rural so you can have animals.

I know people that have working dogs which would be exempt but also have hunting dogs.

I consider these hunting dogs a working dog.

They have a purpose but would they be exempt?

I also know that not everyone knows what a healthy dog looks like.

I know breads that are designed for speed and fitness. They are lean and fit and can be mistaken for a miss treated dog because you can see there ribs. But if you look at there energy levels the coat condition they are actually super healthy just athletes of the dog world that get worked hard and to there full potential and they love it.

If I see an over weight barrel of a dog I consider that to be miss treatment.

I dont agree with capping dog numbers to 2 dogs. One size does not fit all.

In an urban environment I can see the requirement to control dog numbers per property but again I believe this should be 3.

You also need to consider the life expectancy of a dog. They dont live forever and you need to have young dogs coming through to replace old dogs as they retire. They have earned there retirement and to live out there old age but if you cap numbers these dogs will be in the firing line to get put down before they should to make room. That doesnt sit well with me at all.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2520

Submitter name/organisation: John Young

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Limiting dog numbers to 2 on rural properties seems unfair. Prosecute people that mistreat their animals, but do not punish dog owners who have more than 2 dogs.

If people are going to mistreat dogs, then the other animals on the property are also at risk, again prosecute people that mistreat their animals, do not punish dog owners who have more than 2 dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2518

Submitter name/organisation: Kathy Gold

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Raglan is overloaded with dogs, The play ground at Papahua and skatepark, have dogs off leads constantly, allowing dogs within 10m of this area doesnt work, people take dogs with them and will continue while dogs are allowed close by. Signs dont work , they are too small, information often incorrect. Too many dogs in Bow ST Raglan. A time frame when dogs can be in town needs applying.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Who makes sure Dogs are controlled? Free range is not ideal. Dogs off leads on the beach running up too walkers and beach users happens constantly.

Uncontrolled dogs is common.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2517

Submitter name/organisation: Camille Guzzwell

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

I think it's appalling that you are dropping more off dog leash areas and not replacing them with any new options. Where is the investment in new parks for dog owners who need to take their dogs for a big run somewhere?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

We need more dog exercise options and places to exercise our dogs OFF leash.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2514

Submitter name/organisation: Julie Wilson

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Whilst supporting anything which ensures the health and wellbeing of dogs the document doesnt really give detail on

- how you would get a permit / are their costs involved ? Is the permit annual / 5 year or ?? What are the requirements?

- whether the cases where dogs were found in poor condition were registered dogs. If not the bylaw is unlikely to have real impact

- whether the cases where dogs were found in poor condition were in the 3-4 dogs on property group or 10+. Having personally got a dog from a person who had 100 plus dogs (and was subsequently prosecuted by SPCA) I agree there needs to be protection from puppy mills however not sure this policy targeted at that (assume this doesnt include puppies).

The devil is always in the detail so need a full document to be able to adequately respond

Cemetery change

People do visit cemeteries where they may take a pet if there was a close connection between the dog and the deceased (support for the grieving person) or alternatively when they are travelling and stopping en route (so alternative would be to leave the dog in a hot car) - would suggest instead of no dogs this should require them to be on leash.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Would like all dog parks to be safe/ securely fenced.

Found it difficult to understand exactly what the proposed change was in some areas

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Not applicable to me

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2510

Submitter name/organisation: DeAnn West

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Farmer sometimes need more than one dog. We do not need to punished rural people.

Bad owner should be fine and not allow any animals. Dogs play a vital role in the rural community. I can't imagine someone who cares and needs a dog for work to treat them badly.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

There needs to be

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

There needs to be more place to take your dog.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2505

Submitter name/organisation: James Nixon

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Limiting people to 2 dogs per property because some people cant manage their affairs is disgusting. Instead of a blanket ban for everyone you should be doing what you are already funded to do - enforce the current law, which is already fit for purpose if it was actually enforced properly. This is yet another power grab that will do nothing to solve the real problem, instead only punishing the law abiding.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

You make the point that people arent looking after their dogs properly and then take away many of the resources that are intended for proper care of said dogs. The incompetence is incredible with you lot.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2500

Submitter name/organisation: Debra Atherleigh

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

We have dogs to protect our property and us. 2 dogs are easy to distract and or poison. Also my dogs are companion And working dogs who are old and fully spayed or neutered.

I purchased a rural plot so I had my own 5 acres for my pets I pay ridiculous amounts on rates to have this land to keep my animals safe. My dogs do not need the property. Its not my problem your stupid planners cant sort out the new unitary plan. Im totally ready to leave the Waikato once the zoning on my property changes.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2488

Submitter name/organisation: Leigh Mohi

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

I propose that this law to only allow 2 dogs in the rural areas/properties not go ahead.

We spend a lot of money purchasing properties so we can have extra stock and animals and
Should not be limited to 2 dogs.

2 dogs in town is understandable but definitely not in rural.

I strongly oppose this law.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2487

Submitter name/organisation: Pauline Beech

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

re proposed limiting the number of dogs in rural areas, i believe this would be way to hard to police - surely there is better ways to spend our dog licences than making work for the council!..

so with the 8 people that reside here at 104 beer road cambridge

no - that is a strong no to the change of limiting rural dogs to two!

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

also if we are to put in a exercise area in pukemoremore can there be any option that i could offer some of my life style block for such a area??

we have 4 acres here fully fenced and happy to discuss this as a option maybe plenty of parking rural area strong dog minded people and would love the opportunity to work through putting any or all of it into a obstacle course and or just space for dogs to wonder around (animal free areas) off leads could do in a paddock on leads in another - leads in another

10 minutes from cambridge 15 from hamilton no no close neighbours to complain .. please can this be put forward as a suggestion so we all can let our dogs off - even maybe a we area could be for the dog that wants a run but not social-able or on heat ?

the idea seems extremely needed for like minded people like my self that love to see there dogs out and about and there home lifestyles can not afford this!!

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2486

Submitter name/organisation: Shaun Hodson

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

I am in general support of the dogs bylaw changes.

In terms of exceptions you mention boarding kennels.

I strongly believe that Kennel Club registered breeders are added to the list of exceptions on dog numbers.

The KC / DogsNZ have strict guidelines which means the monitoring of health and conditions for kennelling are met.

This will also remove the need to dip in and out of the bylaw for breeders with say two dogs, but also may have litters that go beyond the registration age before moving on to their forever homes.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2485

Submitter name/organisation: Milan Lukan

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I dont support these changes. especially dog numbers at rural properties.

One of reasons people move to the country, is to have multiple animals where they are no harm to otherss, and there is many honest reasons for them, breeding dogs, working dogs, hunting dogs, etc.

If these people cause a problem then their rights should be revoked.

But it should be a human right to have animals on rural property providing they are contained properly and not causing harm to others

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2484

Submitter name/organisation: Nikita Robertson

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I STRONGLY DO NOT support limiting the number of dogs in rural areas to two. This makes absolutely no sense as rural areas typically have more than enough space to safely and fairly keep 3 or more dogs. So long as these dogs are well looked after this should not be an issue.

Changing current dog exercise areas from off-leash to on-leash could cause behavioural issues in dogs who already frequent there, making them be on leash in a place they associate with freedom and dog socialise could cause them frustration leading to an increase in dog fights, not to mention that on leash dogs tend to be more defensive than off leash dogs. If its unsafe, get better fencing.

I do support prohibiting dogs from sport surfaces, skateparks, and playgrounds (if this is just on the actual playground itself), I dont really support cemeteries.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

I dont support restricting the number of dogs in rural areas to three. If you want to restrict do it to 10 dogs or something to target irresponsible puppy farms and owners.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Dont change off leash areas to on leash areas because the resulting dog frustration could lead to aggression making this unsafe. Build better fences.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

I dont know either of these so whichever is most popular.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2483

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

We currently live rural and selected our home with the allowance to have more than 2 dogs as part of our buying criteria.

We currently have 3 dogs and more clarity needs to be provided as to how exemptions or permits can be provided to those already living with more dogs.

More reasoning to these changes needs to be provided as to the cause of this drastic change.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Please keep name confidential.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2482

Submitter name/organisation: R Briggs

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Breeders and trainers already onbtcedird to enable reduced registration fees. Professionals such as these should be exempt from having to apply for permit

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Professionals like breeders and trainers are already on file and should be exempt from new permit system.

What about temporary reasons for having more than two like a batch having a litter. Do the then need a permit?=8

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2481

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Unfortunately the target people/audience for these bylaws either do not have their dogs registered so will not be in receipt of the documentation regarding the bylaw changes and/or also simply do not care.

There is a HUGE growth in population in the Tuakau and surrounding areas. Although many residents in the area walk their dogs in the leash as we do, the number of people observed not having control of their dogs and/or not picking up after their dogs mess is ridiculous and witnessed by us on an almost daily basis. There needs to be some investment in big bold signage, and patrols, particularly if you are going to start banning dogs on sports fields as well. Regular patrols by enforcement staff prepared to discuss breaches and educate people should be conducted regularly.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2475

Submitter name/organisation: Daniel Pilkington

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Add more areas. but you cant properly exercise a dog on a leash so all must be off leash. Could use mussels if its dog bites ect thats the problem

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2474

Submitter name/organisation: Samantha

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2471

Submitter name/organisation: Victoria

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Why limit people to two dogs? What about breeders? When does a puppy count as a dog? Why remove so many areas where dogs can be off lead and be a dog? That is when you will get behavioral problems as lots of people only have small back yards now. The ones that neglect dogs will still break the rules it just means you can fine them and get more revenue.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

It will be good to have a dog park but don't want to have to drive across town to exercise it in the only place it can be off lead

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2469

Submitter name/organisation: Catherine

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

I'm a dog owner and if I wish to have three dogs I shouldn't need a permit. I have a lifestyle property and the ability to care for three dogs. Seems like a money making scheme. How about just fining dog owners whose dogs are found roaming? Or alternatively base the amount of dogs on a property to the size of a section. E.g. 400sqm section no more than two dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Dog exercise areas are not only great for dogs but also for families to enjoy time with their dog not constrained to a leash. 99% of dogs that use these spaces are friendly and the community enjoys the time they get to spend with other dogs as as their own. It is quite often how my family and I enjoy our weekends. Please don't restrict these further. Please be a dog friendly council.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2468

Submitter name/organisation: Dana Sides

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Dogs should be allowed on leash in cemeteries. They are lovely quiet places to take a take for a walk and learn some history along the way.

Dogs locked in cars should be an offence and in the bylaw.

If you are removing off leash areas then an appropriate alternative needs to be nominated. In small towns such as Taupiri, having no off leash area, with a growing dog population is unacceptable.

Restricting dogs on sports fields is also a blow, as these are often another great open space to let the dog have a run around when no one is there. ie weekdays.

Being a central island district - apart from Raglan, there is no quick access to beaches for off leash dog walks either. There NEEDS to be an alternative off least options for dog owners. IN EVERY TOWN.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

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Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2465

Submitter name/organisation: Jenny Buckley

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

My dogs are my babies, they are the best cared for family members and I do NOT agree to the 2 dog limit. We have two dogs right now but usually have three, we have a large farm so loads of room for exercise and stimulation for them. I think the limit should be 3 dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2459

Submitter name/organisation: SARAH WEAKLEY

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

A limit of 2 dogs on a rural property is, quite frankly, ridiculous. It wont stop people who dont follow current animal welfare recommendations, it will just penalise those who live in rural areas so they can have more than 2 dogs. Charging for a permit (which will no doubt be the case) will simply penalise good owners who cause no problems. If someone living in a rural area cant keep 3 or 4 dogs without a permit, its laughable. More money-making, bureaucratic nonsense that doesnt target the actual problem. This will cause a lot of anger and grief, and if permits are denied for whatever spurious reason, are people expected to give up their family members for rehoming? Do you think dogs are just property that can be moved on like that? This country seems to be more and more anti dog. Those who mistreat dogs and let them roam the streets causing trouble and breeding accidentally continue their behaviour, while the rest of us continually have more and more restrictions placed on us and our dogs because were stupid enough to let ourselves be walked all over. The council needs to take a long hard look at where the real problem is, and target it. Dont use the rest of us as scapegoats and a source of easy money.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option I - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2458

Submitter name/organisation: Sonja Holtham

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

No I don't support the changes to the bylaw in regards to the amount of dogs allowed on a rural property

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

We need more areas to exercise our dogs not less

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2457

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Yet another policy by WDC that sets out to 'sneak' restrictive controls through during a time of year where people are away or otherwise occupied.

I find the rationale for more restrictive controls on dogs at rural properties 'weak and wanting'. 58 complaints in five years is hardly worthy of mention and dressing this up as a 'welfare' issue is flimsy at best.

The removal of 7 dog exercise areas is disgusting at best and further restricts the freedoms of dogs and their owners. This is the true welfare issue that should be debated, and WDC should be ashamed of themselves for this.

If we are being honest, this is yet another attempt to reduce services and freedoms whilst still gouging local tax payers and dog owners for sub standard services and without proper robust debate. Let's be honest, it will closely be followed by an increase in dog ownership costs to 'police' these pathetic controls.

I am left 'wanting' by this proposal and is yet another example of poor policy formulation and management by WDC. WDC should yet again hang their head in shame and must do better.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

I do not wish my details to be published on your website or on any council documents. My name, address and contact details are confidential and you will treat them as such.

You will not provide my details to any third party without my express permission.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2455

Submitter name/organisation: Safia Pitel

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I only agree to prohibit dog owner to own for than two dogs in RESIDENTIAL area. My neighbourhood is a victim of a dog owner of four dangerous dogs for the last year. Our pets have been killed, our kids threatened by the dogs. It is obviously difficult for people to be able to handle that many dogs and look after them properly.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2453

Submitter name/organisation: Erica Hilton

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2451

Submitter name/organisation: Jennifer Adams

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Some of the dog parks mentioned are popular why get rid of them. For example the ngaruawahia dog park had always got people exercising their dogs why close it. Alot of dog owners already feel they get nothing for the money they pay in dog reg.

I don't agree that there should be a 2 dog limit on rural properties as long as owners pay each dog reg and neighbouring properties are happy with the amount of dogs on these properties

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

As above

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2448

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I fully support the proposed changes but disagree with the working dog exemption for small block holders. In Rotokauri we have a neighbour with 8-9+ dogs that have received multiple complaints of incessant barking which is still an ongoing problem today and has been a huge waste of council resources and time. We have been asked to record how often they bark but this has been pointless as they very rarely stop. This is awful to live with daily. They are kept in poor conditions and although owner states they are 'working dogs', most of the dogs are never out of their cages. The working dog exemption should apply to owners of land over a substantial size (over 40 hectares). Two working dogs for this size farm would be reasonable.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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In part

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

PLEASE KEEP MY NAME CONFIDENTIAL

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

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Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2446

Submitter name/organisation: Kim and Mark Innes

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

In the letter to taxpayers you state that Council are closing the Ngaruawahia exercise Area. In the Proposed amendments to Dog Exercise Areas you state that dogs will become on leash and there is no mention of closure. The adjoining park to the Ngaruawahia exercise area is more than suitable for an on lead exercise area. Many Ngaruawahia residents do not have an opportunity to run their dogs off lead in a enclosed area other than the dog exercise area. The Ngaruawahia exercise area allows individuals to run dogs on their own. Some of these dogs are not safe to run with others- it would be a sad day to see this opportunity to be taken away.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

We are no where near in Tamahere so have no interest in this exercise area

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2445

Submitter name/organisation: test

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015**Submission ID:** 2442**Submitter name/organisation:** Sue deboer**Attachment:*****Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015***

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
2. **Any further comments?**

I have just heard about the proposed closing of the dog exercise area in Ngaruawahia. As a dog owner this park is well used by alot of people in Ngaruawahia. As an elderly person I have difficulty walking my German sheppard around the streets.

This is why I use the park with many others.

Also, how much money have you spent on upgrading the car park area just to close it down

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015**Submission ID:** 2441**Submitter name/organisation:** Sarah Smith**Attachment:*****Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015***

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?
2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?
2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?
2. Any further comments?

I see no reason to change to current rules. I think the removal of dog exercising areas is inappropriate, maybe just implement a dogs on a leash in skate parks and playgrounds instead. Families like to walk their dogs and attend these places together.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?
2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2440

Submitter name/organisation: Pat Thomas

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

I agree with all proposals except the removal of the dog exercise area in Ngaruawahia. Not sure about the others but if the Ngaruawahia one was removed we would have to drive to Huntly or Horotiu!

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2439

Submitter name/organisation: Paul Simpson

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Re your letter advising of proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaws.

I agree with the general intent of the changes but one issue appears ridiculous.

These bylaws should not only protect people but also be interested in the welfare of the dogs, that they are well looked after, well fed and well exercised. Limiting a rural property to 2 dogs doesnt recognise the open spaces that the dogs can exercise in, if youre going to that restriction then there should be zero dogs allowed on any residential property under 1000 sq metres/ quarter acre.

This rural restriction will encourage more people to not register their dogs, which Im sure isnt your intention.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015**Submission ID:** 2438**Submitter name/organisation:** Katie Dormer**Attachment:*****Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015***

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

I agree to all except dogs not being allowed to be in a cemetery. They should be allowed to accompanied by a person and on a lead.

Sometimes people need a friend (weather or be a person or dog)

And believe it or not dogs greive too.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2437

Submitter name/organisation: Tara Brascamp and Peter Stone

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

My husband and I have one submission in respect of the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw and Policy.

Focusing on the proposal: "Limiting the number of dogs in rural areas to two, with some exemptions, such as working dogs. Three or more dogs would require a Council permit."

Many rural properties have multiple households on them - secondary accommodation buildings and tiny homes come immediately to mind. In these situations, the proposal seems restrictive and likely to create an administration burden.

Our suggestion would be to amend the proposal so as to allow for separate households on one property.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015**Submission ID:** 2436**Submitter name/organisation:** Jane Morgan**Attachment:*****Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015***

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

I strongly object to the proposal to limit dogs on rural properties to two. I feel as long as we have the space for them, we should be allowed as many dogs as we are able to care for properly. I often take in rescue dogs along with my own dogs, and sometimes it takes awhile to rehome them, which would put me in violation of this law and give the rescue dogs nowhere to go.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2435

Submitter name/organisation: Eugene Clapham

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

â€¢ Limiting the number of dogs in rural areas to two with some exemptions.

Why is this required in rural areas where working dogs reside? There are people like us who are registered breeders and have moved rurally because we cannot have more than 1 or 2 animals in suburbia, where there is less tolerance and even more limited areas for exercising them?

â€¢ Removing some areas where dogs are permitted on playgrounds/skateparks and cemeteries.

I would agree and uphold that dog's not be allowed at the above places. Not appropriate or necessary if they have great dog parks or designated areas of land/paddocks where they can have free run.

Overall, I would ask you to consider the positive effect dogs have on so many people's lives. Families, children, elderly and disabled. It is as though they have become something to be feared or a pest. What about the dog's wellbeing and positive mental state.

We have service dogs, great breeders, farmers, police etc all living in a rural area wishing to find places to exercise and walk their dogs safely in an area big enough to make a difference to them. Please do not pander to the minority of uneducated , less tolerant people who have chosen to move to more rural areas for a lifestyle change. Why do we need to change the very thing they moved here for.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

â€¢ Proposing a new dog exercise area, Whangarata Reserve in Tuakau

As great as this sounds, will it be off lead, will it be big enough for dogs to have a good run to keep them healthy and fit? The current ones are ridiculously small with no facilities for owners to ensure

the dogs are safe, have places to explore and not already so overcrowded with other animals it can be dangerous.

â€¢ Removing current dog exercise areas

Please do not do this before providing an alternative for dog owners. What is wrong with the exercise areas now?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

â€¢ Consulting on two options for a dog exercise area in Tamahere,

Again, that is wonderful if you are going to seriously think about the size, area, and what facilities it will offer. Eg: Water for swimming, obstacle courses, long run areas, pathways and

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2434

Submitter name/organisation: Kirstin Mclachlan

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

â€¢ Limiting the number of dogs in rural areas to two, with some exemptions, such as working dogs. Three or more dogs would require a Council permit

I think this is a reasonable request. I currently have one dog, however I know people who have 2 or more for various reasons. Under this proposition would animal fosterers be able to house more than 2 dogs at one time?

â€¢ Some changes to where dogs are permitted, on playgrounds, skateparks and cemeteries.

Be smart with these changes. Please be clear with signage, and realistic with location restrictions, for example, I should be able to walk past a playground on a path next to a playground with my dog on lead.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

â€¢ Proposing a new dog exercise area, Whangarata Reserve, in Tuakau

I'm all for adding new dog exercise areas wherever possible. Finding different places in the Waikato to exercise my dog can be challenging. We look for places with a generous amount of shade, water stations, waste bins and paths.

â€¢ Removing seven current dog exercise areas in Tuakau, Taupiri, Ngaruawahia, Tamahere, Raglan and Newcastle

If 7 dog exercise areas are being removed, 7 new dog friendly locations should be implemented. Dog owners need safe areas to exercise their dogs. So many walks and outdoor areas are already unsafe or "no dogs allowed" due to current restrictions

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2433

Submitter name/organisation: Steve Murray

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposal to introduce a permit for more than 2 dogs in the country

I believe the restriction to an allowed 2 dogs in the country with 3+ requiring a permit is too restrictive under the circumstances. I would like further clarification on the numbers published to understand why the council is proposing to move to such a severe restriction.

Over the last five years, Council has received 58 complaints about multiple dogs in rural areas. This has led to 156 dogs being found in poor conditions and showing signs of neglect.

The statistics you quote show an average of less than 1 complaint a month over the 5-year period, which doesn't justify such a draconian measure, without a more detailed breakdown of the statistics.

- Of the 58 complaints how many were repeat offenders
- Can you provide data as to the number of dogs involved in each complaint? I suspect the number of 156 is inflated because of a small number of owners having large amounts of dogs. My guess is that 50% of the complaints will cover around 80% of the dog numbers.
- What is the geographical breakdown of the 58 complaints? I suspect some areas of the Waikato will be disproportionately represented in those small numbers. If this is the case initiating a region wide measure would be out of step, as it will be punishing everyone for the actions of a few. There would be little administrative effort in focusing this effort on the regions within the Waikato creating the problem.

It is my view from my own experience that often people move to the country so they can have dogs and most dog owners are very responsible. It is also my experience that people living in the country actively rescue dogs as they have the space to house them. The dogs living in the country often have a great life as they have the freedoms city dogs don't have.

There are also some animal shelters operating in rural areas of the Waikato, they are clearly part of the solution to responsible dog ownership not part of the problem, I believe they should be exempt from any permit policy unless complaints have been specifically laid against their operation.

All the country dog owners I know take great care of their animals

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2432

Submitter name/organisation: Violet Sherwood

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

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I would like to submit a request not to remove any dog exercise areas in Raglan. There are already limited areas for dogs to run free in Raglan. Beaches are not comfortable for dogs during the day in hot summer months due to hot sand burning paws and no shade but they're a vital place during morning and evenings for dogs to exercise and socialise safely.

There is a high influx of visitors from out of town during summer months and holiday periods with visitors bringing their dogs - which places extra stress on dogs being able to have freedom to move and socialise safely.

Removing a dog exercise area crowds more dogs into fewer places, increasing the risk of stress and dog fights. We have recently had a number of horrible dog attacks on other dogs and people from dogs visiting from out of town.

Please help us keep our dogs safe, healthy and happy by not removing dog exercise areas.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2431

Submitter name/organisation: Heather Parker

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

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Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2430

Submitter name/organisation: Elizabeth Foo

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

1. The proposed Te Awa Reserve is good but should be extended to include access for dogs to swim is this is at all possible.

It would be great to continue to be able to use Te Awa Walkway on leash and then access the Reserve for off leash play at the end of a walk.

2. The proposed area for off leash in Tamahere Park does not look near big enough for the number of dogs I see in Tamahere.

3. The only reason we go to raglan is to give the dogs a splash please consider this as many will just not bother to go at all if the drive is no longer worth it.

Dog walking is a great reason to get out and exercise to stay healthy I believe anything that gives people a bit of joy and decreases loneliness needs to be protected. Not everyone is able or can afford a gym or cycling. I feel the elderly are always the ones that pay, if we can encourage community and exercise for them we will all be happier.

Thankyou

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

1. Lifetime registration would be great once a dog is desexed this would have the effect of encouraging sterilisation and less accidental litters and hence less strays or unwanted pets.

2. Cats should be microchipped and registered as well.

Please consider encouraging getting out and walking the dog, we will all be happier and healthier for it. I believe if the elderly were supported to own a companion by making walking the dog easy and encouraged they would stay healthier for longer.

3. I strongly disagree with a maximum of 2 dogs for Rural Properties. Responsible pet owners should not be penalised for the rare irresponsible ones. Perhaps the maximum of 2 should be based on land

holding size as there are likely many farmers that have workers with dogs living on the property as well. For example Maximum of 2 dogs if less than 5 acres.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

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In part

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Thankyou

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Both options are needed there are a lot of dogs I see walking about on leash in Tamahere so I is not enough and the 2 proposed areas are no where near large enough to give them a decent run.

1.The proposed Te Awa Reserve is good but should be extended to

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2429

Submitter name/organisation: Sinead Dunn

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not agree that there should be a blanket limit on dogs in rural areas. There should be conditions to meet to have lots of dogs so that they are taken care of but should not limit places such as animal sanctuaries to 2 dogs as this would greatly hinder these organisations ability to rescue and rehome dogs who need it.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Need to make sure dogs will still have space to run around in the dog parks.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Need the space to be safe for dogs to exercise.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2423

Submitter name/organisation: Deb King

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Could do with more community education around dog, dog handling, training. Like holding "dog events".

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

On the whole you are doing a great job. It is a huge pity, as a dog owner who takes my role seriously, that those owners who don't pick up their dog's mess & train them correctly, that everyone is punished.

Not your fault but wish we could stop those people from getting dogs. Argh!

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

I can't comment as I do not live in this area.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2421

Submitter name/organisation: Mindy Matchitt

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

For rural areas 2 dog limit: I feel that will punish the farmer/lifestyler by requiring them to have a council permit to have 3 or more dogs, some rural properties rely heavily on dogs to work their property. By reduces this number effectively to a 2 dog limit, will have a negative impact on the likelihood of people registering there dogs. In most cases a rural property with dogs will have 2-5 working dogs as well as 1 or 2 household pets. Some times the minority group of people ruin the opportunity for those who try to do the right thing.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015**Submission ID:** 2420**Submitter name/organisation:** Sharon Leigh**Attachment:*****Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015*****1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**

No

2. Any further comments?***Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy*****1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**

No

2. Any further comments?

I live rural so I can have animals so i do not support limit to 2 dogs for those wishing more. For those who complain dont come to the country stay in town.for those who do not look after the welfare of their animals limiting numbers wont make a difference they should have no dogs. Also fireworks should be banned in rural areas to protect animals

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps**1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**

Yes

2. Any further comments?***Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park*****1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?****2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2416

Submitter name/organisation: Colleen Waugh

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Off lease as required by owner and within safety to public and to the dog

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2415

Submitter name/organisation: Crystal Lange

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

with more than 15000 dogs in the region only 1.5% have been found in poor condition meaning less than 1% of complaints per year. This does not constitute a significant amount of concern and thereby justification to limit dog numbers per property.

Properties that already have more than two currently have to comply with good ownership history and fencing checks so are already under a vetting program. It would be logical to a 5 yearly unannounced visit.

Bigger risk from my knowledge is actually farm dogs that are maintain on minimal rations and minimal exercise, particularly if they don't have the desired attributes and the farmer hasn't gotten around to killing it yet.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Purchasing a rural property is often done to allow a lifestyle with dogs. In many cases the property is suitable to exercise dogs without having to utilise an exercise area.

AS one of my children is not allowed a 'no-working' dog where he works/lives, his dog is also on my property meaning I would be non-complaint under the new policy as I have my own dog and replacement dog in training.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

I do not utilise dog exercise areas

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2414

Submitter name/organisation: Joy Andrew

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2412

Submitter name/organisation: Ruth Williams

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Having a off leash area is good especially when you have three large dogs to walk all three on leash is difficult. I all ways go use Park only run them either just them or only go in when we know the dog and owners that are there at that time

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2411

Submitter name/organisation: Johanna de Jong

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

The limit to dogs on rural properties is a positive development.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Agree that exercise areas should be removed, or updated to on lead areas, if they pose a risk to dogs or public. However, it is my experience that 'on lead' areas are not well complied with by many dog owners. If areas are updated to this status, further monitoring should be done of these sites, along with other current on lead sites. Lake Kainui is not mentioned in this consultation but is an example of an area that needs more monitoring for on lead compliance. There are frequently dog owners there with their dogs off lead.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2410

Submitter name/organisation: Catherine Powell

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I support setting a number but why 2 dogs per property? Why not 3 or 5?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I support the proposed changes to the dog parks areas though I do question why the dog park area needs to be changed as I have never seen a child use this playground in all the times I have taken my dogs to that exercise area. Why not get rid of the play ground?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2409

Submitter name/organisation: Michael Dickason

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Would be great to have more fully fenced dog parks in the region. Pokeno is a perfect space and great being fully fenced and having a tap for water. With the new one in Tuakau be good to take this opportunity and set it up to be great.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2408

Submitter name/organisation: Andrea McCall

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Only allowing 2 dogs per property seems unreasonable. I would suggest 3, and require a permit for 4 or more.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Te Awa is too far away from most residents, so not a convenient location. The marked area at Tamahere Park looks very small considering the potential number of dogs that may be there at one time.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2407

Submitter name/organisation: Susan Moser

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not think you need to restrict dog ownership to 2 animals in rural areas.

I do not consider areas such as Tamahere as rural e.g where there are groups of lifestyle properties 5000m² or less altogether. In areas as this I can appreciate a limit may be necessary but you cannot group us altogether. People who own farms and blocks of land over 2 hectares in size should be able to have more dogs provided their owners are responsible and keep their dogs under control. We choose to live in these situations so we can have animals/ dogs and if we have an unblemished registration record why should we be penalised?

There are fewer places /areas available to take your dogs for exercise purposes. We actually need more areas which are dog friendly and those people who do not wish to interact with dogs should perhaps use the numerous parks/river areas where dogs are not allowed to go. These far out number dog friendly areas.

What ever changes you feel have to be made it will not stop the problem of bad owners. Unfortunately It is the responsible, registered owners who are penalised.

To summarise you can have a good owner who has 3 well controlled dogs and a bad owner with just one€} Will this restriction prevent this happening. I think not

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

We need more dog friendly safe areas to exercise dogs

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Option 2 too close to road and populated area

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2406

Submitter name/organisation: Celeste Slaughter

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

We live on 3.99ha of land with 3 small dogs (under 5kgs each) currently who are kept in a well fenced and secured area with access to the house at all times.

I am a responsible dog owner. Animal Control has inspected the property in Oct 2020 when we bought the property out here. My dogs are neutered, microchipped, fully vaccinated annually, kept registered and well cared for.

With the proposed changes I am concerned that I will have to pay for the proposed new permit in order to get it, which is an additional \$65. Even once off this is not acceptable for existing multiple dog owners. I have no issue if the inspector would like to do an inspection, but paying for it is unacceptable given that I've always done what's right.

Obtaining my neighbours "permission" to keep my dogs even though they live quite a distance away and my dogs in no way affect them as they are kept contained around the house unless we're with them should not be required should the changes go through for existing multiple dog owners. The only exceptions here should be where you have complaints on file.

For new applicants this can remain as is required for urban areas at date.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Either Ok with me.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2405

Submitter name/organisation: Kevin Whittock

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

To reduce the number of dog parks in the Waikato is ridiculous. It is already difficult enough for some people to exercise their dogs in an off-leash area and now you want to exacerbate the problem. Insofar as reducing the number of dogs on rural properties, this is totally unfair and I believe unnecessary. to cite 58 complaints regarding dogs in rural areas over a period of 5 years as a reason for this is ludicrous. That works out at just over 10 complaints per year with a population of how many dogs? Who determines what is a working dog and what is not? Simply because somebody lives on a farm are they going to be able to claim that ALL their dogs are working dogs? What about breeders who have purposely bought rural properties so that their dogs do not become a nuisance to others? This seems to be a move that is in line with central government initiatives to punish the innocent whilst those breaking the law will once again walk away scot free. I say spend more time and money on locating people who are flouting our dog control laws and prosecute them instead of targeting those who obey the laws. Presumably some of the complaints will be about barking dogs. Well this is one way in which dogs communicate and in rural areas there are so many more things that will attract a dogs attention, resulting in them barking. Let us stop trying to turn our country into a nanny state where government and quasi government organisations totally control peoples' lives.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

This appears to once again be an initiative that will make the Council's job easier whilst punishing law-abiding dog owners. Get your animal control officers to do their job, attend to any complaints and take the necessary action when and where it is necessary. As long as dog owners register their dogs and pay the prescribed fee they should be left in peace to enjoy their pets. The number of dogs resident on any one property should be determined by the size of the property.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Sorry, but in my opinion if you want to reduce some dog related issues, every town must have an area where dogs can safely be exercised whilst off leash. My town has an off leash area which I seldom use as we live rural and our dogs have sufficient space to run around and get their exercise, but I cannot comment on other areas that are shown on the map.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

This does not concern me as I do not reside in Tamahere.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2404

Submitter name/organisation: Sheryl Rasmussen

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Dont change areas already set up as its convenient at present and dog owners are used to their own areas

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

As above convenience of excercise areas are important as more likely for owners to access and use as they already have. Meeting same animals at the same places gives continuity.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

As above

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2403

Submitter name/organisation: Carol Williamson - Coley

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

As we have already had problems with dogs off lead at Tamahere Park, I am concerned about this being a permitted off lead dog exercise area.

For example when we were sitting with our children on a picnic mat by the playground, there was a large dog comin

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2402

Submitter name/organisation: Paulina Sadowska

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Do not hurt people who can offer safe place to live to dogs because of a few that cannot. Create stronger laws for those that do not take care of their dogs. Take away the rights to own dogs to people who neglect them. Why am I going to be punished from owning 3 dogs on my large property when I take better care of my dogs than some people with children??? Totally insane to try and limit people saving dogs from the shelter. There are MORE people doing the right thing. Do NOT punish us !!!!!

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

The policy is not available to read - so how can I say Yes or no?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Leave the dog exercising area on lead in summer and off lead in winter. Makes better sense to not completely remove peoples routines with their dog. Summer busy months can be people occupied and in winter the dogs can run.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2399

Submitter name/organisation: Pauline Hendrikse

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015**Submission ID:** 2397**Submitter name/organisation:** Sandra Carr / Warwick Fleming**Attachment:*****Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015*****1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**

No

2. Any further comments?

We have show dogs and live on three acres Our dogs have very good kennel set up. They have lots of space on our property to exercise. We register all our dogs every year.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy**1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**

No

2. Any further comments?***Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps*****1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?****2. Any further comments?**

We dont take our dogs to exercise areas, they have lots of space to run around in a well fenced area on our property. We also go to lots of dog shows so are well socialised there.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park**1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?****2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2396

Submitter name/organisation: Diana June Adam

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I am a Member of Dogs New Zealand (NZKC) and have been so since 1990. Follow all Criteria in regards to their Code of Ethics, including DNA and Health testing - following Confirmation shows, a hobby I have enjoyed for over 30 years. Purebred Pedigree Cocker Spaniels. I have used the same General Practise Vet for the past 20 years and also Specialist Vets. Hold a Dogs Owners policy and have lived at this property for the past 21 years (previously being under Franklin) and I am not aware of any complaints regarding myself or my dogs. I have invested in a purpose built building with power and water. Have six foot fences around the property where the dogs are exercised etc...I also have responsibly Registered my dogs with Council every year. I have no issue with a Dog Control person visiting my property, at anytime. To impose a blanket limit on all rural property dog owners who have up to this point been responsible is very unfair, and unlikely to deter those who currently let their dogs roam.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I agree with efforts to ensure that dogs are under their owners control at all times.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2395

Submitter name/organisation: Zara

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2393

Submitter name/organisation: Rebecca Phillips

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not agree with proposed restrictions on number of pet dogs (to 2) on rural properties. This should not be restricted, and long as the owners pay their registrations and look after their dogs welfare, the number they own is not a council concern. People that neglect dogs will continue to do so regardless of laws and restrictions, this is not going to affect them but it will affect people who comply with laws who live rural, own multiple dogs, but look after them properly. I do not think this is fair.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I also disagree with so many dog exercise areas being taken away and only a couple of new ones being added back. Town dogs especially can rely on dog exercise areas for their daily walks, note most rural dogs have the farm for exercise (including the pet dogs on farms).

Please look at Whangarei Public Dog Park, we need safe good facilities available for our dogs like this. The council would make a lot of dog owners happy if they upgraded facilities using this as an example. Franklin area has a lot of dogs as you have indicated, they need good safe areas to exercise.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2382

Submitter name/organisation: Nicole bell

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I don't think that dogs should be allowed further towards the children's playground/sports games. The current distancing guidelines are in place to stop dog bites on children. If we go through with the new bylaws, then dogs will be closer and with having more dogs at sports games, creates a higher chance of bites. This is idiotic when a dog bite likely results in the destruction of the dog.

Also, limited rural dog ownership to 2 dogs does not stop or deter those people with harmful intentions. If anything, it will result in people not registering their dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Just want to mention that the te awa dog exercise area barely gets used. So having that removed as a dog exercise area is a waste of time. People will still have their dogs off leash as its so quiet.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015**Submission ID:** 2381**Submitter name/organisation:** Amyliz Lonsdale**Attachment:*****Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015***

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. **Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**
2. **Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. **What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**

Option 3 - Neither

2. **Any further comments?**

The area is too small. It needs to be 3 times that size. I think it better and more cost effective to allow dogs off leash on the park area within certain time windows.

The dog park in Wainuiomata is an excellent example of a gated off leash dog area

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2379

Submitter name/organisation: R Gordon

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Dogs should also be on leads in Port Waikato, becoming more of a problem. Consideration should be given to replanted native areas, such as in the dunes.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2378

Submitter name/organisation: Alison Derbyshire

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

One advantage of living rurally is the provision to have more than two dogs. Some people have chosen to live rurally for this reason. While animal welfare is one of my top priorities, restricting everyone to two dogs is unreasonable. The majority of dog rural dog owners have space for their dogs to live an amazing life. Two dogs is a ridiculously low number and treats us like townies who have neighbours and less space. There is an increasing number of people involved in dog sports which gives owners and dogs a great purpose in their lives. Many of those choose to live rurally so they can own more than two dogs, have space to train, and grow happy healthy dogs. If you feel the need to restrict, then better reflect our situation. Move the number up to at least 4.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Not enough off lead areas.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2374

Submitter name/organisation: Chloe Scott and Lee Raynel

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Hi, we have 3 dogs we live up a long gravel road Drake Road in Waereng Te kauwhata. I would like to express that I do not agree with the permit required for more than 2 dogs in a rural area. Our dogs are always registered, look after to perfection, one small Maltese X lives inside the other 2 big dogs are on our huge deck. It already costs us 240 a year for 3 dogs rego which I stated we always pay. Why should we suffer another cost to apply to get a permit to keep 3 dogs on our property. Just another cost. It's the people that are keeping dogs and not paying the rego that are the problems. There are many people with un registiered dogs rural especially but yet us the people that pay every year has to suffer. I totally understand some people do the wrong thing and they should be penalized, but we do the right thing ,look after our dogs and keep them safe healthy and well feed but we will be penalized in the end with another cost and thays unfair. Maybe people that already have 3 dogs or more at the time this proposal goes through to law, dont need to have the permit but from then any new dogs registered at address where there will be more than 2 dogs has to apply for the permit. Our neighbor is in the same boat and is also writing a submission against this. Anyway thankyou for reading our opinion.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2372

Submitter name/organisation: A Heyde

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Rural properties should not be restricted by the number of dogs they can own.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2363

Submitter name/organisation: Sophia

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Irresponsible owners with large numbers of dogs they are unable to care for are not likely to be affected by this. I believe it will only promote more unregistered dogs. Fees have already gone up recently so its disheartening to see more potential for charges applying for permits for multi dog households.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

While it's great to see two new potential areas it's sad to see it outweighed by the loss of exercise areas.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2362

Submitter name/organisation: Rosemarie J Baker

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I disagree with the change to rural dog ownership and permits. Education is the key with people who have more than one dog. Why cant you add a policy that does not allow multiple breeding kennels. Their must be a way to stop puppy farmers but not penalise multiple dog owners. Some of us have several dogs as we do a dog sport with them, not mass breed them.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Its a shame to hear your proposing removing dog walking areas to people with responsible dogs. I compete in the Waikato area and its nice be able to exercise the dogs after a day of agility.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Im not for the closed in park areas as a good option. Most people who take dogs to these places like to stand around and chat leaving the dogs to run riot with no control what so ever. Their needs to be parks with off lease areas for those that like t

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2360

Submitter name/organisation: Colin Sherrard

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

A maximum of 2 is too restrictive for rural properties..and permits for this are a burdon on dog owners ..

Many choose to live rurual so they can responsibly own more than 2 dogs and the animals have space to live and exercise.

My family are hunters and use more than 2 dogs.

Also some rural properties have multiple dwellings and families occupying these dwellings so this 2 dogs per rural property is grossly unfair...

I would be happy with a permit for mor than 6 dogs but going as low as 2 is just not commonsense.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Keep dogs off sports fields

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2359

Submitter name/organisation: Lisa Berkers

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2358

Submitter name/organisation: Ruru McGrath

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2356

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Its not really an exercising area if the dogs are on leash! These should be secured areas whether in a busy zone or not to control dogs from escaping the compound and therefore should not impact the public space outside the area.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Rurally it works however when city folk choose to live rurally and they also bring with them their ideals of what the expect lifestyle living should look like, hence the division and increase in complaints. I have lived rurally my entire life with mo concern for the existing laws and policies already in place. Why fix something that actually isn't broken? Look after the Dogs on this occasion first

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

You propose to remove functionality of exercise areas within a semi rural community for the fact that Poo is not being picked up however there is no record of whether this is by irresponsible owners who take their dogs or strays that find their way to the park. It also removes access for the locals who may not have the time or resources to go in a township or city to exercise their dog

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option I - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Do not consent to the use of my name publicly

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2355

Submitter name/organisation: Kelly Daniel

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I agree with the changes, but propose those with already a responsible dog owner license are exempt. As a responsible dog owner, I have already passed a test, have a record of regular and timely registration, and have already had my property inspected by an animal control officer.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

No preference

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2353

Submitter name/organisation: Tiffany Oldham

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Reducing dog exercise areas will only encourage those people to let their dogs off in other places. Places that will affect and become dangerous for others.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2350

Submitter name/organisation: Katherine Edwards

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I don't support the decision to limit rural properties to only two dogs. People have large / spacious land, and often move to these areas for this reason - to have the space to have dogs (how ever many they like). Should people be found to mistreating their dogs then the dogs should be confiscated or the owners fined. The vast majority of people with dogs treat them well and have the space on rural properties to look after them adequately. A small number of complaints and problem dog-owners should not get to influence how the majority of people behave.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Removing dog parks restricts the locals of places were they are able to exercise their dogs. Dog owners found not to be cleaning up after their dogs should be fined. A small number of problem dog-owners should not get to influence how the majority of people behave.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2349

Submitter name/organisation: Ann-Maree Byrne

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Agree with only two per property. This should help stop puppy farming as people should be able to report where multiple dogs are being kept.

Disagree with no access to cemetery. This should maybe allow leashed animals to allow people to take a dog to visit their 'owner' if they have passed away. Needs a degree of sensitivity, rather than a blanket ban.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Disagree with no access to cemetery. This should maybe allow leashed animals to allow people to take a dog to visit their 'owner' if they have passed away. Needs a degree of sensitivity, rather than a blanket ban.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2347

Submitter name/organisation: Angela

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2343

Submitter name/organisation: Marilyn Scott

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

We moved rural so we could have more than 2 dogs and now trying to change. So as we have more than 2 what happens if it changes.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Dont use these but Im sure alot of dog people do

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2341

Submitter name/organisation: Summer Farrell

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2340

Submitter name/organisation: Melissa

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Either option providing there is fencing to stop dogs being able to access the road

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2335

Submitter name/organisation: Olivia Henwood

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I suggest better signage in places that dogs are required to be on leash, particularly the Te Awa cycle trail. There are very few signs stating dogs must be on lead.

And more enforcement of dog leash rules. I have never heard of anyone ever receiving a fine for dogs being off lead where they shouldnt be. If it was a reality then people would be more likely to respect the rules.

I own two dogs. They have had too many bad experiences with off lead dogs rushing up to them when they are on a lead. The result is that they are now reactive to other dogs when they are on lead. We still deserve to take them for walks on lead and have a right to use these spaces without having to worry about off lead dogs approaching us. Unfortunately in NZ the culture is to ignore lead rules and let your dogs off lead and approach other peoples dogs to say hello. Stricter enforcement would be a deterrent.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Im not sure that changing the rural limit to two dogs is going to fix the problem that is stated. However if there is currently no limit, then It allows people to apply for a permit and it gives power to investigate properties with more than two dogs as you can ask to see their permit.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

It is Important that people have places to take their dogs and let them off lead otherwise the practice of letting dogs off lead in on leash walking areas will increase. I do however agree with the areas that are being changed or removed. These changes make sense for safety reasons.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

I am not familiar or local to this area. I do not have an opinion on location, but I support adding another dog area.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2334

Submitter name/organisation: Elle williams

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Most people are responsible Dog owner who treat their dogs as family. All this will do is once again impact law abiding dog families. It will not target the problem

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2333

Submitter name/organisation: ShiRiley Scott

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

We currently have two retired racing greyhounds and have been talking with the adoption agency with regards to fostering dogs as they come into their care. The new amendment would mean that we would have to pay (I am assuming that there will be a charge, this is the council we are talking about) to then support a registered charity.

As a teacher I feel that 10 call outs a year is not excessive, considering the size of the area. Animal cruelty should never be tolerated but charging so caring dog owners more is not a just of fair way of resolving the situation. Those who do not care about dogs will still have more than two but will then, likely, not even register the additional dogs.

Unfortunately this sounds awfully like revenue generated under the auspice of animal welfare.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2332

Submitter name/organisation: Sandra Murphy

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

People often decide to buy a rural property because they have multiple dogs. Two is ridiculous. I think that there needs to be tighter controls on the puppy mill breeders in your region and the hoarders. The council could limit to 10-15 dogs with random inspections. People who are the subject of complaints or noncompliance with rules could then have their dogs confiscated.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Needs fencing that will stop smaller breeds from getting out through gaps

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2331

Submitter name/organisation: Jacqui Kirkland Purves

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

While Im impressed with the Addition of extra exercise areas, Im concerned with the move to minimise dogs numbers within a rural family. The whole idea of buying into a rural area was to be able to increase our pack. As a family with multiple dogs that compete successfully in Agility and soon to enter Gundog sports, our rural home has the perfect mix for training in both these sports. Id hate to think that we wouldnt be able to add to our pack to have new trainees, as there is a 2 years training period for a new agility dog before they can even compete.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

My concern in using these exercise areas is the size can be too small and fencing may not be satisfactory for dogs that are rangy and need room to run in a safe environment

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2329

Submitter name/organisation: S Winter

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2326

Submitter name/organisation: Alexandra reed

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Ridiculous for good dog owners to be limited to the amount of dogs they can have due to a few neglectful owners !!

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2324

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Limiting the number of dogs in rural properties to two dogs is not going to sort neglect. You are going to end up with older dogs being put down unnecessarily and people not registering new dogs. People who have farms or compete in sports such as dog agility cannot only have two dogs.

On another note, having dogs on the side of sport events or playgrounds is going to create more complaints from parents than what you have received so far. Do not allow dogs anywhere near children. We already have enough irresponsible dog owners running around with off lead dogs and having children mixed with dogs can be very dangerous.

I find this is a shortsighted amendment clearly proposed without any dog trainers input. Please consider carefully what you are proposing. Contact a few dog trainers for opinions. A one off mandatory dog training course would be a good start.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Too close to playgrounds and schools.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option I - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Please do not put off lead dog areas near schools.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2322

Submitter name/organisation: Florence Kirkland Purves

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

There are many dog sports people that live in Waikato and have many Sports dogs especially Agility dog

These multi dog homes the dogs are part of a loving home environment.

Rural properties were bought especially for this sport in mind and to give our dogs a suitable home.

Our dogs are not miss treated or left on there own they are with us all the time.

Dog agility is a dogs nz sport and to understand this sport, you have different aged dogs in different ability classes. It takes over 2 years to train an agility dog. They cannot enter competition until they are 18 months old if ready at this age.

So most in the sport will be multiple dog homes.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

These areas are not big enough and cause increased dog congestion.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

However it would be better to be able to have 10 acre areas where dog owners can enjoy without being on top

Of each other.

Im from the uk and really feel

It inadequate the space given to dogs in this country

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2321

Submitter name/organisation: Aimee Peterken

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

The permits for having more than 2 dogs should only apply to NEW dogs added to a property from the time that the amendments to the bylaw are implemented. Those that already have 3 (pet) dogs prior to that date should be able to apply for a permit for FREE OF CHARGE.

The permit should be tied to the property and that owner not to particular named dogs. E.g. IF a person has a permit to have 3 dogs and 1 dies, they are still able to get a replacement dog, keeping the total number at 3, they should not need another permit.

If the property has already been assessed by Animal Control (and therefore giving a discount on dog registration fees), the owners should also receive a discount on the permit costs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2320

Submitter name/organisation: Racheal

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2319

Submitter name/organisation: Julian Austin

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Believe the permit level needs to be for more than three dogs not two.

Otherwise you are just creating extra bureaucratic problems and costs without actually achieving what you are proposing.

As rural properties have the ability to self exercise their dogs without requiring council facilities thus the registration costs should be lower for dogs in rural areas.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2318

Submitter name/organisation: Cally (Carol) Brown

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

In the proposal there is no mention of how exemptions from the two dog rule will be considered. I know of people who breed dogs. I also know a woman who takes dogs which have been rescued from bad situations: most she rehomes once she has given them food and medical attention and lots of love, but some she keeps because she can't find homes for them because of age or medical reasons. Her work would be a sad loss to the community. I want to suggest that exemptions are carefully considered on a case by case basis, and that any charge made for exemptions is kept to a minimum, preferable zero (the money would be better spent on animal care.)

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2312

Submitter name/organisation: Sue Tahere

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

58 complaints over the whole Waikato area is a pretty small number. Id like to know how many complaints councils have received in urban areas where dog numbers are already reduced?? Once again all dog owners are being penalised for a few bad owners!

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I agree with no dogs being allowed in playgrounds or skateparks

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

I dont know anything about either option.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2311

Submitter name/organisation: Jesse

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2310

Submitter name/organisation: Private owner

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

It's a bit like the smacking law - it didn't stop the same people hurting their children. We're excellent dog owners and yet we will be punished for the minority yet again.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

See above.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Again, there are good dog owners - they don't change. Nor do the bad dog owners.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Not my area.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2309

Submitter name/organisation: Laura Baillie

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not agree with this. I have 3 dogs that are all registered and live full happy lives on my 30 acres. Given how much land I have how can anyone govern how many pets I have. This is madness and utterly ridiculous.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2308

Submitter name/organisation: Janie Denny

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

we are rural a 2 dog limit is ludicrous. I live on 30 acres my dogs protect our property as well as live a wonderful life as housepets. I is my constant companion the others stay on the property. the point of living rural is so we can have animals. you are penalising good owners. all mine are desexed. clamp down on desexing

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

as above. don't penalise the good owners. encourage desexing.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2307

Submitter name/organisation: Kate

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I believe that the rule in regards to owning only two dogs due to previous complaints about neglected dogs is going to target the wrong audience. Those who have registered their dogs obviously care for them and follow rules. However, it is likely that a high percentage of the neglected dogs are not registered and therefore won't follow the three dog rule. This is unfair to those who treat their dogs with kindness, as they shouldn't have a limit. This rule may also contribute to SPCA dog adoptions. I believe a lot of dogs are adopted into families who already own dogs, so adding this rule may prevent SPCA dogs from finding forever homes.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I agree that some parks are unsafe for dogs to be off leash so changing the rules for these parks are great. Such as the Whatawhata dog park which is next to a busy road, and the park is not fenced. However, I don't believe other parks should become leashed as an off leash dog experience is amazing. I personally use the Horotiu dog park weekly, and it is the best park in Waikato/Hamilton for my dog. It allows her to be off leash and in a secure fenced in area. I strongly believe if you want to take away majority of off leash parks you should provide dog owners with a local fenced in dog park that we can use, where it won't affect members of the public.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option I - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. **Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2306

Submitter name/organisation: Susan bragg

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2304

Submitter name/organisation: Dave Compston

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

There's a big difference between rural small section and a larger block or farm and a bigger difference between a responsible dog owner and a irresponsible dog owner. So why should one who is responsible be subject to more control when council can't control the minority of irresponsible owners ? Sort them out they are a minority do your job. Your job is not to create more control . M t f u.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2301

Submitter name/organisation: Dale Slade

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2299

Submitter name/organisation: Denise Overendclarke

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2296

Submitter name/organisation: Ross

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2292

Submitter name/organisation: Amy

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2291

Submitter name/organisation: Rachel Stenhouse

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Both the Centennial park and Kowhai St locations are not adequately fenced to allow for dogs to be off leash and do what dogs like to do. There are also no water or waste facilities at these facilities which means they are not often used as is no where close by to dispose of waste or get your dog a drink after letting them have a good run around.

Is there some sort of funding that can be applied for to help make these facilities more fit for purpose for both the dogs and their owners.

It seems there has been a lot more resource put into evolving areas (such as Pokeno) and very little thought or regard given to existing areas (such as Tuakau), with new residential subdivisions happening in Tuakau at the moment it would be nice to see an dedicated well looked after dog park within walking distance of the township.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option I - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2285

Submitter name/organisation: Sarah

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Requiring a permit to have over two dogs on a rural property seems more like an attempt to increase cost on responsible dog owners under the guise of welfare. The insinuation of a correlation between rural dog owners /owners of multiple dogs and poor welfare is highly offensive and introducing a permitted system as with urban properties does in no way address this issue. I would question over what time period your statistics have been gathered, and if these dogs were registered - which I would assume they were not. That being the case no permit system would have identified the issue, therefore will only restrict and penalize law-abiding dog owners.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Reductions to areas where owners may exercise thier dogs will only increase any dog related behaviour issues. Dogs require exercise and mental stimulation, lack of either can lead to unwanted behaviour. It seems an over reaction to lose 7 exercise areas based on three recorded "attacks".

It is hard enough to exercise dogs in NZ currently with the imposed restrictions- why make it more difficult? Punish the bad owners, not those who try to abide by current laws/bylaws

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option I - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Both would require fencing for Dog welfare & safety.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2281

Submitter name/organisation: Rebecca

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2280

Submitter name/organisation: Carlene Wilson

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

While I broadly support the idea of limiting the number of dogs on-site for the purposes of ensuring animal welfare; I am very concerned that this change to the by-law will interfere with the really important work of volunteers and organisations that offer animal sanctuary and other services for lost, abandoned and mistreated dogs. These sanctuaries provide a important service in the area - saving animals, looking after and re-homing them and also helping more generally in the community. If the restrictions on the number of dogs permitted on a premises are put in place as a blanket rule - those currently running animal sanctuaries will not be able to continue their good work. There needs to be recognition that in our community there are individuals and organisations who are providing these services - some formally, some informally. It would be a terrible miscarriage of the intentions of the by-law change that those advocating for and supporting animal welfare in our community are prevented from continuing their work.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2279

Submitter name/organisation: Megan Salt . A member of the Waikato and Districts Collie Club

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

This makes the keeping and breeding of pedigree dogs on rural properties difficult. If they are registered with the nz kennel club then it would be sensible to class them as working dogs and bring them under an exemption or provide their own category of exemption. Members of the nz kennel club have to abide by welfare codes that protect the animals and public. The nz kennel club in a sense regulates the welfare of the dogs. It is vital to protect and enhance responsible breeding of pedigree dogs as many breeds are struggling to survive. Many breeders of some of the best and most valuable dogs are breed and live on rural properties and this remains a proper and appropriate use of many small rural properties. They are treated as valuable assets and well trained like any well loved farm working dogs. Please consider providing an exemption.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Like many regulations it is often ignored by the people and dog owners that need to be controlled.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2277

Submitter name/organisation: Nikki Fowler

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Option 2 is a very small area - 1 is preferred

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2274

Submitter name/organisation: Coralie Smith

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Disagree strongly to removing the off lead dog park in Ngaruawahia. We have enough people allowing their dogs off lead outside of this already without giving them the excuse that there is no local area where they can do this.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2273

Submitter name/organisation: Hannah Fick

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

It is really restrictive when we already have significant restrictions as dog owners. Other animal owners (particularly cat owners) dont have to go through all the trouble that we do.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

This will limit where we can take our dogs even more

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option I - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Prefer to be further from the road

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2272

Submitter name/organisation: ellie louise

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2271

Submitter name/organisation: Bryan Cruywagen

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I disagree with removing the existing dog exercise areas especially in Ngaruawahia. Considering the car park has just been upgraded.

I would also like to see dogs allowed on the Waikato River trail (leased of course).

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2270

Submitter name/organisation: Matt Sharples

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

What about rescue sanctuaries that take abused dogs and find new homes for them??

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

What about rescue sanctuaries that take abused dogs and find new homes for them??

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

We need more exercise areas not take them away.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2269

Submitter name/organisation: Tracy Boyd

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Limiting rural dog numbers to two negatively impacts people with already over 2 dogs who are housing and caring for them correctly - what will happen in this situation?

Setting a limit also impacts those who short term foster over and above their owned dogs. Again, these are responsible dog owners offering a service to support those organisation's already struggling under the weight of the number of maltreated animals.

The change to a limit of 2 does not actually address the bigger issue which is people NOT keeping animals as they should be looked after. It punishes those who are successfully looking after more than 2 dogs.

Would it not be better to increase checks and enforcement for those maltreating animals instead of punishing everyone? Those who are not looking after their animals well are not likely to care about a change in bylaw numbers anyway.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option I - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015**Submission ID:** 2267**Submitter name/organisation:** Debbie Dalbeth**Attachment:*****Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015*****1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**

In part

2. Any further comments?

Rural properties should be able to have more than 2 dogs safely. Poor dog owners will continue whether the by law is in place or not and good dog owners will be penalized. I know of a sanctuary that rescues dogs that will no longer be able to provide a safe place for rescued dogs if this goes ahead.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy**1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**

Yes

2. Any further comments?***Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps*****1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**

Yes

2. Any further comments?***Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park*****1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?****2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2266

Submitter name/organisation: Tabitha Taukiri

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Ngaruawahia dog park is always in use seem stupid to close it. It's a safe place to excise your dog. If you have to work the dog around the street the risk of having your dog attacked is to high as the amount of dogs that are not secure is ridiculous.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Never going to use it I'm from ngaruawahia

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2264

Submitter name/organisation: Inger Kite

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

You are limiting where we can safely walk/swim our dogs by these changes. Removing the dog park on corner Wallis street is likely just so you can make space for freedom campers!

Where youre proposing removing dog walking area at domain is not a busy area and thats why we walk/swim dogs in that area.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2263

Submitter name/organisation: Mary-Ann Leslie

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

I like the idea of the dog exercise area at Tamahere reserve as it is near both the retirement villages so it is more convenient for residents who own dogs.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2259

Submitter name/organisation: Kathy Lane

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Was very impressed with Animal Control response when I had occasion to use them earlier this year. Found a large dog running scared early in the day in Tuakau and got him into my property for safety sake. Called animal control around 0730ish because I had to leave for work. They responded within 30 minutes and the lady was efficient and helpful and concerned for the dogs welfare. Excellent response.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

My experience has been that there is a lack of ongoing maintenance in dog exercise areas. The fencing needs to be very secure and fit for purpose (for the smallest and largest of dogs) at all times. And my biggest wish is for designed small dog areas. Safe for both dogs & elderly owners because large exuberant dogs are a hazard if not properly under control.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2257

Submitter name/organisation: Rachael Elliott

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

-I understand that measures need to be put in place to tackle backyard breeders. I live rurally, in part, so that I have the space to adopt many rescue dogs. I have five desexed, registered, microchipped, vaccinated, rescue dogs, and I have my Responsible dog owner license. Perhaps the limit to number of dogs in rural areas could apply only to entire dogs? Or permits could be automatically granted to those of us with Responsible dog owner licenses?

- I am not opposed to making more areas on lead only, but I think if you do so, you should create more dedicated spaces for people to exercise their dogs off lead. Doesn't really apply to me as I exercise my dogs mostly at home, and avoid most places due to idiots who don't have their dogs under control. More education on what 'under control' and/or patrolling of on lead areas to deal with the issues we're currently having with off lead dogs in on lead areas would be good.

-My dogs are part of the family, and when we visit my sister-in-law who has passed they come with me, on lead. It would be a shame to not be able to visit with our whole family.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2256

Submitter name/organisation: Taryn Hill

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2252

Submitter name/organisation: Natalie Murray

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2251

Submitter name/organisation: Jason M. Beaudry

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

More access for dogs and owners to exercise . Limit dogs to one per person in household, every kid deserves to opportunity tp have their own dog. I grew up with a dog in my room every night and have had a dog ever since. My dog was my first responsibility and helped shaped my character.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2250

Submitter name/organisation: Andrea Bryant

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Why are there no exercise areas in Morrinsville, Te Awamutu or Matamata?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Need to consider people outside of Hamilton city

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2249

Submitter name/organisation: Olivia

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?**
- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?**

Yes

- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

- 1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?**

Yes

- 2. Any further comments?**

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

- 1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?**

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

- 2. Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2246

Submitter name/organisation: Trish tribble

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

This is going to severely hinder all dog breeders, including dogsnz members, who produce quality dogs.

The vast majority, if not all of complaints would be against back yard breeders, who are not breeding to provide quality dogs for pets, service dogs, dog sports.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

As above.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Removing more dog freindly parks will hinder people who utilise them.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2243

Submitter name/organisation: Tony Clark

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I am opposed to changing or revoking dog exercise areas which impacts all citizens and ratepayers due to behaviours of a few people. For example removing the esplanade exercise area because of two attacks should trigger enforcement action against the owners not result in us being penalised and cannot walk our dog in this area. Perhaps the council should invest in its enforcement / compliance team as opposed to removing access for this is us who are responsible owners and who pay the council to do a job via our rates and registration fees.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

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Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2237

Submitter name/organisation: Candice Tian

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I strongly oppose the limit placed on the number of dogs a rural owner could have. The key is to stop unfit owners from owning dogs, and not limit the number of dogs responsible owners could have. It appears the council does not understand what the key issue is.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I strongly oppose the limit placed on the number of dogs a rural owner could have. The key is to stop unfit owners from owning dogs, and not limit the number of dogs responsible owners could have. It appears the council does not understand what the key issue is.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2235

Submitter name/organisation: Rachelle Sharp

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

As a property who already has a covenant to say that we can only have 2 dogs. I agree that this would be a good idea. Of course those who have more than two should be able to apply to be able to do that. Good fencing and well cared for dogs would be essential.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Why do we all have to be affected by removing easily accessible dog exercise areas because of others behaviour?

Maybe a part of the parks that are proposed to be removed could have an allocated area for dogs?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2230

Submitter name/organisation: Rebecca Tucker

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Its so sad dogs are not allowed anywhere these days. Its so difficult to enjoy and spend time with them. Id rather walk with my dog and experience places rather than run around in a square paddock. Why does a couple of unruly dogs ruin it for the rest of us.?? Take it up with them individually..

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2229

Submitter name/organisation: Jess Wybrant

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

I feel the removal of the exercise area in Raglan would be a loss, we use it often for our dog and find that it is good to have especially when there are so few off leash areas around Raglan.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2228

Submitter name/organisation: Vanessa Rayner

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I strongly disagree with the closure of the dog exercise parks in our community. I take my dog to the Village green in Te kowhai everyday on his lead. I have never once seen a dog being a nuisance, or seen any dog poo on the ground. Our park is regularly used for dog training/lead walking.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Keep our dog parks open!

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2227

Submitter name/organisation: Nichola sherrard

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

So remove 7 dog exercise areas and only "considering" adding 2. Not the way to support the local dog owning community.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2226

Submitter name/organisation: Monique

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Absolutely ridiculous to take away several dog parks!!! Where are people supposed to exercise their pets! There should not be any limits to pets people can look after their animals! How about actually going and making sure you check animal welfare and restrict people who cannot care for their animals! Rural areas are not affecting anyone else let us have our dogs and have our dog parks!! So much money to register each year yet you want to take away all the places for them to run around!!

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2225

Submitter name/organisation: Chelsey

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Absolute bullshit limiting rural properties to 2 dogs. Another excuse to shaft farmers and get more \$ from farmers when you provide no services to their dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2224

Submitter name/organisation: Jessica Webb

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Do not support removal of dog park in Tuakau. If anything, we need one with better fencing like the one in pokeno

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2223

Submitter name/organisation: Kirsty Barber

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not think a 2 dog limit is reasonable for responsible dog owners. I also strongly object to the removal of ANY current dog exercise areas and agree to adding more accessible spaces and exercise areas for dogs. I have no trouble with enforcement of unruly, unregistered animals and penalising their owners.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not think a 2 dog limit is reasonable for responsible dog owners. I also strongly object to the removal of ANY current dog exercise areas and agree to adding more accessible spaces and exercise areas for dogs. I have no trouble with enforcement of unruly, unregistered animals and penalising their owners.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not think a 2 dog limit is reasonable for responsible dog owners. I also strongly object to the removal of ANY current dog exercise areas and agree to adding more accessible spaces and exercise areas for dogs. I have no trouble with enforcement of unruly, unregistered animals and penalising their owners.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. **Any further comments?**

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2222

Submitter name/organisation: Karina Cooper

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2221

Submitter name/organisation: Jaymie Dean

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Rural landowners require their dogs for many reasons. Their dogs are EMPLOYEES AND FAMILY MEMBERS. As long as they have a correct facilities and land for them they should be allowed dogs as they require. The council has no right to restrict them and then hinder their business due to their bylaws or to then force farmers to pay even more fees than they already have to just so the council can force MORE money out of people.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Theres needs to be a regulation fence height for dog parks not only so supervised dogs cant get out (as owners should be keeping an eye on) but also so unsupervised/stray dogs cant jump the fence and wreak havoc on the sensible dog owners inside

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2215

Submitter name/organisation: Torrie

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2214

Submitter name/organisation: Withheld

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Just do whatever option is cheaper for ratepayers. Please keep my name confidential.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2213

Submitter name/organisation: Louise Brown

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

We do not wish to lose our dog park in Raglan it is essential for socialising and training dogs.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2212

Submitter name/organisation: Kaley

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Absolutely upsetting. Why punish the majority when only some people should have rights taken away. For some people dogs are all they have, especially at this time. Dogs are an important part of well-being and for some people that means more than 2. Also why take away perfectly good and useful dog parks.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2210

Submitter name/organisation: David Gray

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Leave Oporuru inlet to Aerodrome bridge as is, no change.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2209

Submitter name/organisation: Jessica Comber

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

We don't enjoy walking our dogs in Ngaruawahia, been approached by too many roaming dogs, causing 1 of my dogs to be on edge the whole time. We no longer walk them around streets as its just not safe.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Don't take away the exercise area in Ngaruawahia

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2207

Submitter name/organisation: Kylie Baker

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

In Addition to working dogs, Registered Breeders who are financial members of Dogs NZ (Formerly the NZ Kennel Club) should also be exempt, as they are required to meet the Code of Conduct and Welfare rules set out in order to retain membership. Most of these breeders are responsible and line breed to ensure that there are no awful genetic repercussions for their progeny, and their litters are required to have a pedigree issued. The acts of irresponsible "back yard" breeders should not impact on these people.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Where will be available in Tuakau once the Whangarata reserve becomes a cemetery in 3 years time. It seems short sighted.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

I don't utilise Tamahere.

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2206

Submitter name/organisation: Gary Logan

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I think farmers should not have restriction on the number of dogs they use

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I have regularly exercised my dog and myself at the Alexandra Redoubt Reserve- I occasionally meet others doing the same. The walking tracks are ideal for exercising dogs.

This proposal is unnecessary, my experience is that the notices relating to rabbit baits are never removed and almost always out of date.

Frequent visitors to this area should be encouraged if only to deter those who use the area to drink and litter.

This proposal should be put on hold until the walking tracks are made more accessible to all and the climbing asparagus and other noxious plants brought under control.

Cheers

Gary

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2205

Submitter name/organisation: Le Epitome Kennels LTD / Olivia Potter

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I would be very upset if a restriction on number of dogs on a rural property was reduced to 2! This is ridiculous. Imagine if you told farmers they can only have 2

cows

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2204

Submitter name/organisation: Carol Orr

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Dont close Horitu dog park as it's the only one left where our dogs can run free.

Fence the playground better or close it down if people are worried about kids and dogs.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2203

Submitter name/organisation: Natalie Joll

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I do not agree with restricting dog ownership to two dogs in a rural zone.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2202

Submitter name/organisation: Carla Amore Van Der Nest

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2201

Submitter name/organisation: Ngaio

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Why are you closing areas? You would think the need has gone up for specific dog exercise areas?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Need to keep the existing dog exercise areas and consider some of these to be fenced, rather than less of them. Where will a dog owner in whatawhata or te kowhai be able to exercise their dog if their local park is prohibited?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2200

Submitter name/organisation: Toni Joll

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I do not agree with limiting dogs to two in rural zoned areas. We purposefully moved to a rural zone to own more than two dogs, our family competes in agility and have highly trained well managed dogs.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2199

Submitter name/organisation: Tara wratten

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not support the removal of any dog exercise or approved area in Raglan. We need more spaces for dogs to be able to be exercised. If they are required to be on a leash then the disadvantages are minimal.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

As above

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2198

Submitter name/organisation: Hannah faesenkloet

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Dont remove the dog runs, they are great for new puppies and dogs to socialise. The area is perfect for it, what else would it be used for?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2197

Submitter name/organisation: MIHI

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Do not remove dog park in Ngaruawahia.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2196

Submitter name/organisation: Hazel Purvis

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Removing the current dog parks doesn't seem like quite the right move. How much tax payers money was recently spent on upgrading the Ngaruawahia dog exercise car park? Seems wasteful to then remove the park. We have so many dogs run off the leash in this town as it is without removing the only safe place they have to be taken. I do not support the removal of any current dog exercise areas.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option I - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2195

Submitter name/organisation: Rebecca Vermeren-Jones

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

I think Ngaruawahia's dog park should NOT be removed, it is used regularly and has just had a new car park put in. I feel removing it would just add to the dog control problem that ngaruawahia already has. We need to keep our dog park

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2194

Submitter name/organisation: Vikki Barton

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

The Ngaruawahia dog park is well used. My dogs are safer in the allocated area than walking them around town or the cycle trail. Too many loose dogs now in the area.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2193

Submitter name/organisation: Tracy cathro

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

People need places to exercise dogs without threat

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

People need places to exercise dogs without threat to their dogs

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2192

Submitter name/organisation: Aisha Lichtwark

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

The Ngaruawahia dog exercise area has just had a significant upgrade to its parking and is used frequently and would be great loss to the dog owning community if it was taken away. There are not many safe spaces to exercise dogs off lead in Ngaruawahia and I believe the removal of this park would cause further nuisance to the community if dogs were then being exercised elsewhere (such as the point for example) or other areas where dogs wouldn't so welcomed.

Not to mention the money already spent on the carpark to then remove it? It seems rather illogical.

Thank you.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2191

Submitter name/organisation: Sheree Nield

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Our dog park get used often by lots of dog owners including myself, you have just upgraded the carpark (which is great) where else locally can we safely let's our dogs off the leash without traveling a fair distance?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

As above

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

As above

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2190

Submitter name/organisation: Maria Middleton

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Please put your energy into enforcing dogs on leads in public areas including Te awa walking/biking track

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

In part

2. Any further comments?

I agree in more dog exercising areas but not removing

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2189

Submitter name/organisation: Catherine Corbett

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not support the removal of dog exercise areas. These are important and safe spaces for dogs and owners in the community.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2188

Submitter name/organisation: Fiona Morris

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Rural dog numbers should not be limited we love on 10 acres with two houses and should both be able to have two dogs which this would jeopardize.

I do not support the removing of any dog parks as we get so little for our rates all I can see I get for them is dog parks and shit roads with potholes that ruin my car and constant roadworks. I still have to pay for my rubbish to be picked up and no inorganic rubbish collection. We don't use the libraries as they are too far away and generally do all our shopping in Auckland not Waikato.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

I do not support any dog park removals.

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2186

Submitter name/organisation: Scott withers

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2184

Submitter name/organisation: Jessica Withers

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Outline what the requirements would be for a permit to be accepted in relation to having 3 or more dogs on a rural property.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 1 - Grass area in Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

2. Any further comments?

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2174

Submitter name/organisation: Sharon Burke

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

No

2. Any further comments?

Why should I be penalised when I live rurally and have 3 dogs. They do not bark all day, have plenty of area to run around freely and are well looked after.

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

No

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 3 - Neither

2. Any further comments?

Why dont you keep wjat you have instead of building more

Waikato District Council Proposed Amendments to Dog Control Bylaw and Policy 2015

Submission ID: 2173

Submitter name/organisation: Blair Hughes

Attachment:

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Bylaw 2015?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Rural/Life style blocks should be allowed up to three dogs

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Policy

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy?

In part

2. Any further comments?

Ref above

Proposed amendments to the Dog Control Area Maps

1. Do you support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Exercise Maps?

Yes

2. Any further comments?

Proposed new Tamahere Dog Exercise Park

1. What is your preferred Dog Exercise Park option in Tamahere?

Option 2 - Flat area located by road, Tamahere Reserve

2. Any further comments?

Please ensure that there is sufficient room for multiple large dogs

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