

Agenda

Notice is hereby given of a Waimate District Council Appeal Panel Committee Meeting

Tuesday 2 April 2019

Commencing at 3.30pm

Council Chamber
Waimate District Council
125 Queen Street
Waimate

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Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Waimate District Council Appeal Panel Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, Waimate District Council, 125 Queen Street, Waimate, on Tuesday 2 April 2019, commencing at 3.30pm.

Committee Membership

Craig Rowley	Chairperson
Sharyn Cain	Deputy Mayor
Sheila Paul	Councillor

Quorum – no less than two members

Significance Consideration

Evaluation: Council officers, in preparing these reports have had regard to Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. Council and Committee members will make the final assessment on whether the subject under consideration is to be regarded as being significant or not. Unless Council or Committee explicitly determines that the subject under consideration is to be deemed significant then the subject will be deemed as not being significant.

Decision Making

The Council, in considering each matter, must be:

- Satisfied that it has sufficient information about the practicable options and their benefits, costs and impacts, bearing in mind the significance of the decision;
- ii. Satisfied that it knows enough about and will give adequate consideration to the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decisions to be made.

Stuart Duncan Chief Executive

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OPENING

1 APOLOGIES

2 VISITORS

Maree & Paul Whiting Anne Weeks Bradley Haines Lawrence Pritchard John Fattorini Leanne McLeod

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

As per the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968 (as below), the Chair will enquire if there are any Conflicts of Interest to be declared on any item on the agenda, and if so, for any member to declare this interest.

Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968

Councillors are reminded that if they have a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda, then they must declare this interest and refrain from discussing or voting on this item and are advised to withdraw from the meeting table.

4 IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR (URGENT) OR MINOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

1. The Chair will call for any major (urgent business) or minor items not on the agenda to be raised according to Standing Orders, as below:

a. Standing Orders 3.7.5 - Major Items

An item not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at the meeting if the local authority by resolution so decides, and the presiding member explains at the meeting at a time when it is open to the public –

- i. The reason why the item was not listed on the agenda; and
- ii. The reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

b. Standing Orders 3.7.6 – Minor Items

An item not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at the meeting if -

- i. That item is a minor matter relating to the general business of the local authority; and
- ii. The presiding member explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at the meeting; but
- iii. No resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer that item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion.

REPORTS

5 GENERAL REPORTS

5.1 TERMS & REFERENCE - WAIMATE DISTRICT COUNCIL APPEAL PANEL COMMITTEE

Author: Karalyn Reid, Committee Secretary and PA to the Mayor

Authoriser: Paul Cooper, Regulatory and Compliance Group Manager

Attachments: 1. Terms of Reference U

PURPOSE

To present the Terms and Reference of the Waimate District Council Appeal Panel Committee for the information of the members.

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1. Terms of Reference for all Council Committees

Other Committees

Meetings will be arranged as required, normally quarterly.

To provide independent assurance and assistance to the Council on the risks, control, compliance framework and its external accounting responsibilities. The committee is advisory only and should not assume any management functions or make decisions that are the statutory responsibility of the Chief Executive.

Waimate District Council Appeal Panel

Terms of Reference and Processes. Approved Council Meeting 27 June 2017

- 1. The Dog Control Appeal Panel (the Panel) shall consist of the Mayor and two Councillors
- 2. The Panel has the power to receive objections as defined in the Dog Control Act 1996, primarily Barking Abatement Notices, Menacing Classifications, Dangerous Dog Classification, Disqualified Owner Classification and Probationary Owner Classification.
- 3. The Panel will only receive and hear objections to Notices which are issued under the provisions of the Dog Control Act 1996.
- 4. The Panel will adhere to the legal requirements for the keeping of records as set down in the Dog Control Act 1996 section 30.
- 5. The Chair will liaise with appropriate staff and the Committee Secretary to produce the agendas and collate information required for the process outlined in the following 'Dog Control Hearing Appeal Process Flowchart'.
- 6. Copies of agendas, together with supporting papers will be provided to the Panel and other appropriate parties no less than four working days prior to the Appeal Hearing.
- 7. The dog owner/s, victim, complainant and appropriate staff will be invited to attend the Appeal Hearing. Approval for the attendance of any other relevant parties is at the discretion of the Panel.
- 8. The Panel shall follow the Waimate District Council Model Standing Orders (a set of procedures for conducting meetings). The Chair is responsible for maintaining order at meetings and may, at their discretion, order the removal of any attendee for disorderly conduct, or remove any member of the Panel who does not comply with Standing Orders.
- 9. The Panel may request an audio recording be made of the hearing for transcription purposes. The Chair will advise all parties prior to commencement.
- 10. The victim or complainant will appear first and make their verbal submission to support their statement. The dog owner/s would appear second and make their verbal submission to support their statement. The Animal Control Officer and appropriate staff members will then be asked to give evidence following their brief of evidence as disclosed prior to the meeting. The Chair and Panel Members may ask questions of each party in cross-examination at any time and photographs or other evidence will be allowed to be presented by each party.

- 11. At the completion of giving of evidence the Panel may take a short adjournment to decide if they are able to make an immediate determination, or may close the meeting and reserve their decision. The Panel may also determine that it is necessary to make a site visit prior to a determination being reached.
- 12. When considering an objection the Panel must give due consideration to all relevant sections of the Dog Control Act 1996, but particularly to section 26(3)(a-e).
- 13. The decision of the Panel will be advised to all affected parties as soon as practically possible with compliance to be assessed as per the following 'Dog Control Hearing Appeal Process Flowchart'.
- 14. Minutes of meetings and decisions must be kept as evidence of the proceedings of the meeting.

5.2 MENACING DOG CLASSIFICATION OBJECTION - MAREE AND PAUL WHITING

Author: Karalyn Reid, Committee Secretary and PA to the Mayor
Authoriser: Paul Cooper, Regulatory and Compliance Group Manager

Attachments: Nil

PURPOSE

- 1. This report is to refer the above matter to the hearings committee for decision of an objection by a dog owner against the decision of the Council Animal Control Officer to classify their dog as menacing pursuant to Section 33A(2) of the Dog Control Act 1996 (copy of classification notice and letter of objection from dog owner attached.)
- 2. The dog owners are Maree and Paul Whiting of 25 Overdale Drive Christchurch.
- 3. Maree and Paul Whiting have indicated that they will be present at the hearing.

BACKGROUND

- 4. At about 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday the 2 of January 2019 an Action Request was received from Anne Weeks reporting an attack on her dog from two dogs in Victoria Park.
- 5. The Council After Hours Animal Control Officer, Robin Cadogan investigated the matter initially.
- 6. The investigation concluded that because of the reported behaviour of the dog, he may pose a threat to any domestic animal, namely another dog, and was therefore classified menacing pursuant to Section 33A (2) of the Dog Control Act 1996.
- 7. Key factors to classification:
 - a. Dog escaped the control of the owner, rushed at and grabbed Mrs Weeks' little dog around the neck and shook it.
 - b. A propensity for aggression towards small dogs now having been demonstrated, if the same or similar circumstances were to occur again, there is no guarantee that the dog will not behave in a similar manner and injure another dog during a future incident.
- 8. As a result of the investigation, the Animal Control Officer has discussed the incident with the parties involved and has undertaken peer discussion and advice. An infringement fine for failing to control the dog was issued together with the menacing classification.
- 9. The course of action taken by the Animal Control Officer is both consistent with the Dog Control Act 1996 and with the action taken by other neighbouring councils in similar circumstances (dog attack with minor injuries sustained to another dog).
- 10. The Animal Control Officer has responded to the complaint as required by internal procedures, the Dog Control Act 1996 and the Council Policy. After investigating the complaint, the Animal Control Officer believed that sufficient evidence existed for the dog to be classified menacing. The dog owner is now exercising his legal right to object to that notice and have the issue heard by the Hearings Committee.
- 11. All evidence is attached to this report.

PROPOSAL

- 12. That the Waimate District Council Appeal Panel Committee reviews the information as supplied and makes a decision to either:
 - a. Uphold the Menacing Dog Classification; or
 - b. Rescind the Menacing Dog Classification.

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Options

13. The Committee is authorised by the Dog Control Act 1996 to either uphold or rescind the classification.

ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

14. This matter is not deemed significant under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

CONSIDERATIONS

- 15. The classification of the dog as menacing was made under Section 33A (1)(b)(i) of the Dog Control Act 1996 due to the reported or observed behaviour of the dog, that it may pose a threat to poultry and/or domestic animals.
- 16. With the offending dog having already been microchipped and neutered the compliance action required is that the dog be muzzled when in a public place.

Legislation

17. The provisions of Sections 33A-33EC of the Dog Control Act 1996 address this issue. An extract from that Act detailing the legal requirements is attached to this report.

CONCLUSION

18. The Animal Control Officer has responded to the complaint as required by internal procedures, the Dog Control Act 1996 and the Council Policy. After investigating the complaint, the Animal Control Officer believed that sufficient evidence existed for the dog to be classified menacing. The dog owner is now exercising his legal right to object to that notice and have the issue heard by the Hearings Committee.

FINANCIAL

19. There are no special funding considerations for this issue that are not part of the Animal Control budget.

Cost-effectiveness

20. Cost-effectiveness consideration is not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Menacing Dog Classification Objection Maree and Paul Whiting report is accepted; and
- 2. That the WDC Appeal Panel Committee hear evidence from both the complainants and the objector and after deliberation either uphold or rescind the notice.

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5.3 BRIEF OF EVIDENCE: ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Author: Karalyn Reid, Committee Secretary and PA to the Mayor

Authoriser: Paul Cooper, Regulatory and Compliance Group Manager

Attachments: 1. Attachment Sheet 4

2. Brief of Evidence: Linda Faye Shefford J.

BRIEF OF EVIDENCE: LINDA FAYE SHEFFORD

1. My full name is Linda Faye Shefford and I am a warranted full time Animal Control Officer for the Waimate District Council. I have been in the role for one year and three months.

- Part of my role is to investigate complaints to establish whether offences against the Dog Control Act 1996 or the Waimate District Council Dog Control Bylaw and policy have occurred.
- 3. At 9:08am on Thursday 3 January 2019, Timaru Answering Services took a call from Mrs Anne Weeks, reporting that her small dog had been attacked by two adult Labrador Retrievers. Mrs Weeks recorded the registration number of a vehicle at the scene and subsequently took her dog to the vet for treatment.
- 4. I subsequently received a report from TAS in email form and through the Chair; I now refer the Committee to a printout of the email.
- 5. At 9:14 am, the details of the complaint were passed to the on call after-hours Animal Control Officer, Robin Cadogan.
- 6. The Animal Control Officer obtained a written statement from Mrs Weeks, and through the Chair, I now refer the Committee to a copy of that statement.
- 7. A written statement was subsequently obtained from Mrs Maree Whiting, the person in charge of the two Labrador Retrievers that had allegedly attacked Mrs Week's dog. Through the Chair, I now refer the Committee to a copy of that statement.
- 8. The case file for this matter was handed to me on Thursday 7 January 2019. Based on information known to me at that time I checked the National Dog Database to see if the offending dog named "Bently" was currently registered and if any infringements or classifications existed. The dog was registered to a Paul Whiting. There were no existing infringements or classifications shown on the database.
- 9. I completed the internal assessment score sheets and based on the outcome of that assessment made recommendations about what the next step should be in the process to the Regulatory and Compliance Group Manager Paul Cooper. Through the Chair, I now refer the Committee to a copy of that assessment.
- 10. After a discussion between Mr Cooper and myself, Mr Cooper agreed with the recommendation from the assessment and his conclusion was that because of the observed and reported aggressive behaviour, the dog known as "Bently" may pose a threat to any domestic animal, such as another dog, and therefore should be classified menacing pursuant to Section 33 A (2) of the Dog Control Act 1996. Further to this, a single infringement under Section 53 (1) of the Dog Control Act 1996 for Failure to Keep Dog Under Control would be issued.
- 11. I obtained a written statement from a further three witnesses, namely Bradley Haines, Lawrence Pritchard and John Edward. Through the Chair, I now refer the Committee to a copy of that assessment.
- 12. Mr Cooper obtained a written statement from Leanne McLeod. Through the Chair, I now refer the Committee to a copy of that assessment.

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13. Mrs Whiting is now exercising her legal right to object to the menacing classification notice and have the issue considered by the Hearings Committee.

I confirm the truth and accuracy of this statement. I make the statement with knowledge that it is to be used in proceedings. I am aware that it is an offence to make a statement that is known by me to be false or intended by me to mislead.

Linda Faye Shefford

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Dog Control Act 1996 No 13 (as at 01 March 2017), Public Act 53 Offence of failing to keep dog under control - New Zealand Legisl...



New Zealand Legislation Dog Control Act 1996



53 Offence of failing to keep dog under control

- Every person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 who, being the owner of a dog, fails to keep that dog under control.
- (2) Notwithstanding section 52(2)(b), an owner of a dog does not commit an offence against subsection (1) by reason only of the dog being found at large in a public place in contravention of any regulation or bylaw.

Section 53(1): amended, on 1 July 2013, by section 413 of the Criminal Procedure Act 2011 (2011 No 81).

Section 53(1): amended, on 1 December 2003, by section 33 of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 119).

http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1996/0013/latest/DLM375400.html

Dog Control Act 1996 No 13 (as at 01 March 2017), Public Act 33A Territorial authority may classify dog as menacing - New Zealan...



New Zealand Legislation Dog Control Act 1996



Menacing dogs

Heading: inserted, on 1 December 2003, by section 21 of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 119).

33A Territorial authority may classify dog as menacing

- (1) This section applies to a dog that-
 - (a) has not been classified as a dangerous dog under section 31; but
 - (b) a territorial authority considers may pose a threat to any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife because of—
 - (i) any observed or reported behaviour of the dog; or
 - (ii) any characteristics typically associated with the dog's breed or type.
- (2) A territorial authority may, for the purposes of section 33E(1)(a), classify a dog to which this section applies as a menacing dog.
- (3) If a dog is classified as a menacing dog under subsection (2), the territorial authority must immediately give written notice in the prescribed form to the owner of—
 - (a) the classification; and
 - (b) the provisions of section 33E (which relates to the effect of classification as a menacing dog); and
 - (c) the right to object to the classification under section 33B; and
 - (d) if the territorial authority's policy is not to require the neutering of menacing dogs (or would not require the neutering of the dog concerned), the effect of sections 33EA and 33EB if the owner does not object to the classification and the dog is moved to the district of another territorial authority.

Section 33A: inserted, on 1 December 2003, by section 21 of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 119). Section 33A(3): amended, on 1 November 2004, by section 10 of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2004 (2004 No 61). Section 33A(3)(c): amended, on 28 June 2006, by section 13 of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2006 (2006 No 23). Section 33A(3)(d): added, on 28 June 2006, by section 13 of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2006 (2006 No 23).

http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1996/0013/latest/DLM375100.html

Dog Control Act 1996 No 13 (as at 01 March 2017), Public Act 33B Objection to classification of dog under section 33A - New Zeala...



New Zealand Legislation Dog Control Act 1996



33B Objection to classification of dog under section 33A

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

Section 33B: inserted, on 1 December 2003, by section 21 of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 119).

Dog Control Act 1996 No 13 (as at 01 March 2017), Public Act 33E Effect of classification as menacing dog - New Zealand Legislation



New Zealand Legislation Dog Control Act 1996



33E Effect of classification as menacing dog

- (1) If a dog is classified as a menacing dog under section 33A or section 33C, the owner of the dog-
 - (a) must not allow the dog to be at large or in any public place or in any private way, except when confined completely within a vehicle or cage, without being muzzled in such a manner as to prevent the dog from biting but to allow it to breathe and drink without obstruction; and
 - (b) must, if required by the territorial authority, within 1 month after receipt of notice of the classification, produce to the territorial authority a certificate issued by a veterinarian certifying—
 - (i) that the dog is or has been neutered; or
 - (ii) that for reasons that are specified in the certificate, the dog will not be in a fit condition to be neutered before a date specified in the certificate; and
 - (c) must, if a certificate under paragraph (b)(ii) is produced to the territorial authority, produce to the territorial authority, within 1 month after the date specified in that certificate, a further certificate under paragraph (b)(i).
- (2) [Repealed]
- (3) [Repealed]
- (4) [Repealed]
- (5) Subsection (1)(a) does not apply in respect of any dog or class of dog that the territorial authority considers need not be muzzled in any specified circumstances (for example, at a dog show).

Section 33E: inserted, on 1 December 2003, by section 21 of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2003 (2003 No 119).

Section 33E(1)(b): amended, on 28 June 2006, by section 29(4) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2006 (2006 No 23).

Section 33E(2): repealed, on 28 June 2006, by section 29(5) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2006 (2006 No 23).

Section 33E(3): repealed, on 28 June 2006, by section 29(5) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2006 (2006 No 23).

Section 33E(4): repealed, on 28 June 2006, by section 29(5) of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2006 (2006 No 23).

Section 33E(5): amended, on 7 July 2004, by section 12 of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2004 (2004 No 61).

http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1996/0013/latest/DLM375112.html

Dog Control Act 1996 No 13 (as at 01 March 2017), Public Act 33EA Menacing dog classification to extend over New Zealand – Ne...



New Zealand Legislation Dog Control Act 1996



33EA Menacing dog classification to extend over New Zealand

- (1) Every classification as a menacing dog under section 33A or 33C is in force throughout New Zealand.
- (2) This section is for the avoidance of doubt.
 Section 33EA: inserted, on 28 June 2006, by section 14 of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2006 (2006 No 23).

http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1996/0013/latest/DLM375117.html

Dog Control Act 1996 No 13 (as at 01 March 2017), Public Act 33EB Territorial authority (other than classifying authority) may requir...



New Zealand Legislation
Dog Control Act 1996



33EB Territorial authority (other than classifying authority) may require neutering of menacing dog

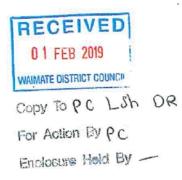
- (1) This section applies if-
 - (a) a dog is classified by a territorial authority as a menacing dog under section 33A or 33C; and
 - (b) the territorial authority does not require it to be neutered under section 33E(1)(b); and
 - (c) the dog is later registered with any other territorial authority.
- (2) No later than 1 month after the dog is registered with the other territorial authority, that territorial authority may require, by written notice, the owner of the dog to produce to the territorial authority a certificate issued by a veterinarian certifying—
 - (a) that the dog has been neutered; or
 - (b) that for reasons that are specified in the certificate, it will not be in a fit condition to be neutered before a date specified in the certificate.
- (3) The owner must produce the certificate to the territorial authority no later than 1 month after receiving the notice.
- (4) If a certificate under subsection (2)(b) is produced to the territorial authority, the owner of the dog must produce to the territorial authority, no later than 1 month after the date specified in that certificate, a further certificate under subsection (2).

Section 33 EB: inserted, on 28 June 2006, by section 14 of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2006 (2006 No 23).

http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1996/0013/latest/DLM375119.html

29th January 2019

Waimate District Council 125 Queen Street Waimate 7960 Animal Management





Re: Menacing Classification - Bently

To whom it may concern,

On taking further advice with regards to the above classification, we would like to appeal the decision.

We have owned Bently for over 5 years and the incident in Walmate is the first that has ever occurred.

Can you please forward the necessary documents to put the appeal in and a copy of all statements with regards to the case.

Yours sincerely,

Maree & Paul Whiting 25 Overdale Drive Christchurch 8022

Diane Robertson

From: TAS Answering Services 7 <tas_nz@xtra.co.nz>

Sent: Friday, 4 January 2019 8:12 AM

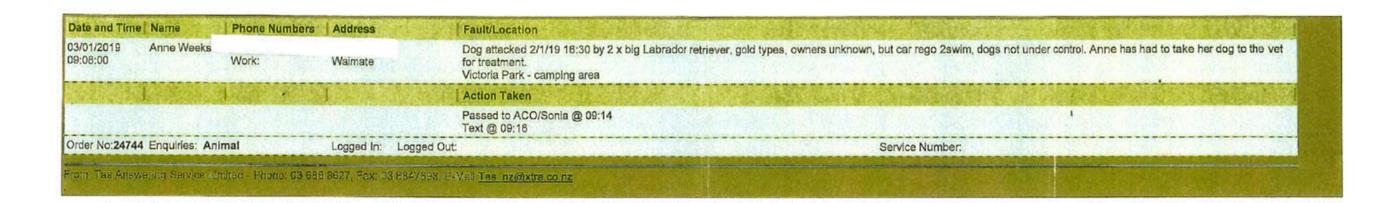
To: Diane Robertson; Jill Wilson; Kim Quirke; Linda Shefford; Margaret Mather; Paul Cooper; Steve Bailey

Cc: tas_nz@xtra.co.nz

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Waimate District Council (WDC)

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Item 5.3 - Attachment 2

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	Last: Whiting	
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Waimate District Council Animal Control

Statement of Events

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(date) On the 02 - 0	01-19		(time) at app	roximately 4.30pm
				thru Victoria Park wounder
and without stopping went for Jemma. One dog picked Jemma up in its mouth and shook her about. When a friend with me kicked				
at the dog it released Jemma. A lady shouted out don't lock my				
dog" and came and took dog away. I alight see where she went as I was sourced about Jemma. My friends who were walking				
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Print full name: An	ne We	eeks	Signed:	
Finish Time: ()	.30 am			

Waimate District Council Animal Control Statement of Events (Dog Owner)



(Dog Owner)
Statement of Anne Wooks (continued)
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and some At no time has the lady that took the
dog away come forth to enquire or apologise for
this madent.
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I have read this statement and agree that it is true and correct
I have nothing further to add.
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Waimate District Council Animal Control Statement of Events (Complainant / Witness)

CAR Number:
Date: 28 1 1 9
Start Time: 2.37 FM
Start Time.
My full name is Bradley Steward Haines and I live at
Phone
(age) 6 years (date of birth) 26 12 52 and I am making this statement to
Animal Control Officer (name) Linda Shefford of the Waimate District Council,
at •
(date) On the O 1 1 1 Ch (time) at approximately / L. 30 PM
(date) On the 2 1119 (time) at approximately 4.30 PM
(place) I was camp ground
(what happened)
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on a lead held by an elderly woman around
the neck and Shook it one Person
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woman very distranght, owners of the 2
dogs stood back anto initially.
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I have had this statement read back to me OR I have read this statement and agree that it is true and correct
I have nothing further to add.
Print full name: Brad Halnes Signed: Signed:
If under 16 years of age statement taken in presence of parent/guardian:
Parent or Guardian full name: Signed:
Finish Time: 2.50 PM.



Waimate District Council Animal Control Statement of Events



(Complainant / Witness)

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CAR Number:	
Date:	
Start Time:	
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I have nothing further to add.	
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If under 16 years of age statement taken in presence of parent/guardian:	
Parent or Guardian full name:	Signed:
Finish Time:	



Waimate District Council Animal Control Statement of Events



(Complainant / Witness)

CAR Number:	
Date:	•
Start Time:	
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	Phone
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Animal Control Officer (name)	of the Waimate District Council,
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Parent or Guardian full name:	Signed:
Finish Time:	





Waimate District Council Animal Control Statement of Events (Complainant / Witness)

	CAR Number: Date: Start Time: 13:55
	My full name is Leanne McLead and I live at
A.	Animal Control Officer (name) Paul Cooper of the Waimate District Council, at
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	(place) I was
	(what happened)
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	I have nothing further to add.
	Print full name: Signed:
	If under 16 years of age statement taken in presence of parent/guardian:
	Parent or Guardian full name: Signed:
	Finish time:

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Statement of Events (Complainant/Witness) LEWINE MCLEVEL (continued) There was Break, Carol, another old lady on the regulity scotter. I all on leads. These two Ist botted out from the middle in the Campins ground they for the little close on a lead lady on the modify scotter. I lady on the close yelp, like cry. You carld tell the close when the wee close inches when the wee close yelp, like and the wee close inches I shall the wee close inches I thought it was closed. A girl

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And I make thi	is solemn declaration conscientiously believing the	same to be true, and by virtue of the Oaths and
Declarations Act 1	957	
Print full name:		Signed:
Declared at	this	day of

An officer authorised to take statutory declarations

Walmate District Council Animal Control						
Statement of Events						
(Complainant / Witness) Statement of						
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Waimate District Council Animal Control

Statement of Events

(Complainant / Witness) -

Dog Owner
CAR Number:
Date: 03 · 01 - 19.
Start Time: 11 · 40 am.
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My full name is Maree Whiting and I live at
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Animal Control Officer (name) Robin Cadagan of the Waimate District Council,
at Victoria Park Canging Ground Warmante
(date) On the 02 - 01 - 2019 (time) at approximately 5-80 cm
(place) I was Untangling Bentley from being caught up on longline
(what happened) he was affactive to by his Wead. Briefly undid his
lead while untangling it. He bolted as he gaw 3-4 people
walking along the path with their dogs and tackled a very
small dog. He was chased and taken from the situation
as soon as possible and taken back to where hes and our
other dog were fred UP - I chedeed to make sure the dog
and owner was ox - apologised as it is not the nature of a
cotriever to hurt anyone. I did say I was happy to cover
any costs if Benzier had hurt the ladies dog. She was visibly
shaken & upset.
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I have nothing further to add.
Print full name: Marce Ellen Whiting Signed: Mudduing
If under 16 years of age statement taken in presence of parent/guardian:
Parent or Guardian full name: Signed:
Finish Time: 11:58 aug.





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Date Time Activity Signed Afterhours job sheet 7/1/19 that was provided there 3:46m Phone adul to the Deison in the time who also provid tetement with contact number to phone, mr whiting coswered the registered owner stoid ward phone book as mrs whiting was unavailable Disone call received the investigation was menacing order & a invigo or Bently only. I advised the menadag requiremen has a microphin they need to meet that with the evidence collected it comes across as if the wee dog was very received public intervenced a used for wee dog that he





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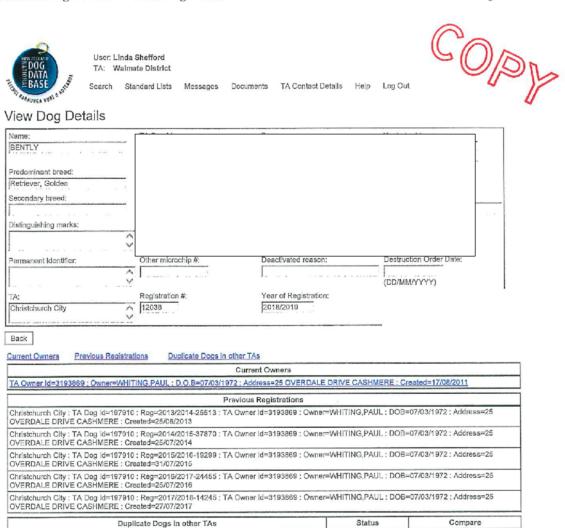
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National Dog Database - View Owner Details	Page 1 of 1
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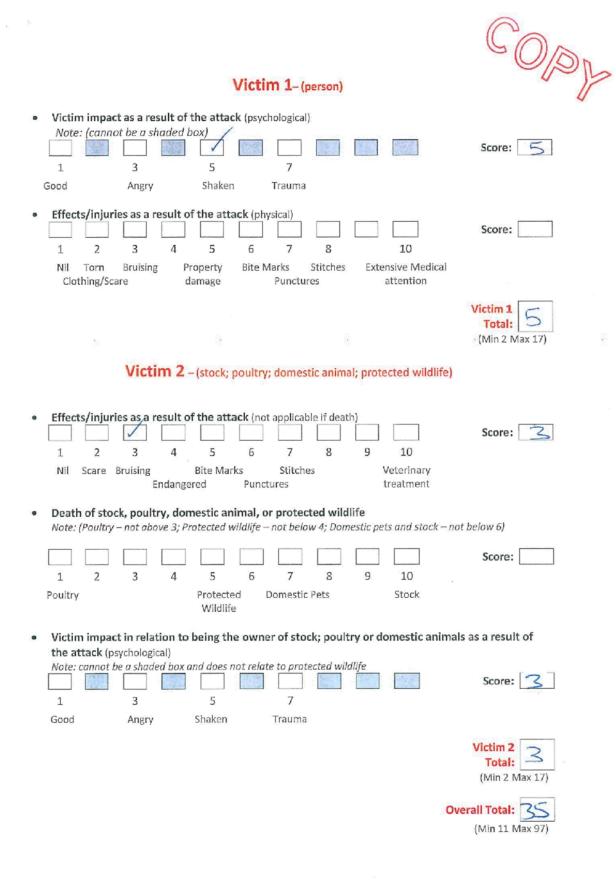


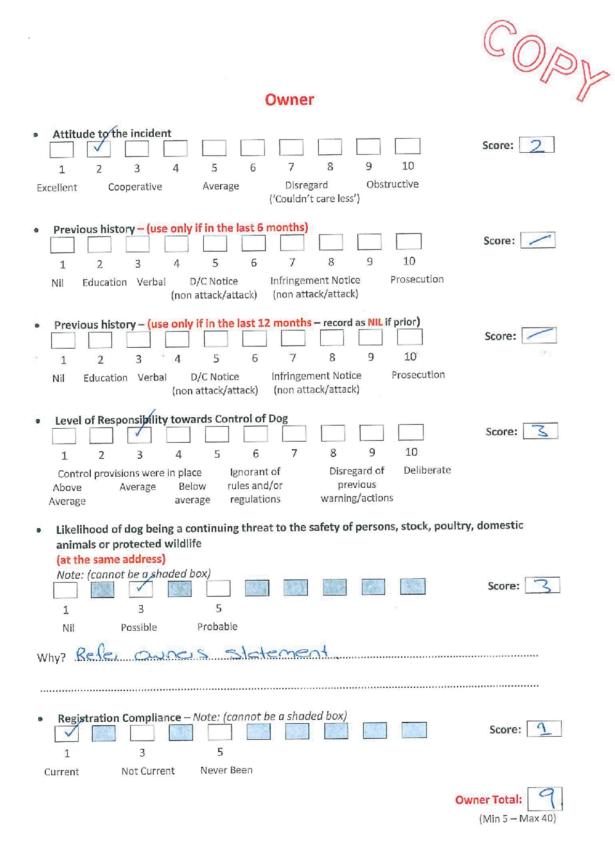
Assessment Matrix

(applies for offences under Sections 57 and 58 Dog Control Act 1996) (attacks)

The following assessment matrix is to be used as a means of gauging the alleged offence to determine if the attack will be considered 'serious'. The scale is based on a 'score' for each matter to be assessed. The 'score' (unless expressly restricted to a range) is totally dependent on the officer's interpretation of the incident being investigated.

CAR# 3268 Dog Name: Bentley	*******
Dog	
Picked dog up & shook, no puncture wand	ds.
	Score: 3
1 3 5 7 8 10	
Low Intensity Medium Intensity Extreme Intensity (nip and run off) (bite and retreat) (multiple bites and retreat) (hanging on - shaking) (intimidating) (growling) (snarling)	
Dog escaped owner & ren over to dog on	read
1 3 5 7 8 9 10	Score: 10
Uncharacteristic Reaction Provoked Territorial Protection Unprovoked Accidental Pupples Prey Drive	
Previous history – (use only if in the last 6 months)	Score:
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
Nil Barking Growling Straying Snarling Rushing Biting Attack Impounded aggressive behaviour	
Previous history – (use only if in the last 12 months - record as NIL if prior)	Score:
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
Nil Barking Growling Straying Snarling Rushing Biting Attack Impounded aggressive behaviour	
• Type of 'control' situation the dog was in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Score: 5
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Secured on own Owner control property (leash) (verbal) (owner present) At large other persons private property (access/no access) (no owner present)	
Dog	g Total: 18 Min 4 – Max 40)





Use the following guide based on the matrix score to provide a gauge as to the type of enforcement action 57 or 58 Dog Control Act 1996. (one or more options may apply)

CAR# 3268 FIVE Assessment S	score
Score: 11-34 (tick box/s) (Officer Options)	
Dog Control Notice and	O Education
S33A Menacing Classification (deed)	O S33C Menacing Classification (breed)
O Dog Control Notice	O Notice to Register
Verbal Warning 1st offence (womele no wands	O By-Law Breach
Note:	og rason in energe.
 Notice to Register must accompany the above (ur S33C Menacing Classification must accompany the 	
S33A or S33C Menacing Classification would not a	
	,
Score: 35 – 84 (tick box/s) (T/A Options)	
O S57 Prosecution and Dog Seizure Retention	O S25 Disqualification (upon conviction)
O S57 Prosecution	
(Officer Opt	tions)
O S53(1) Infringement Notice and Dog Control Notice And S33A Menacing Classification (deed)	O S33C Menacing Classification (breed)
O S53(1) Infringement Notice and Dog Control Notice	O S42 Infringement Notice
O S53(1) Infringement Notice	O Dog Control Notice
O Dog Control Notice and	O Notice to Register
S33A Menacing Classification (deed)	
O S31 Classification (if applicable)	O By-Law Breach

Note:

- . Notice to Register must accompany the above (if applicable unless dog handed over or destroyed) where medical/veterinary attention is not required.
- . S42 Infringement Notice must accompany the above (if applicable unless dog handed over or destroyed) where medical/veterinary attention is required or a death of stock, poultry, domestic animal or protected wildlife has resulted.
- S33C Menacing Classification must accompany the above (if applicable)
- S33A or S33C Menacing Classification would not apply if the dog was destroyed.
- · Where medical/veterinary attention is required the officer shall give higher consideration to the more serious action option (providing it is relevant to the circumstances of the case).

Score: $85-87$ (tick box/s) (T/A Options)	
S58 Prosecution and Dog Seizure RetentionS57 Prosecution and Dog Seizure Retention	O S57 Prosecution O S25 Disqualification
Note: S42 Infringement Notice must accompany the abo Where extensive medical repair and/or hospital consideration to the more serious action option. Seizure of Dog (if applicable) S25 Disqualification (upon conviction)	107 Value
Details: Dea Rished and he doe Dog ID#: 197910 MOD - Bentley Owner ID#: 3193869 - Ch.ch Rec Impound Notice#: Seizure Notice#:	y PIC Mare Whiting
Notice to Register #:	
Decision of Council: O Prosecution	No Prosecution
(If 'No Prosecution' the ACO uses assessment score above	under Officer Options for alternate action)
Reason for either Prosecution OR No Prosecution: (see for	actors to consider for prosecution decision)
Plus infringent please for	Main offends
Signed: (Manager)	Date:

Waimate Veterinary Centre

Gorge Road

Phone: 03 6897213

Date Printed 18 JAN 19

Clinical Record For:

Name: Gemma

Own Addr EKSA)

Breed: Maltese DOB: 10 JUL 05

JUL 05

Waimate

SOUTH CANTERBURY 7924

Sex: F (Neuter)
Optimal Weight: 0.00

Phc Mol.....

Clinical Notes:

Date: 2 JAN 19 19:55

Vet: LA

Weight: Body Score: Temperature: Dental:

Desc:

Gemma was rushed by two big dogs this afternoon while at the camping ground park. One of the dogs picked her up twice and shook her. She is quite timid already, but definitely worried about being examined. O said she yelped a lot when another person picked her up to put her on the

mobility scooter for her.

BAR, HR + RR normal, MM pk and moist with CRT <2secs, some panting while i was in the house, but is a very hot day today and her chest otherwise auscultates normally. No sign of any broken skin, but two areas where there is dried saliva in fur. No bruising noted either, but dark coloured dog so might be hard to see. Gemma is physically fine, but just a bit shaken I think. O also quite shaken.

O to monitor this evening, any change in Gemma and she will call.

Drug Quantity Drug Name and Instructions

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VETERINARY CENTRE

Veterinary Centre Oamaru, 311 Thames Street, Oamaru
Veterinary Centre Waimate, Gorge Road, Waimate
Veterinary Centre Omarama, 3 Chain Hills Highway, Omarama
Veterinary Centre Kurow, 32 Bledisloe Street, Kurow
Veterinary Centre Glenavy, 19 Redcliff Road, Glenavy
Veterinary Centre East Otago, 29 Stronsa Street, Palmerston
Veterinary Centre Ranfurly, 16 Charlemont Street East, Ranfurly

Waimate SOUTH CANTERBURY 7924 GST No: 65-700-662 Tax Invoice No: 2675830 Date: 2 JAN 19

Client C

 Description
 Quantity
 Total \$

 Consultation A/Hours
 1
 75.00

 Invoice Totals:
 1
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 This invoice Includes GST of \$9.78
 Invoice Total
 75.00

If paying by direct credit please include your client code Bank Account - 02 0940 0063888 00

5.4 PAUL & MAREE WHITING: APPEAL DOCUMENTATION

Author: Karalyn Reid, Committee Secretary and PA to the Mayor
Authoriser: Paul Cooper, Regulatory and Compliance Group Manager
Attachments: 1. Paul & Maree Whiting: Appeal Documentation <u>J.</u>

2. Paul & Maree Whiting: Vet Report J.

PURPOSE

To present the appeal documentation received from Paul & Maree Whiting.

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23 March 2019	

To Whom It May Concern,

OBJECTION TO CLASSIFICATION AS A MENACING DOG UNDER S33A DOG CONTROL ACT 1996 DOG: Golden Retriver named Bently, DoB 10 March 2013.

On 2nd Jan 2019 at approximatley 4.30pm I was untanging Bently from our other dog Dakota who were both connected by their leads to a longline next to our vehicle and tent at the Victoria Park Camping Ground - refer to the statement that was provided to Animal Control on the 3rd January 2019. We had arrived in Waimate only a couple of hours previously from Christchurch with our two children and two dogs. We were parent help at our swim club's swimming camp staying for a week. We had been at the park the previous year at the same time for a week and both dogs were with us for the duration without incident.

I now realise that tying up a dog or dogs causes them to defend themselves and drives them in adrenaline. Reasearch has proved that a dog that is tied up will attack anyone or anything. We make any dog a guard dog by doing so. The reason this occurs is based on the same response to fear for both dogs and humans. Namely the fight, flight or freeze response. By tying a dog up we remove all but one of these options. A dog that is trapped can not escape, so it leaves it one option fight, as freeze is not going to save it. We now therefore realise tying our dogs up left them in a state of fear and high adrenaline, when they got tangled this only caused them more fear of being attacked so heightening their defense response. As we all know the best form of defense is attack which is what happened on this occasion, to our obvious horror, we can asure you we had no idea what tying up a dog or dogs did to them. We were struggling to understand why one of our dogs attacked this dog. He has never attacked anyone or anything before and has been around other dogs and children all his life, however it now becomes obvious. We sought the advice of Geoff Bowers, a Director of KURI Ltd who has had vast experience working with dogs over 26 years in numerous capacities. He provided the reasons a dog would defend itself in this case.

According to the AMVA (American Veterinary Medical Foundation) There are up to 15 reasons a dog will attack, none of them relate to aggression, as we now know dogs are incapable of aggression.

In this case there are potentially 4 reasons:

- To defend themselves
- They have been startled
- 3. They are placed in a stressful situation
- To protect something valuable to them

Therefore we object to the menacing/dangerous dog classification under section 33A of the Dog Control Act 1996. This really would have such a significant impact on his enjoyment of life, not to mention make a public announcement to all in sundry that he is dangerous and to be avoided - this is simply untrue and creates a culture of fear.

This objection is based on section 33B of the Dog Control Act 1996. Under sub sec 2 (b) (c) (d) namely:

(b)

any steps taken by the owner to prevent any threat to the safety of persons or animals; and

(c)

the matters relied on in support of the objection; and

(d)

any other relevant matters.

Under sec (b) We can confirm that these events namely the prevention of any threat to persons or animals will never be allowed to occur again based on the following points:

- 1. The dogs will never be tied up again they will be crated instead if left alone
- 2. When Bently is off the property he will remain on a lead at all times

Under sec (c)

We fully admit our mistakes, the dog escaping was our fault not Bently's, if we had been more
aware of the consequences this would not have occurred. We have since taken professional
advice with Geoff Bowers the founder and director of KURI Ltd who assessed Bently to ensure the
dog did not have any behavioural issues.

Under sec (d)

- We recently discovered a large lump on Bently's rear leg and upon assessment by our vet it was removed and tested. The results came back positive for cancer. Given the size of the tumour it may have been growing for some time and possibly caused agitation and/or pain (it was discovered by us when bathing Bently as it was well hidden under his long coat – refer to attachments from Avonhead Vets).
- 2. The use of the agitation muzzle in this case would not prevent further risk to other animals as the dog could still chase and potentially kill them. Wearing this type of muzzle increases the risk of that occurring for any dog wearing this type of muzzle. For the following reasons:

Muzzles

There are basically two types of muzzles used on dogs—the safety muzzle and the much sturdier agitation muzzle (or basket muzzle as it commonly referred to and issued by councils).

The safety muzzle is generally used to restrict the dog's biting ability when such behavior is undesired and cannot be controlled (e.g., at the vet's). Some keep the dog's mouth closed, while others allow limited lower jaw movement. They are usually worn for short periods of time, as they restrict panting and breathing.

The agitation muzzle, on the other hand, **is used during times when biting is being encouraged**--as in the training of a police service dog. These muzzles are built stronger and can be worn for extended periods of time. They are designed to allow the dog free movement of his mouth—to allow barking and the bite reflex; they even allow the dog to drink or to eat little "treats".

Plastic agitation muzzles are not a good idea for extensive muzzle use/training. They have sharp edges that can injure the agitator and it is possible for them to break. A good quality leather muzzle is best. In this article, I will discuss the basics of the agitation muzzle.

History of Muzzle Training

Muzzle training was first used at a German police dog training school around 1956-58. The trainers were trying to solve the problem of police dogs that had an "arm fixation" or "sleeve happiness". The muzzle was subsequently found to be a very effective aid in solving these problems.

At the State Police School for Dog Handlers (Landespolizeischule für Diensthundführer NW) at Schloss Holte-Stukenbrock, Germany, the muzzle was incorporated into the international patrol dog qualification test (DPO) and then called the Polizeischutzhundprüfung (PSP). There are several exercises that make up the PSP criminal apprehension test, but only one is off-muzzle -- a courage test that also tests the overall biting ability of the dog). The PSP, which also includes the standard tracking, evidence search, and obedience, is a highly regarded police dog test.

Used incorrectly the agitation muzzle lives up to its name, the dog can be highly stressed as they know they are unable to defend themselves. Imagine having to fight for your life with your hands tied behind your back. Training

in its correct use is imperative and highly skilled. Training to wear one so a dog is not more agitated when it is on or when it is taken off, takes up to 3 weeks.

Used correctly they are a very effective tool, but that is all they are, they should not be used as an excuse for a lack of knowledge on how to train or correct/stop unwanted behaviours. Used inappropriately we add further risk to the owners, other people and animals.

Geoff Bowers provided the report on muzzles he has used them and been trained in their use by the British and German Police.

We respectfully request that you give consideration to rescinding Bently's menacing dog classification, and we wish to be heard in respect of this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Maree & Paul Whiting

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Report: Lab Results Current To: 25 MAR 19

Animal: Bently

Breed: Retriever

Client: Mr & Mrs Whiting

Clinical Record: 144974A

Clinical Date: 5 MAR 19 11:40

Vet: PM

Date

Test Type

Result

Normal Range H/L Quick View

Lab Code Ref

6 MAR 19 10:41 Report

See Notes

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Comments REPORT:

19-05020

Right thigh skin mass: Animal ID: Bently

Received: A 65 x 45 mm piece of skin with a 30 x 28 x 25 mm, ovoid, cream mass

One cross section (slides 1-2) and two additional marginal sections were examined.

The skin has a large, dermal to subcutaneous mass composed of a dense infiltrate of neoplastic mast cells. There are small areas of tumour in the panniculus outside the main area of the mass. Eosinophils are present throughout. The neoplastic cells have mainly oval nuclei with stippled chromatin, small nucleoli, and small to abundant amounts of cytoplasm lightly to heavily filled with basophilic granules. There is mild anisokaryosis and no mitoses were counted in 10 fields. The margins are clean. Neoplastic cells are around 5 mm from deep margin and 2 mm from the closest lateral margin.

Two clusters of neoplastic cells have pushed into a lymphatic but are beneath the endothelium. There are some round foci of neoplastic cells that may be within lymphatics.

DIAGNOSIS:

Cutaneous mast cell tumour (low-grade)

COMMENT: Peter, this is a low-grade cutaneous mast cell tumour and the margins are clean. The tumour is slightly infiltrative with small tongues of tissue extending along the panniculus. It is closer to a lateral margin then might have been expected because of one of these tongues.

Despite being low-grade I have a suspicion that neoplastic cells could be within lymphatics and there are areas where clusters of tumour cells are pushing into the lymphatics but still covered in endothelium. It might be worth checking the regional lymph node to see is there has been any possible deal spread. I'm not sure where this tumour is exactly but part of the thigh might drain to the sub-lumbar lymph nodes making assessment tricky (but if to the inguinal nodes that will be easier).

Grading systems cannot predict the behaviour of an individual mast cell tumour but they provide a guide. Many low-grade tumours will be cured by excision but some low-grade tumours will spread via the lymphatics to the regional lymph node and beyond. The 2-tier grading system is divided into low and high grades and there is a good correlation with behaviour based on these grades. Dogs with low-grade tumours had median survival times of greater than 2 years whereas dogs with high-grade tumours had median survival times of less than 4 months.

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HISTOLOGY performed and reported by Gribbles Veterinary, Halkett St, Christchurch Reference Ranges and Method Reference will be supplied on request Testing Requested

1 x Histology - Single Tissue/Biopsy

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Date: 5 MAR 19
Client Code: WHITI25
For Bently

Description	Quantity	Total \$
Anaesthetic Dog Prop/Ket/Val 20-40kg	1	147.60
Isoflurane/30 Minutes >20kg	1	66.00
Surgery-Sterile /Min	30	252.00
Theatre Fee	1	61.30
Hospitalisation Dogs	1	30.00
Repose 50ml	12	0.00
Doppler / Pulse Oxymetry	1	30.00
Morphine 30mg/MI	.45	9.30
Temgesic	1.3	16.30
Metacam Injection	1	21.90
Metacam Chewable 2.5mg	4	19.00
Lab Histopath Single Sample	1	201.60
Vicryl Suture 2/0	1	19.10
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