

**I give notice that
an Ordinary Meeting of District Dog Control Committee will be held on:**

Date:	Tuesday, 18 August 2020
Time:	2.00pm
Location:	Council Chamber 107 Heuheu Street Taupō

AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson Cr Kevin Taylor

Deputy Chairperson

Members Cr John Boddy
Cr Kylie Leonard
Mayor David Trewavas

Quorum 2

Gareth Green
Chief Executive Officer

Order Of Business

- 1 **Apologies**
- 2 **Conflicts of Interest**
- 3 **Confirmation of Minutes**
Nil
- 4 **Policy and Decision Making**
 - 4.1 Objection to Menacing Classification of Dog 'Jasper'3
 - 4.2 Objection to Menacing Classification of Dog 'Mya'4
- 5 **Confidential Business**
Nil

4.1 OBJECTION TO MENACING CLASSIFICATION OF DOG 'JASPER'

Author: Tina Jakes, Head of Democracy, Governance and Venues

Authorised by: Gareth Green, Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE

To consider an objection request from Mr John Winston Ridd in relation to the menacing classification of his dog Jasper.

DISCUSSION

Council has received a letter from Mr Ridd objecting to staff classification of his dog Jasper as a menacing dog under the Dog Control Act 1996 ("the Act"). The request is presented for consideration.

Section 33B(2) of the Act states that:

The [Committee] 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.

Further, s33B(3) of the Act requires the Committee to, "as soon as practicable, give written notice to the owner of (a) its determination of the objection; and (b) the reasons for its determination.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. Hears from Mr Ridd in support of his objection to the menacing classification.
2. Hears from Council's Compliance Team Leader in relation to the staff decision to classify Mr Ridd's dog as menacing.
3. Deliberates on all the information provided to it, both written and verbal, and reaches a decision within the parameters of s33B(2) of the Dog Control Act 1996.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Compliance Team Leader's report - Jasper

4.2 OBJECTION TO MENACING CLASSIFICATION OF DOG 'MYA'

Author: Tina Jakes, Head of Democracy, Governance and Venues

Authorised by: Gareth Green, Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE

To consider an objection request from Ms Samantha Lloyd in relation to the menacing classification of her dog Mya.

DISCUSSION

Council has received a letter from Ms Lloyd objecting to staff classification of her dog Mya as a menacing dog under the Dog Control Act 1996 ("the Act"). The request is presented for consideration.

Section 33B(2) of the Act states that:

The [Committee] 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.

Further, s33B(3) of the Act requires the Committee to, "as soon as practicable, give written notice to the owner of (a) its determination of the objection; and (b) the reasons for its determination.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. Hears from Ms Lloyd in support of her objection to the menacing classification.
2. Hears from Council's Compliance Team Leader in relation to the staff decision to classify Ms Lloyd's dog as menacing.
3. Deliberates on all the information provided to it, both written and verbal, and reaches a decision within the parameters of s33B(2) of the Dog Control Act 1996.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Compliance Team Leader's report - Mya