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Mihi

Toko ake rā e koutou o te ngākau māhora,
o te hinengaro māhaki,
o te whakaaro nui,
o te wairua atawhai.

Tukua hei a tātou ngā reo mō te wahangū
me te piringa ā-mahue noa.
Koutou i huakina ai ngā tatau o kāinga-rua
ki ngā mōkai a kāinga-tahi
kua kāwhakina ki tāhaki
e whakaaro kore rāua ko manawa poto.
Ki a koutou, ā mātou mihi
me ā mātou whakamānawa.

Tēnei mātou te toro atu nei ki a koutou,
kia kotahi mai tātou ki te kawe ake
i te mānuka e piki ai te mātauranga,
e āhuru ai te noho a o tātou hapori
i ngā mōreareatanga o te kīrehe mohoao
me te mea anō hoki e piki ai
te aronui o te iwi ki ngā kawenga o te tiaki kurī.

E hora ake nei ko tā mātou pūrongo
mō ngā mahi i oti me ngā arohanga
ki ngā mea hei kawe ake ā ngā ra e tū mai nei.
Mauri ora ki a koutou katoa.

Welcome to all you of open heart,
humble mind,
kind thought
and caring spirit.
Let us be voices for the voiceless
and give shelter to the abandoned.
To you who gave a second home
to pets of those who cared less
the pets cast out
by negligence and short-term affection.
To you, we express our thanks
and gratitude.

Again, we reach out to you all,
to act together and help us meet
the challenge that is to increase education,
so that our communities are safe
from the dangers of wayward animals
and to inform
the people of their obligations to dog ownership.

The following is our report
of the work that has been completed already
and the work that is yet to be done.
Greetings to you, one and all.

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Executive Summary

This is the Auckland Council Animal Management annual report on dog control activities during the period of 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, as required by section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996.

Dog Population

The known dog population in Auckland increased by 2.8 per cent to 135,546 dogs, with 113,354 individual dog owners as at the end of June 2024.

There were 113,343 dogs registered in Auckland at the end of June 2024, which is 83.6 per cent of all known dogs. This is a 4.6 per cent decrease in the registration rate (the percentage of known dogs registered for the current registration year).

Dog Attacks

The total number of dog attacks reported this year increased by 17 per cent to 2846. There were 155 more attacks on people and 254 more attacks on other animals reported this year. The increase is mostly due to more roaming dogs.

The Animal Management unit developed a long-term 'Dog Bite Prevention' programme, which has a strong focus engaging with communities in high-risk areas and promoting dog safety and responsible ownership across Tāmaki Makaurau.

Auckland Council initiated 109 new prosecutions during the year for serious breaches of the Dog Control Act 1996. There were 8 appeals filed in higher courts.

High-risk Dogs

Auckland currently has 6438 dogs classified as menacing and 13 dogs classified as dangerous. This is a 19 per cent increase in the number of high-risk dogs.

The overall compliance rate with the requirement for menacing and dangerous dogs to be desexed was 69 per cent, which is 10 per cent lower than the previous year. Several free desexing campaigns and events have been held during the year to improve this rate of compliance. The ability to seize dogs for non-compliance within these classifications is limited by the availability of shelter space. A proactive work programme to increase the number of desexed menacing dogs is being developed for 2024-2025.

Service Response

Field teams responded to 37,558 requests for service during the year, which is 4257 more than the previous year – a 13 per cent increase.

A new Animal Management (Proactive) team was created late in 2023, and this team is now responsible for regular patrols around schools and high-risk areas, as well as attending community events, dog safety presentations and promoting responsible dog ownership.

In addition to the work of the Proactive team, officers also performed 7607 patrols, property visits and registration checks during the year.

Roaming or uncontrolled dogs continue to increase. Officers responded to 15,146 reports about roaming dogs and 3673 reports of dogs behaving aggressively to people or other animals. These aggressive behaviour incidents increased by 21 per cent from the previous year.

A total of 5344 requests were received to collect stray dogs that were confined by members of the public.

Field officers responded to 903 incidents of stock roaming or straying on public roads.

Barking complaints decreased by 1 per cent this year. The unit investigated 6597 complaints about nuisance barking and issued 54 abatement notices.

Welfare-related complaints increased by 80 per cent during the year. This is an indication of the increased financial hardship some dog owners are experiencing.

Shelter Services

There were 8306 dogs impounded this year in the three animal shelters in Auckland. This is an increase of 1710 from the previous year, which caused the shelters to operate at full capacity for almost the entire year, and for a large part of the year they were operating far above their capacity.

The rate of impounded dogs claimed by their owners was only 43 per cent this year, which is the lowest in a 10-year period. This caused the euthanasia rate (48 per cent) to be higher than the claim rate for the first time since Auckland Animal Management became a regional service in 2014.

Several adoption drives and community events were organised to raise awareness of the dogs in the shelters, and this was extensively covered by the mainstream media, radio broadcasters, and other online platforms, with several interviews and appearances by the unit and department leaders.

A total of 455 dogs were adopted from our shelters or transferred to rescue organisations, which is an increase of 19 per cent on the previous year – a very positive result for our shelter teams.

Staff are witnessing an increasing number of dogs that present challenging behaviours and/or fail to pass behavioural temperament tests. This impacts whether a dog is suitable for adoption and is able to be rehomed. Training, enrichment, and other techniques are all employed by staff in order to give dogs the best chance of success where possible.

The total number of dogs euthanised at the three shelters increased by 53 per cent, which can mostly be attributed to the increased number of aggressive, roaming and unwanted dogs encountered.

Community Events, Supporting Other Agencies, Education

There was excellent work done by the Proactive team during the short time since its creation, with attendance at many community events, visits to schools, educational sessions for high-risk workers, as well as driving the Auckland Council free desexing campaign.

The team was also involved in many initiatives focussing on engaging with Māori and Pasifika communities, and to build strong relationships with local community leaders and social groups.

A comprehensive 'Dog Bite Prevention' campaign was introduced in 2023, which is targeting the

communities most at risk of dog attacks with educational activities, free desexing, registration and microchipping services offered. The value of this campaign and other proactive initiatives will be closely monitored and analysed during the new financial year.

Three members of the Animal Management team were invited to Wellington in September 2023 to present at the New Zealand Institute of Animal Management Training Conference. They gave presentations on Graduated Enforcement, Investigation and Legislative Powers, and the Hierarchy of Courts, which was a great opportunity for Auckland Council to collaborate with other territorial authorities.

Ongoing Work and Projects

The Animal Management team is currently working with Kāinga Ora to create a memorandum of understanding between the two organisations. This is anticipated to help address the high rate of offending and harm occurring in some areas of Auckland.

The Pukekohe Animal Shelter project is underway, which will relieve some of the pressure on the capacity of the three main shelters (Silverdale, Manukau and Henderson).

Extensive renovations are also in progress at the three main shelters to increase capacity and to improve the health and safety of the shelter staff.

Responsible Dog Ownership

While most Aucklanders are doing the right thing, irresponsible dog ownership continues to be a major cause of roaming, dog attacks and aggression in Tāmaki Makaurau.

Animal Management continues to focus on educating dog owners around the need to keep dogs under control and always contained, and on the importance of registering, de-sexing and microchipping.

Health, Safety and Wellbeing of Animal Management Staff

We continue to see a high level of aggression and violent behaviour towards our Animal Management staff. There were 6 threats to life, 8 attacks on our staff and 40 incidents involving threatening behaviour.

Part 1: Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Annual Report

Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996 (**The Act**) requires each territorial authority to report on its dog control policy and practices and to provide specific statistical information.

This report acts as a medium for this statutory requirement, and to provide an update to all stakeholders on the activities and performance of the Auckland Council Animal Management unit.

1.2 Arrangement of the Report

The structure of this report follows a similar arrangement to previous annual reports, to allow for ease of assessing the success of our service delivery.

1.3 Policy on Dogs 2019 and Dog Management Bylaw 2019

The Policy Objective of the Auckland Council Policy on Dogs 2019 forms the basis of this report.

Policy Objective: “To keep dogs as a positive part of the life of Aucklanders by:

- maintaining opportunities for owners to take their dogs into public places
- adopting measures to minimise the problems caused by dogs
- protecting dogs from harm and ensuring their welfare.”

The Policy Objective is addressed throughout this report with the provision of information, photos, and statistics in relation to the activities, achievements, and service delivery of the Animal Management unit.

The principles applied by Animal Management to achieve the Policy Objective include:

- **Registration and Classification**
Promote dog registration across all of Auckland.
- **Responsible Dog Ownership**
Educate and inform dog owners how to take care of their dogs.
- **Dog Access Principles**
Provide a balanced approach to dog access in council-controlled public places.
- **Monitoring measures of success**
Annually report to the Governing Body (through a public agenda report) and to the national government as required by the Dog Control Act 1996.

This annual report represents a thorough and reliable account of all Animal Management activities during the financial year period of 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024.

Some educational events that occurred outside of the previous financial year, but prior to the release of this report, may be included due to public and staff interest.

1.4 Our Services

The Animal Management unit's main function is to ensure dogs and other animals are sufficiently controlled to prevent harm and nuisance to the public.

This helps to fulfil the overall goal of the Licensing and Compliance department of protecting the public of Auckland from nuisance and harm, as well as improving, protecting and promoting the health of the public of Auckland.

These goals are achieved via several services, including:

- providing information and education to the public relating to dog control and other animal management issues
- promoting responsible dog ownership
- dog registration and database administration
- monitoring dog access to public places
- dog bite prevention (including the classification and monitoring of menacing and dangerous dogs)
- complaint resolution (including aggression, roaming, and barking nuisance complaints)
- shelter services (including lost and found dogs, adoption, and microchipping)
- enforcement activities (investigation of breaches of the Dog Control Act 1996 and the Auckland Council Dog Management Bylaw 2019)
- control of livestock on roads and other public places (services under the Impounding Act 1955)
- management of public stock pounds (as required by the Impounding Act 1955)

1.5 Animal Management Structure

Auckland Council operates a single, regional Animal Management unit with **137** permanent staff.

The unit consists of Field Services teams, Animal Shelter teams, Barking Advisors and a Lead team, which includes the Animal Management Principal Specialists.

A Dog Registration Hub, which operates at the beginning of every registration year, a Regulatory Support team and a Dispatch Support team within the same department provide administrative and operational support to the Animal Management unit.

Field Teams

These teams are responsible for the field services provided by the unit. This includes reactive response and investigations into dog attacks and complaints about dogs that are not under control, or that are causing a nuisance.

The Animal Management unit consists of five field services teams: Central, East, North, South, and West, and currently has **66** full-time Animal Management Officers (AMOs) and one part-time Summer Beach Patrol Officer. The Waiheke Island personnel are part of the West team, and the Great Barrier Island personnel are part of the North team.

The new Proactive team (see below) is part of Field Services but works across the entire region. The team consists of **12** Proactive Animal Management Officers (PAMOs).

Our teams provide a 24/7 response to all urgent and high priority requests.

Field officers also deal with stray or roaming livestock on all our roads, and sometimes have to deal with livestock trespassing on private property.

Our field teams cover the entire Auckland motorway network and will respond to all incidents of animals on the motorway as a high priority. Specialised training is provided to all field staff to deal with motorway incidents.

Requests to deal with other domestic animals are frequently received, and they also work closely with the Animal Shelters to provide support for property inspections that are required for adoptions from the shelters.



Other responsibilities include ensuring compliance with the Dog Control Act 1996, encouraging responsible dog ownership, and actively enforcing the registration of all dogs in our region.

In addition, the officers also do regular patrols in areas with a high number of complaints. Proactive work includes visits to most popular parks, reserves and beaches used by dog owners.

Barking Advisors deal with all initial barking complaints and provide advice to dog owners on practical methods to correct nuisance barking, and they also mediate between neighbours to resolve complaints.

Animal Shelter Teams

The unit operates three main animal shelters: Henderson (**HAS**), Manukau (**MAS**) and Silverdale (**SAS**), with a total of **43** Animal Shelter Officers (ASOs). A temporary shelter on Great Barrier Island is managed by the field officer employed on the island and does not have any full-time shelter personnel.

Each of these shelters is responsible for the care and management of impounded animals.

These animals may be the subject of legal prosecutions or welfare concerns or were impounded due to being found roaming or not registered, or they were surrendered by their owners.

Animal Shelters promote the adoption of unclaimed, suitable dogs and work collaboratively with other welfare and rescue agencies to find the best possible outcome.



De-sexing campaigns and other veterinary services, including microchipping, have been offered to the community through the animal shelters.

Shelter staff also assist with educational activities and community events, with a focus on educating dog owners on their responsibilities and how to care for their dogs.



Proactive Team

A new Proactive team was established during the 2023-24 financial year.

The Proactive team has a strong focus on community engagement, education and proactive enforcement.

The team regularly patrols around schools and high-risk areas, attend community events, and give talks and presentations to promote dog safety and responsible dog ownership.



The team also visits various groups around Tāmaki Makaurau, including high-risk and frontline workers, and provide safety talks to tamariki at schools and at numerous dog events and local community events across the region.

Another function of the team is to follow up on compliance among high-risk dogs which have been classified as menacing or dangerous. The team also drives the current desexing campaign in conjunction with the animal shelters.

Lead Team

The Animal Management Lead Team consist of the Manager Animal Management, a Regional Shelter Manager, six Team Leaders, three Shelter Managers and four Principal Specialists.

The Team Leaders and Shelter Managers are responsible for managing, supporting, and developing their individual teams and facilities, and the Principal Specialists assist mostly with legal, strategic and operational support to the Animal Management teams and other internal and external stakeholders, as well as data analysis and reporting.

The Principal Specialists also facilitate most training sessions, internal workshops, document and policy reviews, official information requests, as well as system and equipment maintenance and support.

Part 2: Service Delivery

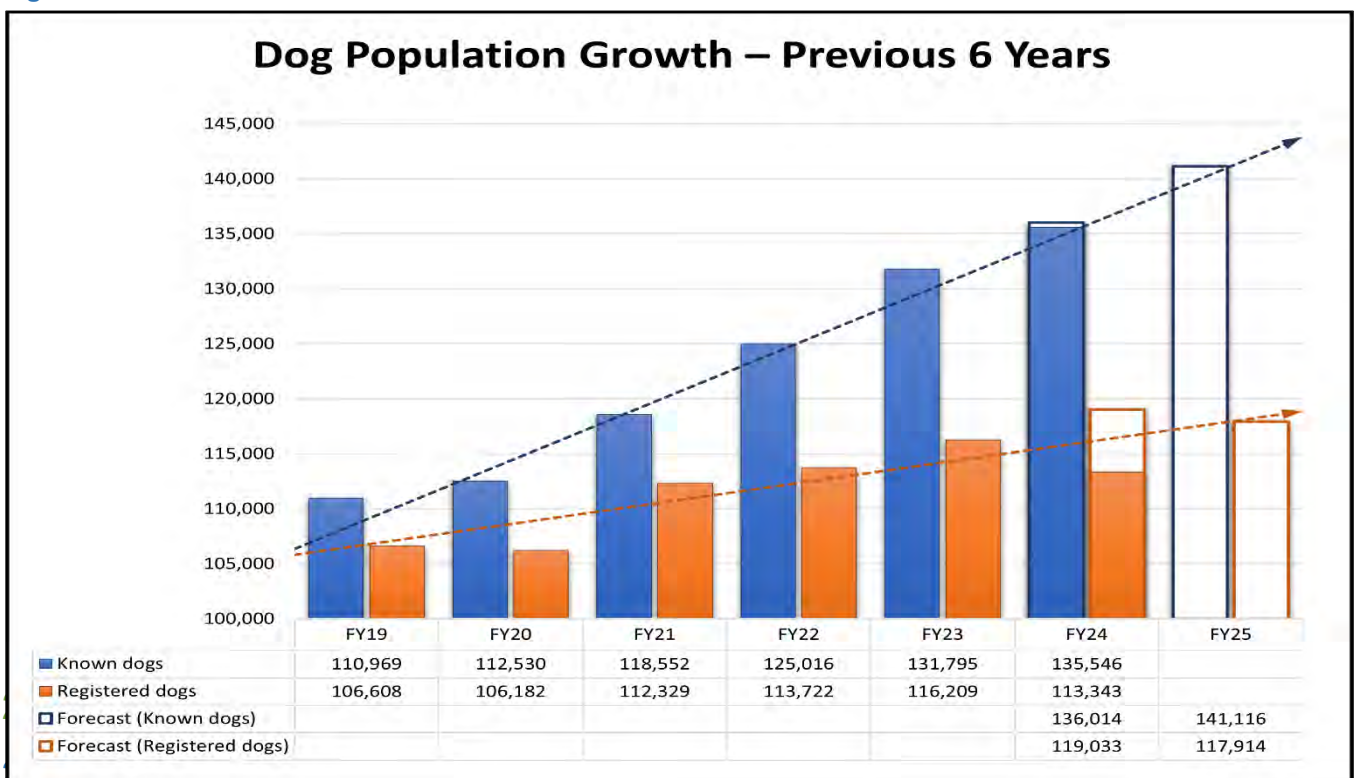


2.1 Dog Population Growth

The known dog population in Auckland increased by **3751 (2.8% increase)** in the last year; however, the number of registered dogs in Auckland decreased by **2866 (2.5% decrease)**.

The population growth is only slightly lower than forecasted, but the registration rate is significantly lower, which causes the gap between the number of known dogs and registered dogs to widen further.

Figure 1



Field officers proactively visit properties and patrol some of the most popular beaches and parks with a high number of users. This service is now mostly performed by the Proactive team, but the other field teams also contribute to the proactive effort to reduce incidents of harm and uncontrolled dogs.

The Proactive team’s performance is not currently measured by number of patrols, as some patrols may include an entire suburb, which is patrolled for several hours at a time.

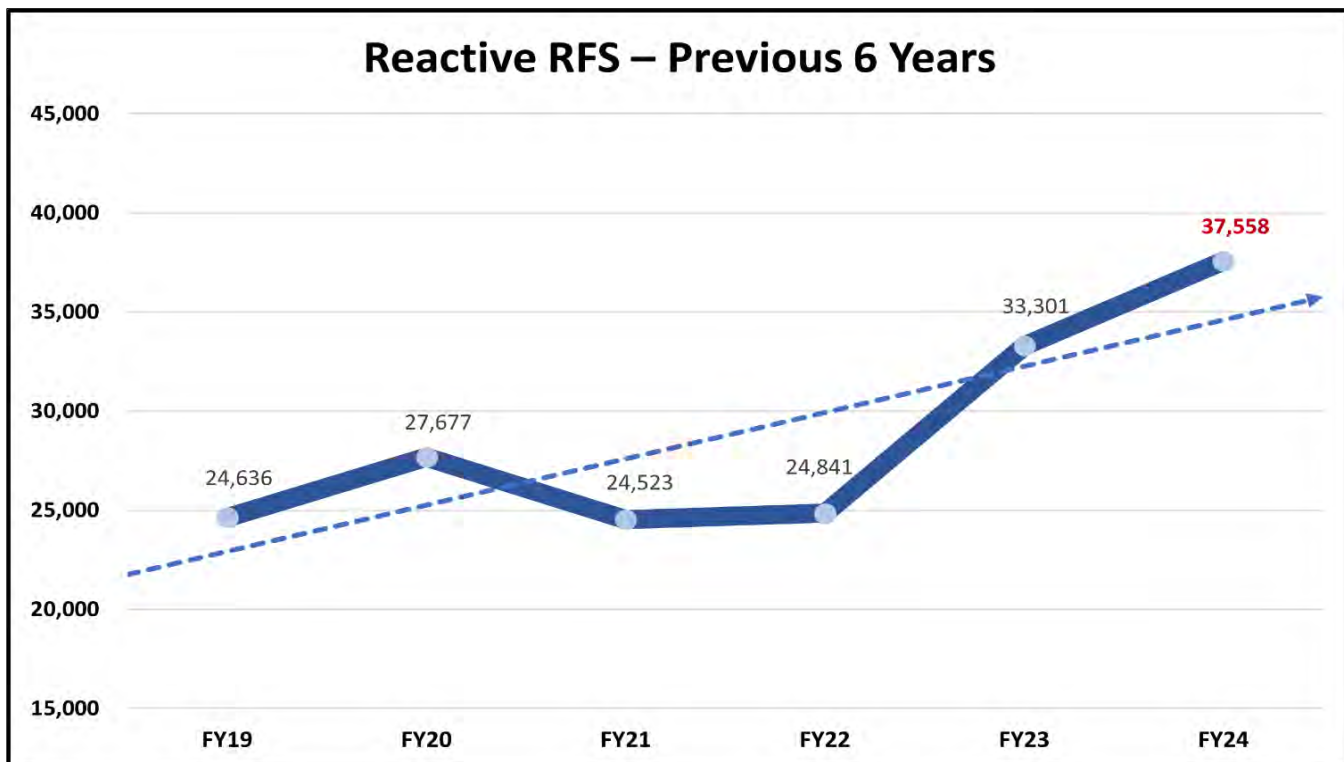
- A total of **7607** proactive property visits, patrols, and registration checks were done during the year by the field officers, in addition to the work done by the Proactive team.

2.2.2 Reactive Response to RFS

Complaints about roaming and uncontrolled dogs (excluding attacks) make up the largest number of requests for service, and together with requests from the public to collect confined stray dogs, account for **64%** of all requests for service.

- AMOs responded in total to **37,558** requests for service. This is not including their proactive work.
- The field teams investigated **3673** reports of dogs behaving aggressively to people or other animals, which is an increase of **21%** from the previous year.
- A total of **15,146** complaints were received about roaming dogs, and **5344** dogs were confined by members of the public and collected by Animal Management officers.

Figure 2

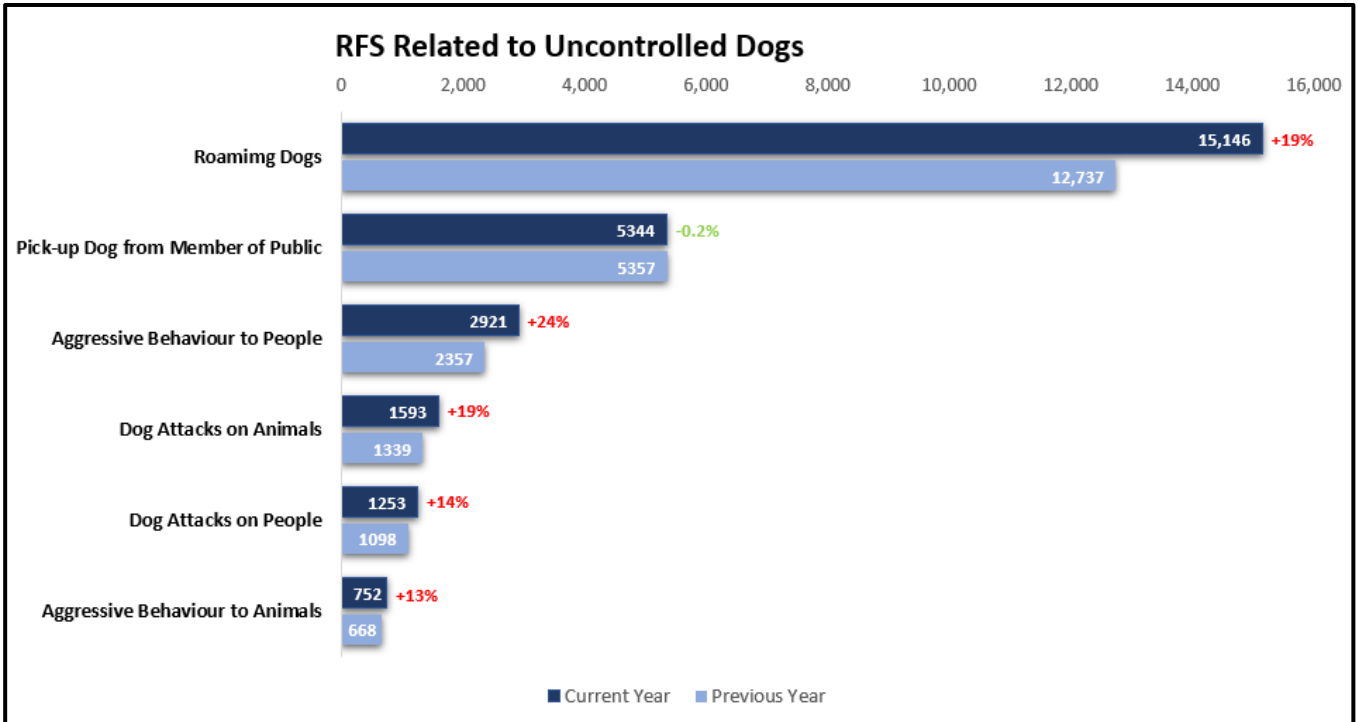


Uncontrolled and Roaming Dogs

Complaints about roaming dogs increased by **2409 (19%)** during the year. This places a significant strain on the field teams' resources and the animal shelters' capacity.

In addition, an increase in roaming dogs normally leads to an increase in dog attacks and incidents of aggressive behaviour.

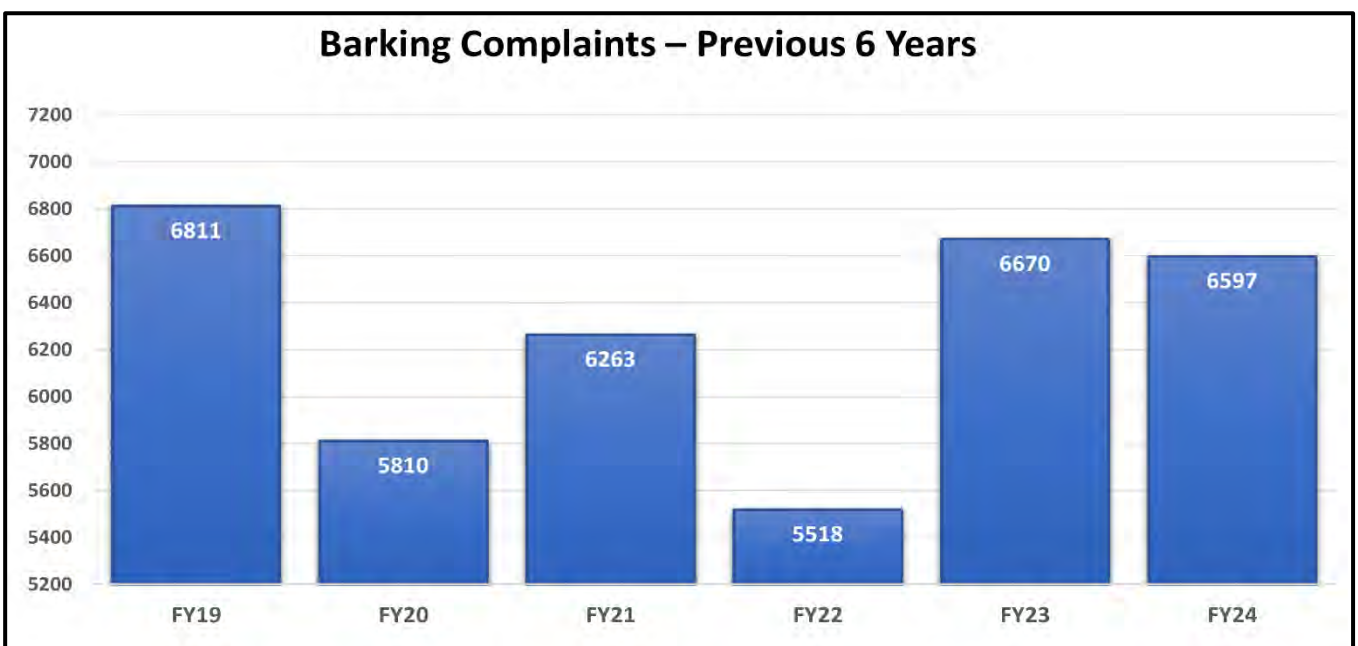
Figure 3



Barking Complaints

A total of **6597** barking-related complaints were received during the year, which is a slight decrease (**1%**) from the previous year.

Figure 4



Dog Attacks

Dog attacks on people and other animals increased during the year, and the total number of attacks were higher than forecasted in the previous year's report.

- A total of **2846** dog attacks were investigated during the year.
- There were **155** more attacks on people and **254** more attacks on other animals reported than the previous year.
- Overall, attacks on people increased by **14%** this year, and attacks on other animals increased by **19%**, which is a total increase of **16.7%** for all attacks.

Figure 5

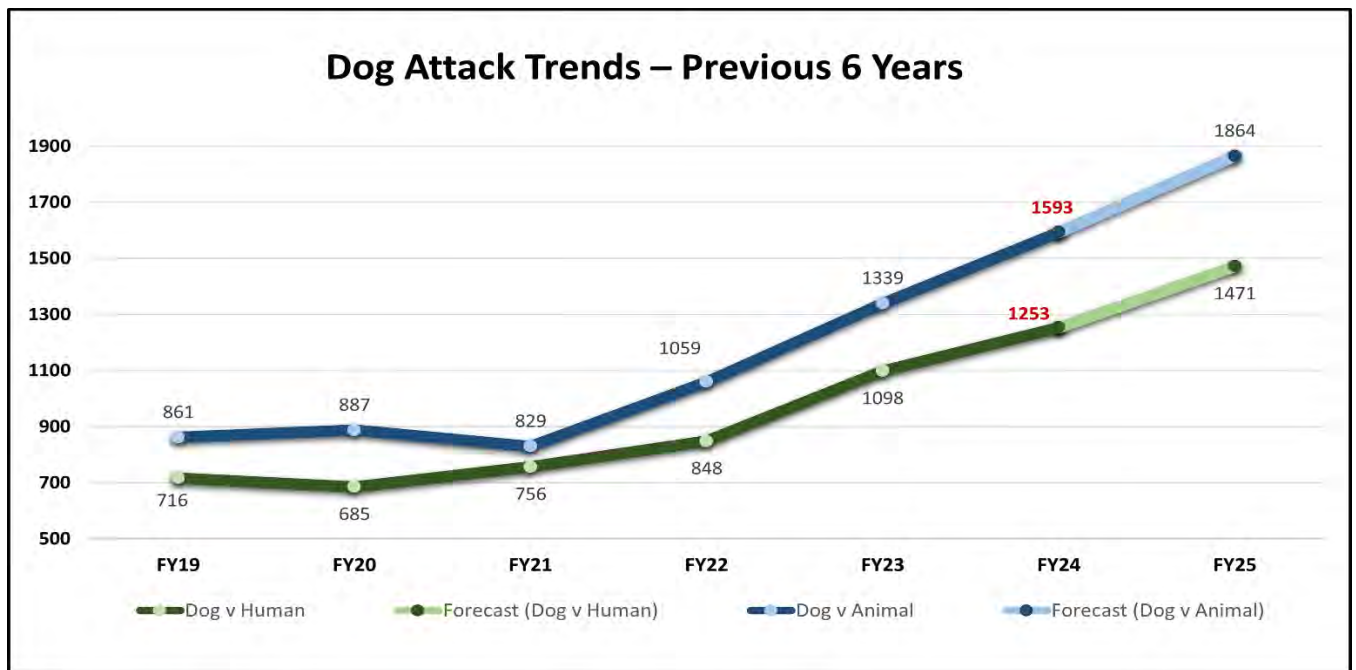
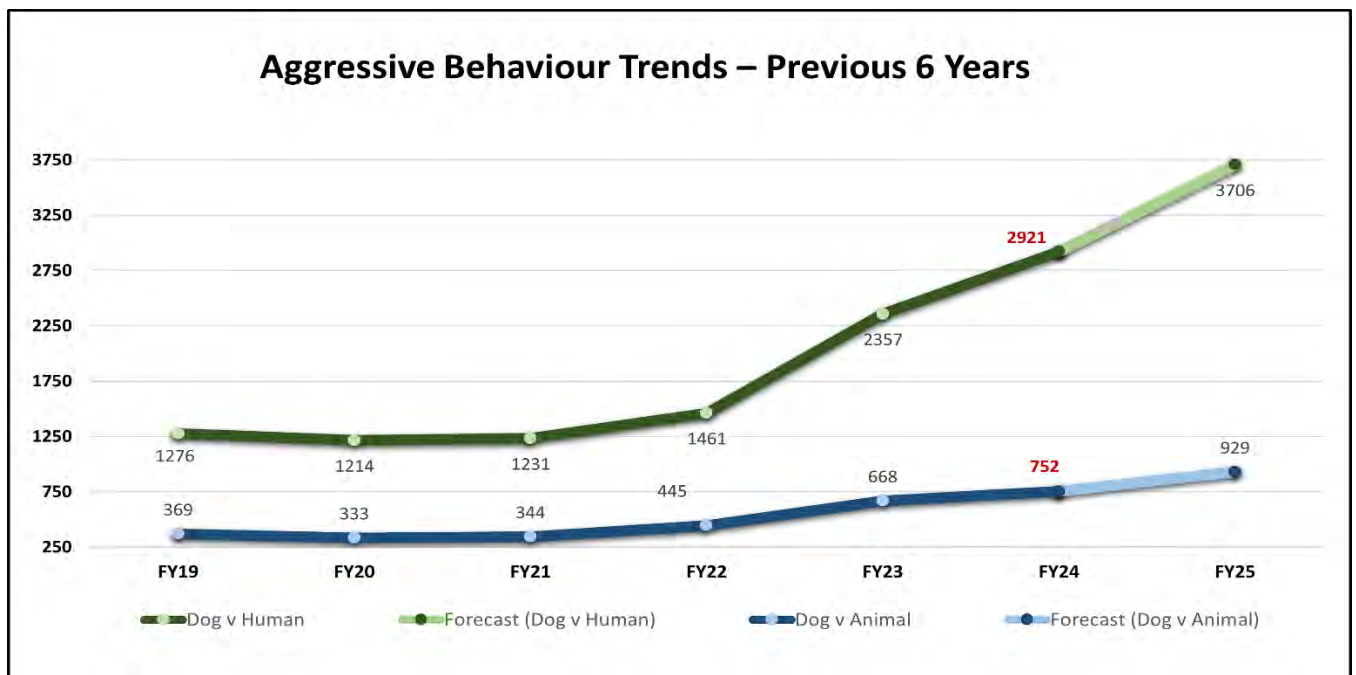


Figure 6



2.2.3 Enforcement

Prosecutions and Infringement Notices

- A total of **109** new prosecutions were initiated against dog owners in the District Court during the year for serious offences against the Act, and **8** appeals were filed in higher courts.
- Field officers issued **6387** infringement notices for offences against the Dog Control Act 1996. Of these, the majority (**36%**) were issued to dog owners who failed to register their dogs.

Dog Registration

The annual dog registration year runs from 1 July to 30 June the following year. Failure to register a dog can result in a \$300 infringement notice, or a court may impose a fine of up to \$3000.

The Animal Management unit's focus is on proactive dog registration compliance during the year.

- There were **113,343** dogs in Auckland with current registration at the end of the financial year, which is **83.6%** of all known dogs. This is a **2.5% decrease** in the total number of registered dogs, and a **4.6% decrease** in the registration rate.

Classification of High-Risk Dogs

Schedule 4 of the Dog Control Act 1996 requires territorial authorities to classify as menacing all dogs that belong wholly or predominantly to the breeds or the type of dog listed in the Act.

The Policy on Dogs 2019 requires all menacing dogs living in Auckland to be neutered, even if the classification by another territorial authority did not require it.



- As of 30 June 2024, a total of **6438** dogs are classified as menacing, and **13** dogs are classified as dangerous.
- Of these classified dogs, **4481 (69.5%)** are compliant with the neutering requirement.

2.2.4 Other Duties

Our field officers' duties also include dealing with stray or roaming livestock on roads and in other public places, including the entire Auckland motorway network.

- Officers responded to **903** incidents of stray or roaming stock during the year – a **42% increase** from the previous year.
- A total of **108** animals were impounded in the Auckland Council public stock pounds.



2.3 Working with the Community / Education

The Animal Management Proactive Team was created in December 2023, and the main focus areas for the team are engagement, education, and proactive enforcement in high-risk areas.

- The team currently has representatives at local community safety groups in Ōtara and Ōtāhuhu, as well as TANI (The Asian Network Incorporated) to engage with local communities and promote our key messages.
- Numerous 'Puppies in the Pool' days were attended at local pools across Auckland, including Ōtara, Onehunga and Papakura.
- Dog safety talks were presented to refugees new to Aotearoa, and these help the refugees to understand the role of dogs in New Zealand society and give advice on how to stay safe around dogs.
- The Auckland Council free desexing campaign has been heavily promoted by the Proactive team.
- The team presented dog safety talks to children at Auckland libraries.
- The team joined along on school walks in South Auckland. The children were given a safety briefing on what to do if they encounter a dog, then the team joined them on the walk to ensure they are kept safe from dogs.



- Multiple dog safety talks were presented to at-risk workers and people who work with children, including Plunket, Kāinga Ora and staff at Auckland Airport.



- The team also attended multiple events around Tāmaki Makaurau to engage with the public and promote our key messages.

2.4 Māori Responsiveness and Improved Māori Outcomes

Dog Bite Prevention

Animal Management were involved in an extensive research project led by Starship Foundation, which identified that Māori people are the most at-risk ethnic group, in Auckland, for dog attacks. Tamariki aged 0 - 9 are most likely to be hospitalised due to their size and vulnerability.

The unit developed a long-term **Dog Bite Prevention** programme, which has a strong focus on improving Māori outcomes through engaging with communities in high-risk areas and promoting dog safety and responsible ownership across Tāmaki Makaurau.



Community engagement

The Proactive Animal Management team attended multiple community events, including Waitangi Ki Manukau, Pasifika, and the Ōtara Mātauranga festival, where they have been actively engaging with Māori and providing educational talks on '*Keeping themselves, their whānau and their community safe*'.

The team were also invited onto the Ngā Hau e Whā o Pukekohe Marae for the recent whānau day where many positive connections were made among the local community. The team provided dog safety advice and support, and advice to whānau about issues they may be experiencing, particularly relating to unwanted dog behaviour.



Animal Management plan to attend many more of these events and become a regular fixture at events which Māori people attend. They also plan to visit many more marae around Tāmaki Makaurau and offer dog safety and responsible ownership talks to tamariki, dog owners, and other community members. The team is also planning to connect with and gain support from kaumātua, to ensure the best way to connect with each community and ensure dog safety information is spread and well received.

The Proactive team also attended multiple community safety initiatives, including ONAC (the Ōtara Network Action Committee), that includes a representative from the Ngāti Ōtara Marae, and the Ōtāhuhu Community Network that conduct a regular hui to discuss concerns within each community.

Kura (schools)

The Proactive Animal Management Team recently started visiting kura in our most high-risk suburbs and teaching tamariki how to stay safe around dogs. Information is also provided for mātua (parents / guardians) and kaiako (teachers). This new initiative started in May 2024, and two schools have already been visited in Māngere and Papatoetoe.

Tūpuna Maunga Authority

Animal Management continue to work with Tūpuna Maunga Authority (TMA) to increase foot patrols and reduce dog-related incidents at Maungawhau (Mount Eden), Te Kōpuke / Tītīkōpuke (Mount St. John) and Te Tatua Riukuita (Big King Reserve).

The Central team and TMA have built a strong relationship over the past few years, which continues to help with protecting the maunga through proactive compliance initiatives and providing education to dog owners, to protect these precious taonga for future generations.

The team has undertaken multiple patrols, educated dog owners, and issued warning letters where required. There has been a noticeable improvement in dog owner compliance on the maunga, especially around the newly opened tihi area on Maungawhau (Mount Eden).



2.5 Supporting Other Agencies

Working together with other organisations to achieve our goal of keeping the people and animals of Auckland safe is vitally important to the Animal Management unit.

Animal Management staff attended various community events that were organised by other organisations, such as the **Chained Dog Rehabilitation and Rehoming NZ** and **Kāinga Ora**.

Free registration, microchipping and desexing was offered at these events.



Considerable time and resources were spent working with the **NZ Police**, to deal with the notorious roaming pig on SH16. The wandering pig caused several motorway closures, and this frustrated the western motorists. The effort by everyone involved eventually resulted in 'Kevin Bacon' being captured and rehomed.

Staff also attended the Swanson Road Caravan Park event in Rānui, which was a huge success and a great collaborative effort with the **SPCA** and the Henderson Animal Shelter (HAS) staff, who provided a lot of the food donations.

The team connected with one of our local communities and helped get their dogs registered, de-sexed, microchipped, de-fleaed and de-wormed. Upon registration, dog owners also received a bag of dog food along with other goodies and treats.



For a second year, Animal Management was able to employ a summer beach patrol officer on the West Coast beaches, with funding from the Waitākere Local Board (WRLB).

There is significant collaboration involved with this role, communicating with and working alongside the Department of Conservation (DOC), Auckland Council Park Rangers and Summer Rangers, Animal Management Officers, Dotterel Minders, WRLB, Surf Lifesavers and others.



Collaboration with summer rangers and DOC helped Animal Management to locate and investigate a dog suspected of killing penguins on Piha beach.



Another project currently underway is to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Kāinga Ora and Auckland Council.

The MOU will provide guidance on the sharing of information about dog-related issues at the various properties owned by the organisation across Auckland. This will create a closer working relationship between the two organisations, in a collaborative effort to reduce the harm caused by dogs in the lower socio-economic areas of Auckland.



The South and Central teams met with the Ōtara Network Action Committee group during the year, which is a group of community leaders who actively work to engage and share information between key stakeholders, such as NZ Police, Kāinga Ora, SPCA and school representatives.

The teams shared several of our statistics and key challenges faced in the area, and it was a great way to connect with the community, which also helped to increase understanding of the great mahi we do and the limitations around it.

ANIMAL SHELTERS



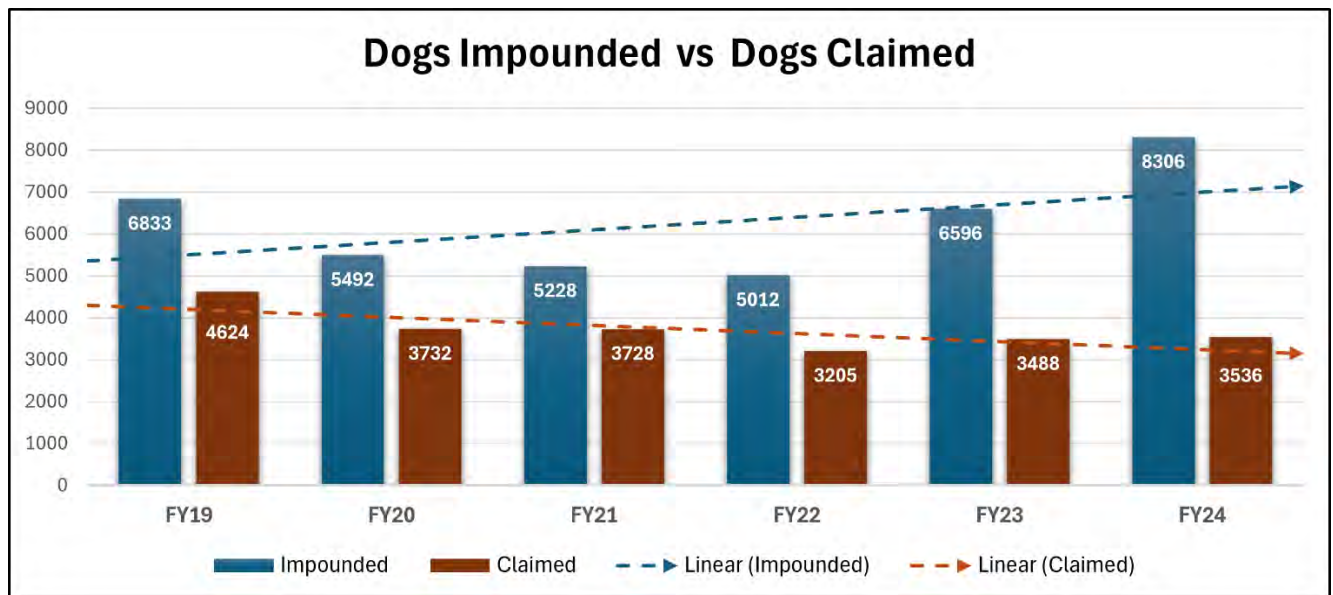
2.6 Shelter Services

2.6.1 Impounded Dogs

There were **8306** dogs impounded this year at the three animal shelters in Auckland, which is **1710** more dogs than the previous year – an increase of **26%**.

Only **43%** of impounded dogs were claimed by their owners, which is the lowest claim rate in 10 years. This alarmingly low rate caused all three shelters to run over full capacity for almost the entire year.

Figure 7



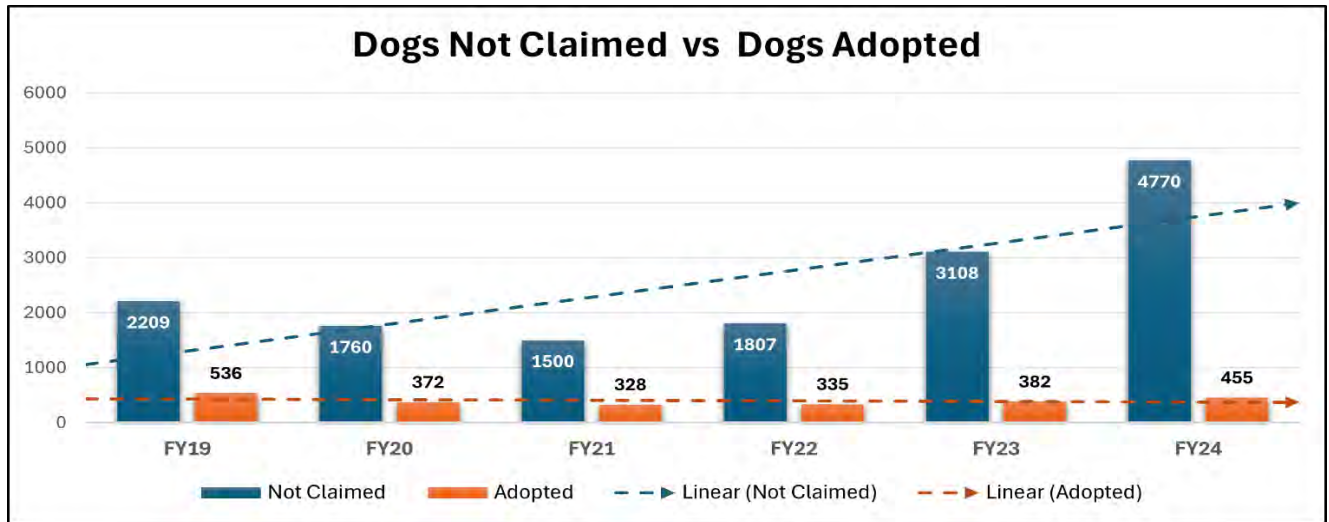
The majority (**74%**) of impounded dogs were either collected on request, found roaming, or were dropped off at the shelters.

- A total of **1722** dogs (**21%** of total impounds) were seized for offences against the Dog Control Act 1996.
- There were **392** dogs voluntarily surrendered to the shelters by their owners.
- The breed most impounded is the Staffordshire Bull Terrier (**1992** in total), which is **24%** of all impounded dogs.
- The suburb where the most dogs were impounded was Manurewa (**728** in total).

2.6.2 Adoptions

A total of **455** dogs (**5.5%** of total impounds) were adopted from the shelters or were transferred to rescue organisations and breed rescue groups.

Figure 8



Before 1 July 2024, Animal Management reviewed and updated the Rehoming and Fostering Policy to allow any breed of dog to be rehomed, including American Pit Bull Terriers.

Meet Harrison:



His new owner says:

“He is an absolute delight. Harrison loves EVERYBODY and nothing phases him. He is my little sidekick and best mate. He fitted in at home almost instantly. Very respectful of our Griffon girls (the bosses). He excels at snuggles and affection. I will be forever thankful to Henderson shelter for allowing him to find his forever home with me. He is my Prince Charming and everything I could have wished for in a best mate.”

Other happy faces 😊



Animal Management staff attended many community events throughout the year to promote the adoption of dogs from the Auckland animal shelters.



Many of these staff members attended these events outside of their normal working hours, which shows the dedication from the teams to find the best possible outcome for every dog in our care.

Several events were held together with rescue organisations and breed rescue groups.



2.6.3 Media interest

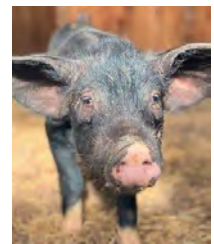
There was significant media interest in some of the shelter residents this year.

Newshub reported on 20 puppies that were dumped outside Manukau Animal Shelter (MAS), with a further nine puppies found abandoned the next day.

That is 29 puppies impounded in 24 hours!



A roaming pig from Pāremoremo tried to predict the outcome of the Silver Ferns game against Switzerland on The Breakfast Show.



There was also considerable interest in 'Kevin Bacon', our notorious motorway wanderer.

The story was covered by Stuff, RNZ, NZ Police Media, and by NZ Herald.

2.6.4 Other Success Stories

Animal Management staff did an awesome job of getting dog Winnie out of a river after she had gotten herself stuck.

She was seen by a vet, and staff administered her medications and warmed her up, while getting in touch with the owner. She was reunited with her owner, who had lost sleep looking for her and worrying about her. Winnie was very lucky to be alive!



Delta was picked up roaming and went up for adoption due to being unclaimed.

Unfortunately, there was initially no interest in her, but the team noticed she showed quite an interest in toys and especially balls. Aviation Security was contacted, and they came to meet her and agreed to take her on a trial.

She went to Aviation Security in early August for testing and was officially adopted by the team! Delta has since moved with her handler to Christchurch and is doing really well.

So, look out for Delta when travelling through Christchurch Airport!



Children from Summerland Primary School had a fund-raising day and raised \$385 for the Henderson Animal Shelter dogs, which were used to buy bulk supplies, and the dogs are having a ball!

Thank you to Summerland Primary School and the kids! They were all very happy to give these lovable guys some toys 😊.

If we cannot get the dogs to the beach, we bring the beach to them! Henderson Animal Shelter now has three sandpits for the dogs, in their adoption yards.



Here a staff member is modelling the new sandpit and keeping it clean.



Councillors Josephine Bartley (Maungakiekie-Tāmaki ward) and Daniel Newman (Manurewa-Papakura ward), as well as our CEO, Phil Wilson, visited the Manukau Animal Shelter to show their support and to better understand the issues and challenges the council faces with dog-related issues.

They were very supportive of the work we do and keen to help spread the message about responsible dog ownership in Tāmaki Makaurau.

It is great to have our leaders involved in the great mahi we do across the region!

2.7 Health, Safety and Wellbeing of Animal Management Staff

We continue to see a high level of aggression and violent behaviour towards our Animal Management staff.

There were:

- 6 serious threats made to staff (4 against the animal shelters and 2 against field staff)
- 8 attacks on our staff
- 40 incidents involving threatening behaviour

The Police were notified about all serious threats and appropriate measures were taken to ensure staff safety.

Animal Management staff undergo de-escalation training to help them deal with aggressive interactions with the public. A new initiative introduced is the appointment of a dedicated wellbeing specialist who provides pastoral support to Animal Management staff.

Part 3: Auckland Dog Population

3.1 Dog Owners in Auckland

- As of 30 June 2024, the Auckland region had a total of **113,354** dog owners, which is an increase of **2956 (2.7%)** from the previous year.
- **32,487 (28.7%)** dog owners have a Responsible Dog Owner Licence (RDOL), and **4821 (4.3%)** dog owners qualify for a discount on dog registration with their SuperGold card.¹
- There are **92** dog owners in Auckland classified as probationary owners, and **40** dog owners are disqualified from owning any dogs.

3.2 Dogs in Auckland

- The total number of known dogs in Auckland increased from 131,795 in FY23 to **135,546** in **FY24** – an increase of **2.8%**, which is significantly lower than the previous year.
- **71,391 (52.7%)** dogs are male, and **64,155 (47.3%)** are female. A total of **46,339 (65%)** male dogs and **43,603 (68%)** female dogs are desexed.
- The number of dogs that were registered in FY24 decreased to **113,343** – this is **2866** fewer than the previous year (**2.5%** decrease) and accounts for **83.6%** of all dogs in Auckland.
- A total of **6438** dogs are classified as menacing and **13** dogs are classified as dangerous.

3.2.1 Most Popular Dog Breeds in Auckland

Ranking	Primary Breed	Male	Female	Total
1	Labrador Retriever	8274	7474	15,748
2	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	3913	4474	8387
3	Border Collie	3228	3216	6444
4	Miniature Schnauzer	2716	2387	5103
5	Shih Tzu	2434	2119	4553
6	Cavalier King Charles Spaniel	2395	2090	4485
7	Golden Retriever	2462	1989	4451
8	German Shepherd	2332	2106	4438
9	Jack Russell Terrier	2113	1869	3982
10	American Pit Bull Terrier	2232	1737	3969
11	Maltese	1995	1609	3604
12	Huntaway	1662	1683	3345
13	Bichon Frise	1629	1360	2989
14	Toy Poodle	1506	1381	2887
15	Rottweiler	1582	1179	2761

¹ For SuperGold Community Services combo card, SuperGold card and Community Services card, or Veteran Gold card holders only.

3.2.2 Rarest Dog Breeds in Auckland (Only One in Register)

Primary Breed	Male	Female
Bergamasco Shepherd		1
Bluetick Coonhound	1	
Bolognese		1
Clumber Spaniel		1
Icelandic Sheepdog	1	
Otter Hound	1	
Pyrenean Mastiff	1	
Sloughi	1	

3.2.3 Most Preferred Dog Names

Ranking	Most Popular Name	Total
Male dogs		
1	Charlie	1030
2	Max	954
3	Buddy	744
4	Rocky	695
5	Milo	666
6	Teddy	616
7	Toby	588
8	Archie	567
9	Bear	508
10	Oscar	502

Ranking	Most Popular Name	Total
Female dogs		
1	Bella	1493
2	Luna	1095
3	Poppy	925
4	Coco	925
5	Molly	914
6	Ruby	812
7	Daisy	758
8	Rosie	668
9	Nala	656
10	Roxy	608

Interesting / Longest Dog Names	
Biggie Bustah Piccolo Pulefolau Peni	Rufus Doofus Picklepants Currie-Thornton
Chief Apa Angaaetau Tupou Taliauli	The Right Honourable Licky Luna Pasco
Doukraan Rules his Household	Vinnie 'the Wolf' Hitchcock Lajdes
Lord Marshall Riddick Hector I	Whittaker's Peanut Butter Chocolate
Otis McFluffypants Bannerman-Oxley	Ziggy Stardust Wolfgang Workman Grigg
Outnabout Chasing Waves	Zoey Petra Sunshine Taylor Swift Maui We

3.2.4 Most Populated Suburbs (By Number of Dogs)

Ranking	Area / Suburb	Total
1	Papakura	4413
2	Pukekohe	4137
3	Manurewa	2988
4	Henderson	2660
5	Remuera	2398
6	Massey	2320
7	Waiuku	2179
8	Papatoetoe	1992
9	Howick	1963
10	Titirangi	1868

Hauraki Gulf Islands	Total
Waiheke Island	1268
Great Barrier Island	341
Rakino & Outlying Islands	4



Interesting Facts:

The biggest growth in the dog population was in **Ōtara (282 more dogs)** and the biggest decline in dog numbers was in **Clevedon (60 fewer dogs)**.

3.2.5 Menacing Classifications by Predominant Breed²

Top Classified Breeds – Menacing			
Section 33A (Behaviour)		Section 33C (Breed or Type)	
Primary Breed	Total	Primary Breed	Total
American Pit Bull Terrier	251	American Pit Bull Terrier	3454
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	180	American Staffordshire Terrier	1429
American Staffordshire Terrier	167	Dogo Argentino	19
German Shepherd	99		
Labrador Retriever	95		
American Bulldog	68		
Siberian Husky	64		
Shar Pei	64		
Rottweiler	61		
Mastiff	58		

Note

It is standard practice for Animal Management not to issue a **S.33A** classification on a dog if the dog is already classified as menacing under **S.33C**.

Owners with a dog classified under **S.33A** may apply after 12 months for a review of the classification.

3.2.6 Menacing Classifications by Suburb

Top Suburbs with Menacing Dogs			
Section 33A (Behaviour)		Section 33C (Breed or Type)	
Suburb	Total	Suburb	Total
Papakura	79	Manurewa	525
Manurewa	60	Ōtara	385
Massey	59	Papakura	353
Papatoetoe	55	Māngere	310
Māngere	51	Māngere East	251
Pukekohe	42	Papatoetoe	222
Māngere East	38	Pukekohe	152
Ōtara	38	Henderson	148
Henderson	36	Massey	137
Glen Eden	34	Mount Wellington	123

3.2.7 Breeds Mostly Impounded for Attacks and Roaming

Ranking	Primary Breed	Attacks	Primary Breed	Roaming
1	American Pit Bull Terrier	142	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1599
2	Staffordshire Bull Terrier	96	American Pit Bull Terrier	985
3	American Bulldog	40	Labrador Retriever	583
4	Shar Pei	39	Mastiff	373
5	Mastiff	37	Shar Pei	351
6	American Staffordshire Terrier	36	American Staffordshire Terrier	239
7	Labrador Retriever	34	Border Collie	225
8	German Shepherd	31	German Shepherd	224
9	Rottweiler	27	Huntaway	218
10	Siberian Husky	24	American Bulldog	181

² The 'predominant breed' is the breed most identifiable by visual means, or as provided by the dog owner on the registration documentation. Some dogs may display the visual characteristics of multiple breeds, and sometimes only the primary breed is recorded.

Part 4: Dog Control Statistics

1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024

4.1 Registrations

Category	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23		FY24
Known dogs	112,530	118,552	125,016	131,795	↑	135,546
Registered dogs	106,182	112,329	113,722	116,209	↓	113,343
% Known dogs registered	94.4%	94.8%	91.0%	88.2%	↓	83.6%
RDOL holders ³	27,663	28,780	39,930	42,495	↑	42,697
SuperGold Card Holders ⁴	<i>Not supplied</i>	4359	5368	5521	↑	5771

4.2 Classifications

Dog Owner Classifications	FY23		FY24
Probationary owners	97		121
Disqualified owners	46		61
Total Classified Owners	143	↑	182

Menacing Dog Classifications	FY23		FY24
Section 33A (observed or reported behaviour)	1183		1363
Section 33C (breed or type in Schedule 4)	4227		5075
Total Menacing Dogs	5410	↑	6438

Dangerous Dog Classifications	FY23		FY24
Section 31(1)(a) – owner conviction	3		3
Section 31(1)(b) – sworn evidence	6		10
Section 31(1)(c) – owner admitted in writing	1		0
Total Dangerous Dogs	10	↑	13

Compliance with Neutering Requirement	FY23		FY24
Menacing dogs (S.33A) neutered	(81.2%) 961		(75.9%) 1035
Menacing dogs (S.33C) neutered	(78.1%) 3300		(67.6%) 3433
Dangerous dogs neutered	(90%) 9		(100%) 13

³ This item refers to the number of dogs registered under this category, and not the number of owners holding an RDOL.

⁴ This item refers to the number of dogs registered under this category, and not the number of owners holding a SuperGold card.

4.3 Requests for Service (RFS)

4.3.1 RFS Received per Team by Priority (Excluding Proactive Work)

Category	Central	East	North	South	West	Total
P1 (high priority)	2949	2931	2655	3218	2850	14,603
P2 (normal priority)	4658	4973	4071	4861	4392	22,955
Total RFS Received	7607	7904	6726	8079	7242	37,558

4.3.2 RFS Received by Type – Reactive Response

Category	FY23	FY24
Roaming dog	12,737	15,146
Barking or howling	6670	6597
Pick up - dog (contained)	5357	5344
Aggressive behaviour to people	2357	2921
Dog attack on other animals	1339	1593
Dog attack on people	1098	1253
Welfare	616	1111
Roaming stock	637	843
Aggressive behaviour to other animals	668	752
Unregistered dogs ⁵	608	734
Bylaw breach	826	690
Police / SPCA assistance	138	151
Dog / stock on motorway	30	140
Dog traps	58	103
Relinquish dog	93	94
Pick up - stock (contained)	69	86
Total Reactive RFS Received	33,301	↑ 37,558

4.3.3 Proactive Work

Category	FY23	FY24
Patrolling public areas (inc. bylaw breaches, roaming dogs, etc.)	2736	4258
Unregistered dogs	1817	1223
Property inspections	797	827
Targeted compliance (monitoring classifications, service of notices, etc.)	918	513
Other proactive work (<i>not specified by category</i>)	645	786
Total Proactive Tasks	6913	↑ 7607

⁵ The 'unregistered dogs' category can be reactive or proactive depending on the type of work, and it therefore shows in both the reactive RFS and proactive work categories.

4.3.4 RFS Breakdown by Suburb – Top 40 Suburbs

Category	Known Dog Population	Total RFS Received
Manurewa	2988	2240
Papakura	4413	2176
Ōtara	1520	1737
Papatoetoe	1991	1452
Māngere	1543	1282
Henderson	2660	1181
Massey	2320	1092
Pukekohe	4137	988
Māngere East	1316	974
Mount Wellington	1384	888
Glen Eden	1714	743
Onehunga	1429	685
Avondale	1226	647
Mount Roskill	1094	626
Flat Bush	1532	625
Ōtāhuhu	698	618
New Lynn	960	554
Manukau Central	858	497
Glen Innes	611	467
Waiheke Island	1268	455
Māngere Bridge	806	451
Te Atatū Peninsula	1254	440
Takanini	748	421
Ranui	919	409
Clendon Park	436	394
Weymouth	507	391
Waiuku	2179	378
Te Atatū South	1031	352
Panmure	513	350
Point England	294	342
Drury	1371	327
Remuera	2398	313
Pakuranga Heights	756	312
Mount Albert	1074	305
Howick	1963	303
Randwick Park	364	287
Glenfield	1000	282
Titirangi	1868	265
Conifer Grove	513	250
Sunnyvale	400	247

4.4 Enforcement

4.4.1 Prosecutions and Appeals

Court	FY23	FY24
District Court Manukau	40	38
District Court Auckland	16	28
District Court North Shore	17	19
District Court Waitākere	27	12
District Court Papakura	5	10
District Court Pukekohe	7	2
High Court Appeal	8	7
Court of Appeal	1	1
Total Prosecutions and Appeals Filed <i>(Note: There may be more than one charge in many of these prosecutions)</i>	121	117

4.4.2 Nuisance Abatement Notices (NANs)

Category	FY23	FY24
NANs issued	60	54
Number of properties NANs issued to	56	50

4.4.3 Objection Hearings (Regulatory and Safety Committee)

Category	Outcome	Total
Objection to S.33A classification	Objection upheld	1
Objection to Probationary classification	Objection dismissed	1
Objection to Disqualification	All objections dismissed	5

4.4.4 Classifications Issued

Classification	Field Teams	HAS	MAS	SAS	Total
S.33A – Menacing Dog	277	32	56	14	379
S.33C – Menacing Dog	12	26	154	21	213
S.31 – Dangerous Dog	3	0	1	0	4
Total Classifications Issued	292	58	211	35	596

4.4.5 Other Compliance

Category	HAS	MAS	SAS	Total
Registrations issued	637	1166	453	2256
Microchips implanted	425	841	300	1566

4.4.6 Infringement Notices by Offence

Infringement Notices Issued		FY23	FY24
Section	Description of Offence	Total Infringements	
18	Wilful obstruction of dog control officer or ranger	8	11
19(2)	Failure or refusal to supply information or wilfully providing false particulars	2	9
19A(2)	Failure to supply information or wilfully providing false particulars about dog	5	5
20(5)	Failure to comply with any bylaw authorised by the section	1437	2031
23A(2)	Failure to undertake dog owner education programme or dog obedience course (or both)	5	8
24	Failure to comply with obligations of probationary owner	0	0
28(5)	Failure to comply with the effects of disqualification	9	27
32(2)	Failure to comply with the effects of classification of dog as dangerous dog	1	3
32(4)	Fraudulent sale or transfer of dangerous dog	0	0
33EC(1)	Failure to comply with effects of classification of dog as menacing dog	256	250
33F(3)	Failure to advise person of muzzle and leashing requirements	1	0
36A(6)	Failure to implant microchip transponder in dog	14	53
41	False statement relating to dog registration	0	1
41A	Falsely notifying death of dog	1	4
42	Failure to register dog	1490	2305
46(4)	Fraudulent procurement or attempt to procure replacement dog registration label or disc	0	0
48(3)	Failure to advise change of dog ownership	3	7
49(4)	Failure to advise change of address	4	12
51(1)	Removal, swapping, or counterfeiting of registration label or disc	0	3
52A(3)	Failure to keep dog controlled or confined	83	172
53(1)	Failure to keep dog under control	1337	1394
54(2)	Failure to provide proper care and attention, to supply proper and sufficient food, and to provide adequate exercise	2	5
54A(2)	Failure to carry leash in public	2	2
55(7)	Failure to comply with barking dog abatement notice	87	83
62(4)	Allowing dog known to be dangerous to be at large unmuzzled or unleashed	0	0
62(5)	Failure to advise of muzzle and leashing requirements	0	0
72(2)	Releasing a dog from custody	1	2
Total Infringements Issued		4748	↑ 6387

4.5 Animal Shelters

4.5.1 Impounded Dogs – Summary

Category	% of Total	HAS	MAS	SAS	FY23	FY24
Dogs impounded		2064	5001	1241	6596	↑ 8306
Claimed / Returned to owner	↓ 42.6%	Not supplied separately			3488	↑ 3536
Euthanised	↑ 48.2%	Not supplied separately			2615	↑ 4007
Adopted / Transferred to Rescues	↓ 5.5%	Not supplied separately			382	↑ 455

4.5.2 Incoming Dog Totals by Impound Reason

Impound Reason	% of Total	HAS	MAS	SAS	Total
Pick-up (request from member of public to collect dog)	47.9%	1132	2146	697	3975
Roaming at large (public place)	18.8%	308	1158	95	1561
Dropped off at shelter by member of public	7.3%	137	427	46	610
Attack on person or animal	7.1%	152	350	90	592
Relinquish (voluntary surrender by owner)	4.7%	72	208	112	392
Welfare concerns	3.8%	40	226	46	312
No current registration	3.4%	89	137	60	286
Not under control or confined on owner's property	2.6%	35	162	21	218
Dog rushing / aggressive behaviour	1.3%	27	61	19	107
Police assist	1.1%	27	31	32	90
Failure to comply with disqualified owner classification	<1%	13	33	4	50
Dead	<1%	7	34	1	42
Failure to comply with menacing dog classification	<1%	12	8	6	26
Breach of conditions of release under S.71	<1%	0	9	3	12
At large on private property w/o consent of occupier	<1%	10	1	0	11
Breach of abatement notice (barking / howling)	<1%	2	5	1	8
Court order for destruction of dog	<1%	1	4	1	6
Holding for other territorial authority	<1%	0	0	4	4
At large among protected wildlife	<1%	0	0	2	2
Unlawful release of dog from custody	<1%	0	1	0	1
Failure to comply with dangerous dog classification	<1%	0	0	1	1
Total Impounds		2064	5001	1241	8306

4.5.3 Outgoing Dog Totals by Exit Reason (Outcome)

Exit Reason	% of Total	Total
Euthanised	49.5%	4007
Claimed by owner (released from shelter)	37.9%	3068
Returned to owner by AMO	5.8%	468
Transferred to rescue group	3.4%	274
Adopted	2.0%	160
Dead on arrival	<1%	58
Died in shelter	<1%	31
Transferred to SPCA	<1%	10
Transferred to breed rescue	<1%	5
Fostered	<1%	5
Stolen or escaped from shelter	<1%	2
Transferred to other council	<1%	1
Total Exits		8089

4.5.4 Impounded Dogs – Top 15 by Predominant Breed⁶

Henderson Shelter (HAS)	
Breed	Total
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	536
Pit Bull Terrier	262
Labrador Retriever	169
American Staffordshire Terrier	108
Shar Pei	103
Mastiff	101
German Shepherd	66
American Bulldog	64
Border Collie	52
Rottweiler	47
Huntaway	46
Siberian Husky	43
Shih Tzu	35
Australian Cattle	27
Jack Russell Terrier	26

Manukau Shelter (MAS)	
Breed	Total
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1319
Pit Bull Terrier	977
Labrador Retriever	393
Shar Pei	323
Mastiff	284
Huntaway	205
German Shepherd	172
Border Collie	168
American Bulldog	168
American Staffordshire Terrier	157
Rottweiler	145
Siberian Husky	79
Bearded Collie	54
Jack Russell Terrier	40
Whippet	28

Silverdale Shelter (SAS)	
Breed	Total
Pit Bull Terrier	171
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	137
Labrador Retriever	128
Mastiff	102
American Staffordshire Terrier	69
Shar Pei	66
American Bulldog	53
German Shepherd	48
Huntaway	45
Rottweiler	44
Border Collie	43
Siberian Husky	29
Australian Cattle	23
Jack Russell Terrier	21
Bull Mastiff	16

4.5.5 Impounded Dogs – Top 15 by Suburb

Henderson Shelter	
Suburb	Total
Henderson	372
Massey	142
Glen Eden	112
Mount Wellington	88
Mount Roskill	82
Avondale	68
New Lynn	62
Ōtāhuhu	52
Ranui	50
Glen Innes	45
Mount Albert	42
Waterview	40
Onehunga	39
Te Atatū Peninsula	38
Te Atatū South	36

Manukau Shelter	
Suburb	Total
Manurewa	672
Papakura	522
Ōtara	465
Māngere	461
Papatoetoe	273
Māngere East	236
Pukekohe	196
Takanini	146
Clendon Park	136
Wiri	135
Flat Bush	127
Randwick Park	112
Manukau	110
Ōtāhuhu	98
Māngere Bridge	96

Silverdale Shelter	
Suburb	Total
Silverdale	119
Ōtara	58
Papakura	57
Massey	53
Manurewa	36
Henderson	33
West Harbour	26
Glenfield	26
Mount Wellington	25
Albany	21
Browns Bay	21
Beach Haven	21
Mount Roskill	21
Orewa	20
Dairy Flat	18

⁶ The 'predominant breed' is the breed most identifiable by visual means, or as provided by the dog owner on the registration documentation.

4.5.6 Other Shelter Statistics (Dogs Only)

Reporting Category (At Time of Impounding)	HAS	MAS	SAS	Total
Classified as menacing – S.33C (breed / type)	103	292	81	(5.7%) 476
Classified as menacing – S.33A (behaviour)	23	55	39	(1.4%) 117
Classified as dangerous – S.31	5	1	3	(0.1%) 9
Current registration	578	962	347	(22.7%) 1887
Microchipped	939	1603	594	(37.8%) 3136
Known dog	966	1731	610	(39.8%) 3307
1 st impounding	1539	4009	1313	(82.6%) 6861
2 nd impounding	252	464	158	(10.5%) 874
3 rd impounding	93	138	41	(3.3%) 272
More than 3 times impounded	112	133	54	(3.6%) 299

4.5.7 Stock and Other Animals Impounded (Public Pounds and Temporary Pounds)

Species	HAS	MAS	SAS	FY23	FY24
Sheep	0	4	37	26	41
Poultry	1	18	0	21	19
Goats	2	7	8	11	17
Pigs	6	2	8	7	16
Cattle	0	11	4	6	15
Horses	0	0	0	7	0
Rabbits	0	0	0	2	0
Total Impounds	9	42	57	80	108 ↑

4.5.8 Euthanasia⁷

Reason for Euthanasia	FY23	FY24
Failed temperament test	1477	1997
Shelter full	151	985
Infectious disease (Parvo virus)	81	279
Health issues (determined by a veterinarian)	248	256
Involved in an attack (Section 57)	204	227
No longer suitable for adoption	0	88
Involved in a rushing incident (Section 57A)	28	71
Dependant pup	0	37
Relinquish - Aggressive behaviour	0	29
Order for destruction made by court	13	19
Classified as menacing (Section 33A - behaviour)	16	16
Classified as dangerous (Section 31)	0	3
Classified as menacing (Section 33C - breed/type)	397	0
Total Euthanasia	2615	4007 ↑

⁷ Euthanasia and other outcome totals are not provided separately for each shelter, as the dogs are frequently transferred between shelters based on the availability of kennels, and to combine the use of veterinary services where possible.

Abbreviations and Indicators

MAS = Manukau Animal Shelter	↑ = up from the previous year
HAS = Henderson Animal Shelter	↓ = down from the previous year
SAS = Silverdale Animal Shelter	↕ = unchanged from the previous year
FY	Financial Year (1 July – 30 June)
AMO	Animal Management Officer
ASO	Animal Shelter Officer
PAMO	Proactive Animal Management Officer
RFS	Request for Service *
* Note: Where a 'section' is mentioned, this refers to the relevant section of the Dog Control Act 1996.	

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