

Survey of issues relating to dog control

Please complete both parts of this survey and return it **by 5pm Wednesday the 19th of February**, either by hard copy to:

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Please attach other sheets of paper if there is not enough room to answer fully in the space provided.

We realise that this survey asks for a great deal of data dating back to the enactment of the Dog Control Act in 1996 and appreciate that not all of this data may readily be available.

We particularly require information **from 2000 onwards**, but whatever information you are able to provide to us from the 1997-2000 period will better help us to assess the effectiveness of the Act.

Thank you for taking to the time to complete this survey.

PART A***General***

1. From the perspective of your Council, please list briefly any problems that have been experienced relating to dog control.

2. Please identify what you see as the causes of any such problems.

3. How do you think these problem(s) can be solved?



Dog Control Act 1996

Note: If you are responding electronically, please delete the appropriate box and type an "X" instead.

4. Based on your experience, please identify whether the Dog Control Act 1996 provides adequate powers to:

	Less than adequate powers	Adequate powers	More than adequate powers
a) ensure all dogs are registered	0	0	0
b) prevent dangerous dog incidents	0	0	0
c) identify potentially dangerous dogs	0	0	0
d) seize dangerous dogs	0	0	0
e) enforce breaches of the Act	0	0	0
f) punish owners of dogs for breaches of the Act	0	0	0
g) prevent repetition of incidents involving the same dog	0	0	0
h) prevent repetition of incidents involving the same owner	0	0	0
i) make bylaws for the control of dogs	0	0	0

Where you have indicated that the powers are less than adequate, please explain why and suggest possible improvements:

5. What other provisions in the Dog Control Act 1996 may be necessary, and why?

6. Are the existing limitations and obligations on dog ownership adequate?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If not, what other limitations/obligations do you consider are necessary?

7. Overall, to what extent are dog owners complying with any dog prohibited areas your council may have established?

Never anyone in breach	Rarely someone in breach	Occasionally someone in breach	Frequently someone in breach	Someone is always in breach
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Please explain:

8. Does your Council contract out the enforcement of dog control, and if so to whom?

No ☐ Yes ☐

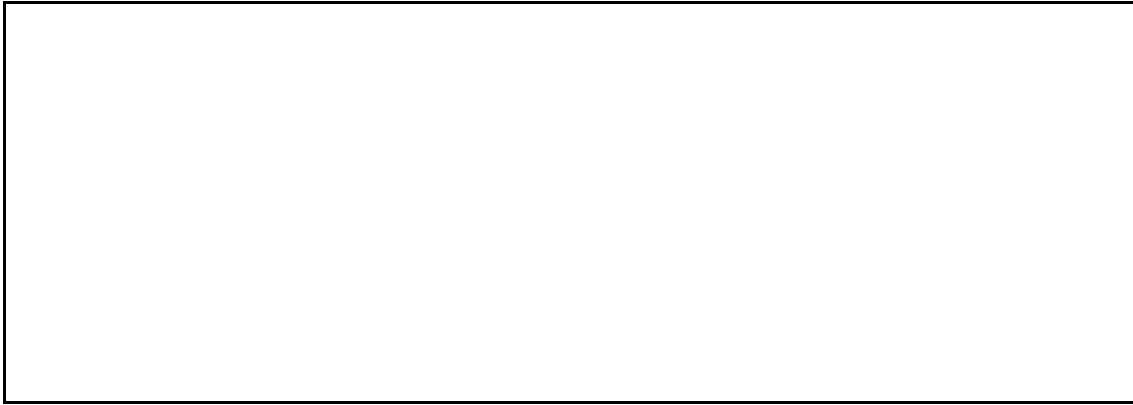
If Yes - Please specify:

9. Do you consider the fines/sentences awarded by courts for dangerous dog prosecutions provide an adequate deterrent?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If not, why is this?

10. Please feel free to make any other comments you may have on the matter of dog control and the Dog Control Act.



11. Could you please attach a copy of:
- a. your Council's dog control policy; and
 - b. your Council's dog control bylaws.

Thank you

Please now complete the following Statistical Data.

Part B – Statistical Data

To the extent to which it is available, could you please supply, in respect to your district, the following data for the financial years since the Dog Control Act 1996 came into force, as well as for the six months ending 31 December 2002. Please indicate in the table where this data is unavailable or not collected (enter “n/a”).

We appreciate that not all of this data may readily be available. We particularly require information **from 2000 onwards**, but whatever information you are able to provide to us from the 1997-2000 period will better help us to assess the effectiveness of the Act.

1) Dogs and Owners

	6 months ending 31/12/02	Year ending 30/06/02	Year ending 30/06/01	Year ending 30/06/00	Year ending 30/06/99	Year ending 30/06/98	Year ending 30/06/97
a) number of registered dogs							
b) number of working dogs							
c) number of unregistered dogs (estimate)							
d) number of dogs classified as dangerous							
e) number of probationary owners							
f) number of disqualified owners							
g) average length of disqualification in months.							

2) Attacks and Rushing (note: for this question a dog “attack” is where a dog causes physical harm to a person or animal, eg biting someone).

	6 months ending 31/12/02	Year ending 30/06/02	Year ending 30/06/01	Year ending 30/06/00	Year ending 30/06/99	Year ending 30/06/98	Year ending 30/06/97
a) number of attacks by dogs on people							
b) number of attacks by dogs on animals							
c) number of dogs destroyed because of attacks on people resulting from:							
(i) court orders							
(ii) agreement from owners							
(iii) destruction at time of attack							
d) number of dogs destroyed because of attacks on animals resulting from:							
(i) court orders							
(ii) agreement from owners							
(iii) destruction at time of attack							
e) number of unregistered dogs in attacks.							
f) number of rushing incidents.							
g) number of unregistered dogs in rushing incidents.							

h) How many dog attacks in total has the Council recorded since the 1996 Dog Control Act came into force?

i) How many rushing incidents in total has the Council recorded since the 1996 Dog Control Act came into force?

3) Enforcement and Penalties

	6 months ending 31/12/02	Year ending 30/06/02	Year ending 30/06/01	Year ending 30/06/00	Year ending 30/06/99	Year ending 30/06/98	Year ending 30/06/97
a) total number of infringement offences, and total number of infringements involving unregistered dogs							
b) total number of offences taken to court, and total number of court cases involving unregistered dogs							
c) number of successful prosecutions, and number of unsuccessful prosecutions							
d) number or prison terms awarded, and average length of terms							
e) number of fines awarded, and average level of fines awarded.							

f) How many prosecutions has the Council made in total since the 1996 Dog Control Act came into force?

4) Breeds

- 4a) Where the breeds of dog are confirmed, please identify the breeds and numbers of each breed of dog involved in attacks on **People**, for each of the following years:

Breed (Please list)	Numbers involved in attacks on <u>People</u>						
	6 months ending 31/12/02	Year ending 30/06/02	Year ending 30/06/01	Year ending 30/06/00	Year ending 30/06/99	Year ending 30/06/98	Year ending 30/06/97

- 4b) Where the breeds of dog are confirmed, please identify the breeds and numbers of each breed of dog involved in attacks on **Animals**, for each of the following years:

Breed (Please list)	Numbers involved in attacks on <u>Animals</u>						
	6 months ending 31/12/02	Year ending 30/06/02	Year ending 30/06/01	Year ending 30/06/00	Year ending 30/06/99	Year ending 30/06/98	Year ending 30/06/97

5) Financial

5a) For each of the following years, can you please give your Council's **expenditure** on dog control broken down into:

	6 months ending 31/12/02	Year ending 30/06/02	Year ending 30/06/01	Year ending 30/06/00	Year ending 30/06/99	Year ending 30/06/98	Year ending 30/06/97
a) Enforcement							
b) Prosecutions							
c) Education, and							
d) Total							

5b) For each of the following years, can you please give your Council's **revenue** from:

	6 months ending 31/12/02	Year ending 30/06/02	Year ending 30/06/01	Year ending 30/06/00	Year ending 30/06/99	Year ending 30/06/98	Year ending 30/06/97
a) Dog Registration Fees							
b) Fines/Infringement Fees							
c) Rates Revenue For Dog Control							
d) Other (please specify)							
e) Total							

6) Resources

For each of the following years, can you please give the number of full-time equivalent staff employed in the administration and enforcement of dog control:

	6 months ending 31/12/02	Year ending 30/06/02	Year ending 30/06/01	Year ending 30/06/00	Year ending 30/06/99	Year ending 30/06/98	Year ending 30/06/97
a) Administration of dog control – Employed by Council							
b) Enforcement – Employed by Council							
c) Administration of dog control – Employed by contractors							
d) Enforcement – Employed by contractors							

7) Other Data

Please identify any other data that you collect relating to dog control, and if you think it may be useful for this exercise please attach a copy.
