

# **ATTACHMENTS**

**Ordinary District Dog Control Committee  
Meeting**

**30 April 2026**

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## Taupo District Council Incident Statement

Name: [REDACTED]

Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Residential address: [REDACTED]

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

**Incident:**

**Caution:**

My name is [REDACTED] I am Compliance Officer number 67. I am warranted by council (produce warrant card) under Section 13 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

I have been informed that you may have information relating to an offence I am investigating.

I am speaking to you about a dog attack that you witnessed.

You are not being detained.

You do not have to make any statement.

Anything you say will be recorded and may be given as evidence in court.

You are free to leave at anytime

Do you understand what I have just told you?

**This statement is being made to Compliance Officer: 67**

**Place:** *Turangi I-site*

**Time and Date:** *10/6/2025 at 11:30am*

SR *2508830*

Initial: [REDACTED]

Date: *10 June 2025*

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 my dogs were horrifically attacked.

On this day at around 12:20pm my neighbour [REDACTED] told me some other dogs attacked my dogs.

I walked out and I could see three dogs that she had scared away and they were making their way back to the other side of the road.

I followed them and hurried them along. They were two white dogs and a white and brown dog, [REDACTED] told me it was the neighbours dogs.

A female I recognised as Hailey Russel came down the driveway of the house [REDACTED] pointed at. She grabbed all three dogs and put them in her gate.

I was upset of course that her dogs attacked my dogs, I told her to keep her dogs in her perimeter and we had young kids.

She asked if she could have a look at my dogs and I said yes okay, she came over and had a look.

I saw that my dog Mokai was injured and was bleeding from his mouth and both eyes.

She said "well my dogs have no marks."

I said "well your dogs have just left here, I didn't see the dogs attack but my neighbour did."

I told her I was taking them straight to the vets, she told me she would pay it.

[REDACTED] was hysterical because she saw it and had her 4yr old boy with her as well.

By then I was angry and upset to see the state of our dog. I had never seen our dog with wounds to that extent. So my first reaction was to take him to the vets.

We went to the vets in Turangi town and asked for [REDACTED] advise, she advised to take him to Taumararui to get him stitched up.

We had an hour to do this, it was a predicament cause we had to find a car and then fill up the car and drive while being so upset from the state of my dogs.

SR 2508830

Initial: [REDACTED]

Date: 10 June 2025

My son just said to take my time so we carried on and went straight to the vets.

We arrived at the vets, they took Max in first, gave Max a look over and then sent him out.

They then looked over Mokai and put him under and stitched him up so we had to leave him for the afternoon while they worked on him.

The vet bill was \$637.63

When we got Mokai back from the vet he couldn't eat solid food so he had to eat jelly meat which he hated for a couple days.

This incident has greatly affected me, I worry now and always looking outside our house whenever our dogs bark.

We are that paranoid that Mokai sleeps in the shed now, we are actually getting two kennels as we speak for them.

I now have anxiety due to other dogs and am scared for our dogs and my young Moko's who live with me.

Update from the 28/5/25.

I went and saw Hailey about the vet bill and she said she would pay it.

█ from the vets later told me that Hailey would not be paying it as she wasn't sure if it was her dogs that did it.

SR 2508830

Initial: █

Date: 10 June 2025

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of declarant)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of declarant)

Date: 10 June 2025

CO 67 \_\_\_\_\_ (Name or CO number of witness)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of witness)

Date: 10/6/2025

Time interview finished: \_\_\_\_\_

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Initial:

Date:



## Taupo District Council Incident Statement

Name: [REDACTED]

Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Residential address: [REDACTED]

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

**Incident:** Witness to dog attack SR 2508830

**Caution:**

My name is [REDACTED], I am Compliance Officer number 82. I am warranted by council (produce warrant card) under Section 13 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

I have been informed that you may have information relating to an offence I am investigating.

I am speaking to you about (give reason).

You are not being detained.

You do not have to make any statement.

Anything you say will be recorded and may be given as evidence in court.

You are free to leave at anytime

Do you understand what I have just told you? **YES / NO**

**This statement is being made to Compliance Officer: 82**

**Place:** Turangi I-site, 12 Ngawaka Pl, Turangi

**Time and Date:** 1030am 10/06/2025

SR2508830

Initial: [REDACTED]

Date: 10.6.25

1. The incident happened on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 in the morning around 10am.
2. I was home that morning I had my baby from kohanga I had the backdoor open to our backyard. Our baby comes in and out to play in the backyard.
3. Me and him were in the lounge and heard this scuffling when I went out this dog was on my property fighting with the neighbour's dog at [REDACTED] attacking through the fence and then the tied-up dog came through the fence also. I went and thought what the hell.
4. The attacking dog was standing on top of the tied-up dog biting its face.
5. Saw the dog try to beat up the neighbour's dog. I went into the lounge opened the windows and screamed to the neighbours at [REDACTED] who owned the tied-up dogs saying, "oh the dogs". I went inside started throwing rugby shoes at the dogs.
6. The attacking dog left my property, and I went outside to see which house the dog was going to. That was when I saw another 2 dogs across the road at a different property. They were 2 White dogs. And all 3 dogs went back to their property at 50 Te Takinga.
7. The dog owner of the attacking dog lives straight across the road from me at 50 Te Takinga st, Turangi.
8. The dog owner came out and she said, "oh you've got out". The dogs look pretty big, and I was annoyed about the incident because all of our kids play around there.
9. The dogs next door was tied up and they could not get out.
10. The dog owner of the attacking dog seemed ignorant saying "Oh they wouldn't hurt kids"
11. The attacking dog was a big dog. He had what looked like a blind eye. He looked like a boxer/ bull mastiff, brown and white. I think it was a male. I don't recall him wearing any collar.
12. The dog owner of the attacking dog came and spoke to the neighbours who's dog had been attacked and I sort of just left it there and went inside.
13. I hope the dogs are registered and that they look after them properly for our Tamariki. They also have kids that come and go and I'm worried about them leaving the gate open.

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Initial: [REDACTED]

Date: 10.6.25

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

[Redacted] (Name of declarant)

[Redacted] (Signature of declarant)

Date: 10.6.25

C082 (Name or CO number of witness)

[Redacted] (Signature of witness)

Date: 10/6/25

Time interview finished: 2100

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Initial: [Redacted]

Date: 10.6.25





## Taupo District Council Incident Statement

Name: [REDACTED]

Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Residential address: [REDACTED]

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

**Incident:**

**Caution:**

My name is [REDACTED] I am Compliance Officer number 67. I am warranted by council (produce warrant card) under Section 13 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

I have been informed that you may have information relating to an offence I am investigating.

I am speaking to you about a dog attack that you witnessed.

You are not being detained.

You do not have to make any statement.

Anything you say will be recorded and may be given as evidence in court.

You are free to leave at anytime

Do you understand what I have just told you? **Yeah**

**This statement is being made to Compliance Officer: 67**

**Place:** Tūrangi I-Site

**Time and Date:** 10/06/2025 at 10:30am

SR 2508830

Initial: [REDACTED]

Date: 10/6/2025

1. I [REDACTED] state:
2. I am speaking to Compliance Officer 67 about an incident that occurred on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at around 12:20pm.
3. I was in my room, at [REDACTED] I was just sitting down on my bed and I could hear my neighbour my first cousin [REDACTED] she was yelling out "Aunty Aunty".
4. On the second call of "Aunty" I started running towards her, as I was doing this I heard barking which lasted about 5 seconds before it stopped.
5. I heard a scuffle, like stomping and thumping and a shaking of the fence.
6. I was running out to check on my dogs which were tied up at the back section.
7. As I was running out I saw through the window my black dog, Max, was on my side of the property and by the time I went outside he was on [REDACTED] side of the property, he was tied up so he must've jumped the fence but I didn't see that.
8. By the time I got outside I saw my Max and a white and brown dog fighting with their paws, I did not see either dog bite. They were both were on [REDACTED] property. I witnessed this only for about 10 seconds.
9. The white and brown dog then ran across the road back towards their owner's house. I did not recognise the dog at this time.
10. I saw a white dog trying to come onto [REDACTED] property on the other side, she shoed it out and it fled and followed the other dog back across the road.
11. I saw another white dog pissing on a driveway and all three dogs met up together at the end of the driveway opposite our house.
12. I checked on my dogs, my brown dog Mokai was stuck up against a fence and couldn't move and was on a chain so couldn't move to defend himself, he was tangled on his chain.

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Date:

13. When I checked on Mokai he was bleeding from his face, both eyes were bleeding and his mouth was bleeding.

14. I was by the dogs and my Mum had come out at this point and came over with a lady named Hailey who said she wanted to look at the dogs so I showed her Mokai, she was shocked and said her dogs had nothing on them.

15. Our neighbour [REDACTED] witnessed the whole incident as well.

16. I would describe the white and brown dog as:

- White/Brown, white with big brown patches
- Short stocky
- Wide shoulders
- Wide face
- American Bulldog
- Muscley
- Unknown sex
- Unknown collar
- Nice coat, looked well looked after
- Didn't look too young or too old

My black dog Max had no injuries, there was a bit of blood on his coat but no visible injuries.

Afterwards I went with my Mum to the vet in town, and she said our options are to take Mokai to Taupo or Taumaranui so we went to Taumaranui.

He was put under and received stitches and medication, he didn't have to stay overnight so we took him home.

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Initial: [REDACTED]

Date: 10/6/2025

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

 (Name of declarant)

 (Signature of declarant)

Date: 10/6/2025

CO67 (Name or CO number of witness)

 (Signature of witness)

Date: 10/6/2025

Time interview finished: 1151am

SR 2508830

Initial:

Date:



## Taupo District Council Incident Statement

Name: Hailey Wigzell

Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Residential address: [REDACTED]

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

Incident: Alleged Dog Attack. SR: 2508830

**Caution:**

My name is [REDACTED] I am Compliance Officer number 67. I am warranted by council (produce warrant card) under Section 13 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

I have been informed that you may have information relating to an offence I am investigating.

I am speaking to you about a alleged dog attack that occurred today..

You are not being detained.

You do not have to make any statement.

Anything you say will be recorded and may be given as evidence in court.

You are free to leave at anytime

Do you understand what I have just told you? **Yeah**

**This statement is being made to Compliance Officer: 67**

**Place:** Tūrangi I-Site

**Time and Date:** 16/05/2025 at 2:20pm

SR **2508830**

Initial: **HW**  
Date: **16/5/25**

Interview with the offending dog owner Hailey Wigzell in Question (Q) and Answer (A) format.

Q) Can you confirm your full name and contact details?

A) [REDACTED]

Q) What is your home address and the address where the dogs are usually kept?

A) [REDACTED]

Q) How many dogs do you own?

A) 4 dogs, Jonah, Zena, Karma, and Tip

Q) Can you provide the name of each dog believed to be involved?

A) Jonah, Zena, and Karma

Q) Tell me everything you know about the alleged dog attack that occurred today on the 16/5/2025?

A) So pretty much I looked out the window to find the dogs weren't in the yard. I went outside to find they had pushed the gate open, two of them were on the other side of the gate. The two neighbours from across the road were standing across the road looking at the dogs. I got those two inside the gate, I went to find the other girl who was around the other side of the fence. Got her in the gate as well. That's when I'm assuming [REDACTED] started saying that their dog had been attacked. So pretty much because I had no idea what happened I said to I would quickly run in and put my dogs in the kennels so they couldn't reopen the gate. I went back over to her and pretty much that's when she said the dogs been attacked, was really bad and he couldn't see and she was semi hysterical. I had no idea what happened as I didn't see so I said okay take the dog to the vet and I'll pay it get him sorted out. I went into [REDACTED] property and saw the dog and to be fair it had a small cut under its eye, that's all I could see but was very sketchy but was not a friendly looking dog, the son was having issues trying to hold it. I checked my dogs and I could not see anything on them like blood, injuries, or any sign of them fighting.

Q) What time did this occur?

A) Around 12:15-12:20pm

Q) Where were you when the incident occurred?

A) Inside my house. The last time I saw them was about 4 max 5 minutes before

Q) What happened before then?

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Date: 16/5/25

A) I let them out of the kennels and they had been out for about 15 minutes

Q) Were you aware they could open the gate?

A) No and I had been letting them out everyday and they haven't done that

Q) You said you recently moved in, when did you move?

A) Just over a week ago.

Q) Did you witness the incident at all?

A) Not at all, I didn't know anything about it until after I put them back inside the gate.

Q) Which dog was on the other side of the fence and where was she?

A) I think it was Karma, she was in the next door neighbours to the right of me if you're looking at our house from the road.

Q) Where were the other 2 dogs (Karma and Zena)?

A) On the other side of the gate maybe 5 metres away.

Q) What did the neighbours say to you?

A) She was hysterical but pretty much there were 2 neighbours, the lady who owns the dogs [REDACTED] and the one next door and going on and on about having the dogs out and worried about their kids. I explained what happened, we went through that conversation before the son had started yelling the dog had been attacked. So the owner of the dog and the neighbour were out standing across the road watching the dogs.

Q) How long was your conversation with them before their son said that?

A) A couple minutes

Q) What did the son say and do?

A) He didn't say much, he was saying it was badly injured but he was holding the dog.

Q) Is that when you went on to the property?

A) I went over to my house locked them in the kennels and went back and went onto the property and had a look at the dog

Q) Did you see another dog there?

A) Yes, it was a black/white collie looking dog

Q) Did you know if it had been attacked?

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Date: 16/5/25

A) No, no visible injuries

Q) What did the dog who been attacked look like?

A) Pitbull, looked purebred, light tan, unknown sex, unknown if it was wearing a collar, standard Pitbull size, average weight

Q) You said that it was agitated, and the son was struggling to hold onto it, can you clarify what you mean?

A) Just wriggling and trying to get out of the hold

Q) How big do you think the injury was?

A) I'm a pig hunter so I've seen a lot worse, it was maybe an inch and a half long and couldn't see how deep it was

Q) Was there a lot of blood?

A) No there was no blood dripping from what I can see. Personally being a pig hunter, I would have got the staple and stitched it up myself.

Q) What did you do after they left to go to the vet?

A) About 10 minutes after they left I called [REDACTED] at the Turangi vets who said it would be GA, antibiotics and stitches and they were go to Taumaranui because they had no vets on currently

Q) Do you know the owner of the victim dog?

A) Yes, her name is [REDACTED] I have known her awhile

Q) Are all three of the dogs pig hunting dogs?

A) No, Jonah used to be until he blew his eye and the other two aren't either and are just pets

Q) How are your dogs usually contained on your property?

A) In their kennels and I let them out when I'm home from 15 minutes up to a few hours, just depends what I'm doing and what pans I have as I only let them out when I'm home .

Q) What's the fencing like in your property

A) Basically 6 foot fences all around, I thought it was secure until today

Q) How did they get out?

A) They pushed open the gate, it is bent so you can't latch it, we thought it was fine but obviously they were able to get out today.

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Initial: HW

Date: 16/5/25

Q) Have the dogs escaped before, or are there known issues with containment?

A) Jonah has in Taupo but never here or when we lived rurally.

Q) Have your dogs ever shown aggression before—toward people, other dogs, or animals?

A) Nope to all three dogs

Q) What are the three dogs like temperament wise

A) They have been around a lot of different dogs, people, kids and never shown any aggression before

Q) Have you taken any action since the incident?

A) I locked the dogs in the kennels straight away, I called the vet to let them know I would pay, I immediately arranged for a new 6ft sturdy gate to be made which will be ready within the next 2 weeks hopefully.

Q) How do you feel about what has allegedly happened?

A) I don't know really, I'm not happy but because I wasn't there, I don't know what happened

Q) What will you do going forwards to make sure this doesn't happen again?

A) They will be in their kennels unless I'm with them until the gate is done

Q) Is there anything you would like to add or clarify?

I can't prove that they did but can't prove that they didn't but I can say I know they were out of the property for less than 5 minutes so I can't say for sure what happened. But as a dog owner I know when dogs play fight and it gets too full on the injuries are generally more significant than what I saw. Its just the fact that both [REDACTED] and the other neighbour were already standing across the road on the footpath before I knew the dogs had gotten out. It is weird they didn't know their dog had been attacked until we heard the son a couple minutes later say their dog had been attacked.

Q) Do you know that dogs name?

A) Not a clue

Q) Do you know where the other neighbour lives

A) [REDACTED]

Q) Anything else?

A) Na I don't think so

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Initial: HW  
Date: 16/5/25

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

Hailey Wigzell (Name of declarant)

[Handwritten Signature] (Signature of declarant)

Date: 16/05/2025

CO 67 (Name or CO number of witness)

[Redacted Signature] (Signature of witness)

Date: 16/05/2025

Time interview finished: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date:

Photo's of the injured dog Mokai at the vets on the 16/5/2025.



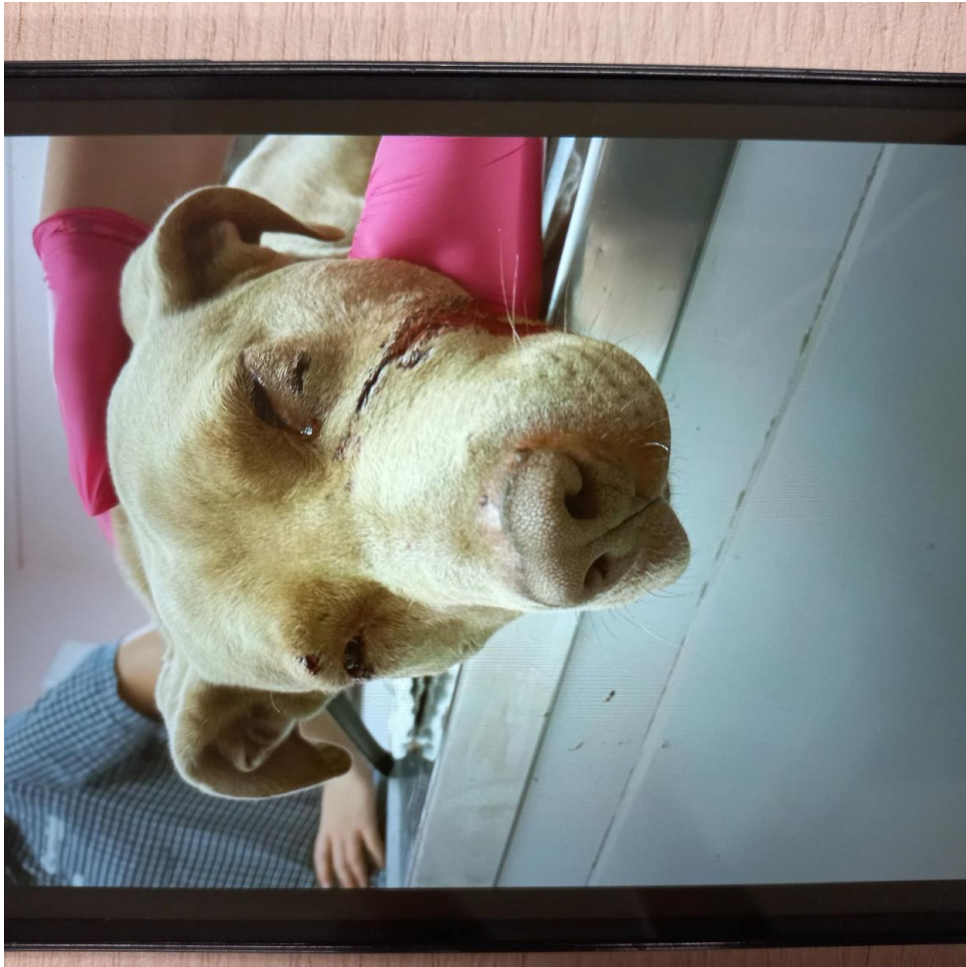












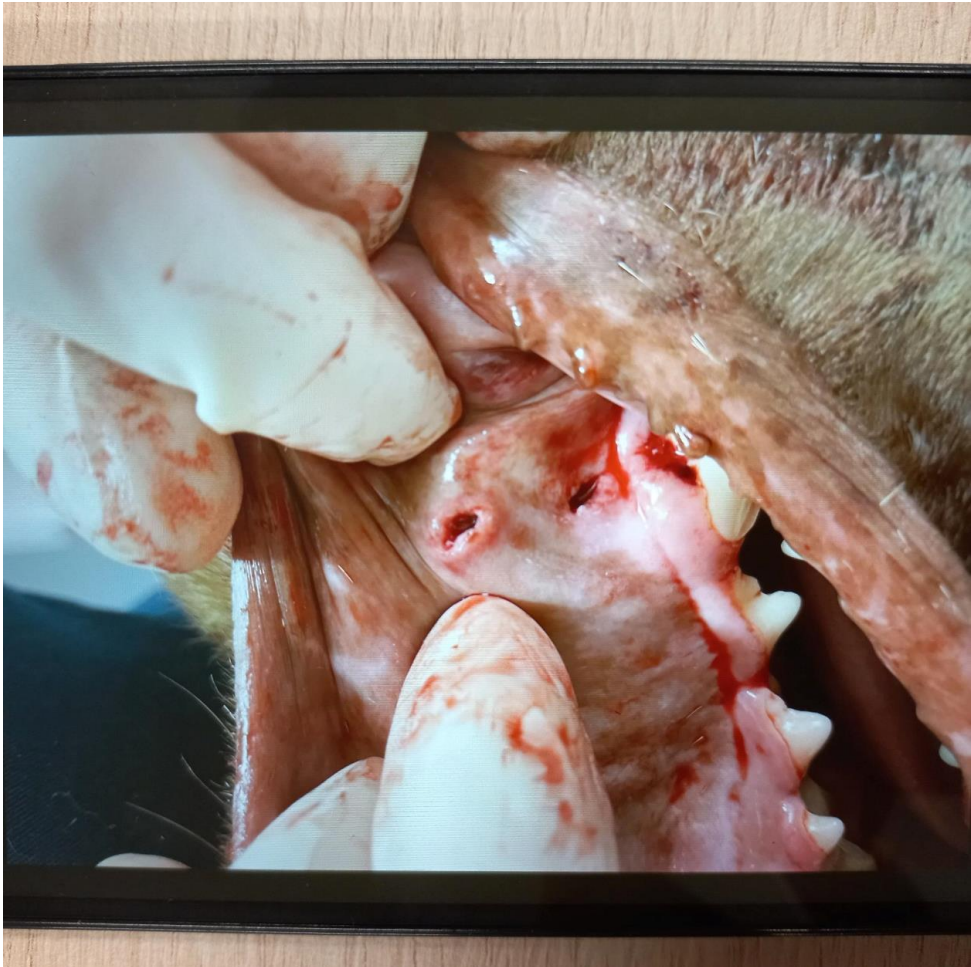






















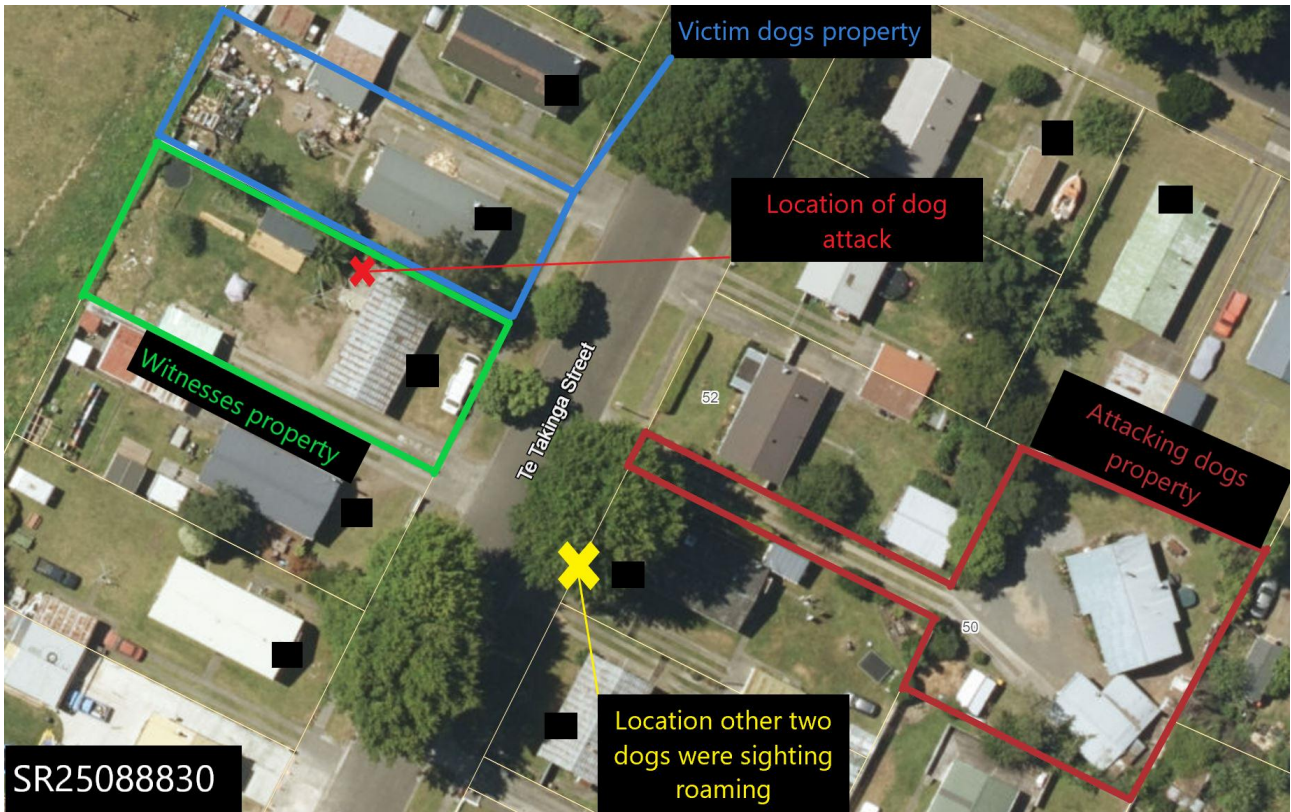


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Tūrangi  
Waikato Region



16/05/2025 1:57:15 pm  
[Redacted] Te Takinga Street  
Tūrangi  
Waikato Region







**Tax Invoice/Statement GST No. 80-618-590**



**Statement of Account at 31/05/2025**

This balance is due for immediate payment, which can be made in a clinic, or by Direct Debit. Please disregard if you made payment after the statement date.

Opening Balance	113.50	Current	30 days	60 days	90 days
+ New Charges	1,077.83	1,061.33	0.00	0.00	0.00
- Less Payments					
31/05/2025 Direct Debit	40.00				
19/05/2025 Direct Debit	25.00				
12/05/2025 Direct Debit	25.00				
12/05/2025 Direct Debit	20.00				
06/05/2025 Direct Debit	20.00				
	<b>1,061.33</b>				

Due to the unscheduled nature of after hour call outs which cannot be shared between clients, these visits incur two-way mileage charges.

**- Account No: 11815737**

Date	Service Provided	No	Net	GST	Total
<b>Patient: Max</b>					
16/05/2025	Invoice No: 6661251 - TAR Counter Sale				
	<b>Pet Products</b>				
	YD Lead Foam Short	1.00	33.57	5.03	38.60
	YD Lead Foam Short	1.00	33.57	5.03	38.60
			<b>67.13</b>	<b>10.07</b>	<b>77.20</b>
23/05/2025	Invoice No: 6673833 - SHA Counter Sale				
	<b>Parasite Prevention - Pets</b>				
	Bravecto Tablet for Large Dogs (20-40kg) - 1 Pack	1.00	78.78	11.82	90.60
	Popantel F Allwormer For Large Dogs (35kg Tablet) - Per Tablet	1.00	10.35	1.55	11.90
			<b>89.13</b>	<b>13.37</b>	<b>102.50</b>
28/05/2025	Invoice No: 6680150 - SHA Counter Sale				
	<b>Pet Products</b>				
	Clancy Oil Skin Dog Jacket - XL	1.00	68.70	10.30	79.00
	Clancy Oil Skin Dog Jacket - XL	1.00	68.70	10.30	79.00
			<b>137.39</b>	<b>20.61</b>	<b>158.00</b>
	<b>Total - Max</b>		<b>293.65</b>	<b>44.05</b>	<b>337.70</b>

**Patient: Mokai**

**- Account No: 11815737**

Date	Service Provided	No	Net	GST	Total
<b>Patient: Mokai</b>					
16/05/2025	Invoice No: 6661302 - EG1 Consultation				
	<b>Restriction Veterinary Medicine : Sedation</b>	1.00	22.02	3.30	25.32
	Restricted Veterinary Medicines				
	RVM Injection : Analgesic (396290)	0.30			
	Domitor	0.30			
	<b>Theatre Facilities &amp; Patient Preparation</b>	1.00	57.22	8.58	65.80
	<b>Treatment Consumables Excluding Itemised</b>	1.00	33.91	5.09	39.00
	<b>Extended Take Home Pain Relief</b>	1.00	36.50	5.47	41.97
	Restricted Veterinary Medicines				
	Rimadyl Chewable Tablets 75mg	6.00	36.50	5.47	41.97
	<b>Consultations : Veterinary</b>				
	Consultation : Examination & Assessment : Standard	1.00	52.17	7.83	60.00
	<b>Professional Services</b>				
	Professional Service : Treatment : Veterinarian	20.00	189.57	28.43	218.00
	<b>Anaesthesia &amp; Sedation</b>				
	Anaesthesia : Patient Monitoring	15.00	50.35	7.55	57.90
	Anaesthesia : Sedation	1.00	78.17	11.73	89.90
	<b>Restricted Veterinary Medicines</b>				
	Lopaine Injection	0.50	0.14	0.02	0.16
	Noroclav Tablets 500mg	6.00	34.42	5.16	39.58
			554.46	83.17	637.63
23/05/2025	Invoice No: 6673835 - SHA Counter Sale				
	<b>Parasite Prevention - Pets</b>				
	Bravecto Tablet for Large Dogs (20-40kg) - 1 Pack	1.00	78.78	11.82	90.60
	Popantel F Allwormer For Large Dogs (35kg Tablet) - Per Tablet	1.00	10.35	1.55	11.90
			89.13	13.37	102.50
	<b>Total - Mokai</b>		643.59	96.54	740.13
	<b>Total All Invoices</b>		937.24	140.59	1,077.83
	<b>Total Amount Payable</b>				1,061.33

31/05/2025 Client No 615656 Account No 11815737

Remittance for [REDACTED]  
Amount Due : 1,061.33

**Veterinaryfirst Ltd**  
King Country  
Turaki Street  
Taumarunui 3946  
07 895 7585

New Zealand Banks have introduced Confirmation of Payee Check. Please make sure that the Account Name used with your payment is Veterinaryfirst Ltd, and include your individual reference number located below.

Direct Deposit Details: Veterinaryfirst Ltd 03 0442 0093101 00. Reference: 615656



Ref: 615656

**Patient History for Mokai**

Breed: Pit Bull Terrier	Species: Dog Sex: Male
DOB: 23/09/2018 Age 6 yrs 8 mths	Colour: Tan
Current Weight: 30.00	Microchip:

16/05/2025 Ref: [REDACTED] Age 6 yrs 8 mths

Vital Signs:	Name	Value	Notes	Low	High
	Weight	30	Kilograms		

**History Details:** Appointment Notes: dog fight - Take photos for council please  
 [REDACTED] has sorted the payments out  
 OR was attacked by neighbours dogs. HAs wound on face.  
 BAR, BCS 5/9  
 Mm pink and moist, CRT<2s  
 Ears clean  
 Eyes bright  
 NAD on cardiac ausc  
 NAD on abdo palp  
 10cm laceration on LHS lip, only full thickness for 4cm, rest just skin, does not penetrate subcut. Two teeth puncture holes in LHS gum above maxillary carnassial  
 5x5mm puncture wound above right eye  
  
 Advised sedate to clean and suture  
  
 Muzzled with o in room and IV butorphanol and medetomidine given  
 IVC placed in left cephalic. Wounds clipped and cleaned with chlorhex, wounds probed but no tracts identified  
 1.5ml calvulox SC and 2.4ml rimadyl SC  
  
 Lip laceration closed with 3-0 PDS, simple continuous subcut, intradermals in skin.  
 Lower tooth puncture on gum above carnassial closed with 3-0 PDS one simple interrupted stitch.  
  
 TGH with noroclav for 5 day course and rimadyl for 3 days

Invoiced Items:	Service Provided	No.
	<b>Consultations : Veterinary</b>	
	Consultation : Examination & Assessment : Standard	1.00
	<b>Professional Services</b>	
	Professional Service : Treatment : Veterinarian	20.00
	<b>Anaesthesia &amp; Sedation</b>	
	Anaesthesia : Sedation	1.00
	Anaesthesia : Patient Monitoring	15.00
	<b>CA Procedure : Surgical</b>	
	Treatment Facilities	1.00

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**Patient History for Mokai**

Surgical Instrument Pack : Each	1.00
<b>Restricted Veterinary Medicines</b>	
Noroclav Tablets 500mg	6.00
Lopaine Injection	0.50
Domitor	0.30
RVM Injection : Analgesic (396290)	0.30
Rimadyl Chewable Tablets 75mg	6.00
<b>Consumables - CA</b>	
Treatment Consumables : Level 3	1.00

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Ref: [REDACTED]

Age 6 yrs 8 mths

Vital Signs:	Name	Value	Notes	Low	High
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History Details:

Invoiced Items:

Service Provided	No.
<b>Parasite Prevention - Pets</b>	
Bravecto Tablet for Large Dogs (20-40kg) - 1 Pack	1.00
Popantel F Allwormer For Large Dogs (35kg Tablet) - Per Tablet	1.00

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Dog Owner Enquiry

**Dog Owner: TO08500**

Hailey Nicole Wigzell

**Owner**

Owner Name	Hailey Wigzell	Date of Birth		Balance	0.00
Phone		Email			
Address					
Location					
Group	Current	Valuation	0733141200B (0.1012 hectares)	Area	Taupo/Kaingaroa
Notes					

Dogs: 0

**Archived Dogs**

Record	Name	Breed	Colour	Sex	Neutered	Age	Class	Transfer out of District	Transfer to New Owner	Decease
180382	Jiff*	Greyhound/Bulldog	White/Brown	M	N	7.10	C All other dogs			DED 4/04/19
186835	Spook	Greyhound/Cattle, Australian	White/Brindle	M	N	2.11	C All other dogs			DED 9/04/19
183490	Knox	Terrier, Bull/Cross	Brindle/White	M	N	7.07	C All other dogs			DED 9/04/19
183493	Devil	Terrier, Bull/Cross	Tan	F	N	5.07	C All other dogs			DED 9/04/19
183497	Monkey*	Terrier, Bull	White	F	N	5.07	C All other dogs			DED 13/05/19
183491	Beau*	Terrier, Bull/Cross	Brindle	M	N	9.04	C All other dogs			Transferred Out 12/07/19
183492	Boris	Terrier, Bull/Cross	Black/White	F	N	12.11	C All other dogs			Transferred Out 12/07/19
183494	Tua	Terrier, Bull/Cross	Tan	M	N	14.11	C All other dogs			Transferred Out 12/07/19
183495	Triple	Terrier, Bull/Cross	Tan/White	F	N	8.07	C All other dogs			Transferred Out 12/07/19
183496	Jonah*	Bulldog, American	Brown/White	M	N	9.01	C All other			Transferred Out

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Dog Owner Enquiry

Record	Name	Breed	Colour	Sex	Neutered	Age	Class	Disposal
							dogs	12/07/19
187954	Ink*	Bulldog	Tri-colour	F	N	7.09	C All other dogs	Transferred Out 12/07/19

Complaints	Infringements	Prosecutions	Warnings	Impoundings
3	7	0	4	3
14/06/19	25/05/19		17/06/19	15/08/19
Reg Notice	Pen Notice			
28/05/19				

History (sorted chronologically)

Sort History by Type

1/03/22	File Note	emailed re credit on DO account [REDACTED]
8/05/20	Transferred out	Not a currant dog owner
27/08/19	Transferred in	
27/08/19	Transferred to new owner	TT02734 08500 Transferred TT02734 Puppy ( ) from owner 08500 Ms H N Wigzell to [REDACTED]
15/08/19	Impounded	Found in Mitsubishi Motors, Spa Rd TT02734 Puppy Returned to owner. [REDACTED]
12/07/19	Transferred out	2019 07 08 Update details. Moved to Rotorua [REDACTED]
17/06/19	Warning Notice	SR1909240 Not Under Proper Control Taharepa Road & Ngamotu Road 183496 : Jonah NUPC S52A warning - Jonah [REDACTED]
14/06/19	Roaming/Fouling	1909240 Found Jonah uncontrolled on the corners of Taharepa Rd and...
13/06/19	Roaming/Fouling	1909169 2 Dogs 1 brown/white bulldog male and 1 tri-colour bulldog...
13/06/19	Impounded	Found in Lake Terrace, Taupo 187954 Ink Returned to owner. [REDACTED]
13/06/19	Impounded	Found in Lake Terrace, Taupo 183496 Jonah Returned to owner. [REDACTED]
11/06/19	Warning Notice	SR1908310 Kennel Non Compliance Ngamotu Road 183496 : Jonah Direction to Fence [REDACTED]
11/06/19	Warning Notice	SR1908310 Non prosecution for attack Ngamotu Road, Taupo 183496 : Jonah Non Prosecution Letter [REDACTED]
31/05/19	Roaming/Fouling	1908495 Wants to remain anonymous. The people at 1/69 Ngamotu Road...

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Dog Owner Enquiry

28/05/19	Attack on person/animal/wildlife	1908310 [REDACTED] has called to report a dog attack which happened on...
25/05/19	Infringement	Failure to keep dog controlled/Confined within lan 801365 : No Further Action : 183496 : Jonah : Bulldog, American : Brown/White : M
25/05/19	Infringement	Failure to keep dog controlled/Confined within lan 801366 : No Further Action : 187954 : Ink : Bulldog : Tri-colour : F
7/05/19	Microchipping	TT02424 : Ink First Microchip Letter - Ink [REDACTED]
7/05/19	Relocated	30 Tuhingamata Road, Taupo Ward Moved from 30 Tuhingamata Road, Taupo Ward. Moved to 1/69 Ngamotu Road, Taupo.
7/05/19	Warning Notice	SR1907162 Unregistered Dog Ngamotu Road, Taupo 10 days to register - ink [REDACTED]
6/05/19	Barking	1907162 Our neighbours at 69 Ngamotu Rd have an older dog which...
12/04/19	File Note	Refund request for \$218.90 sent to Treasury by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Refund relates to 183493 Devil [REDACTED]
18/09/18	Transferred to new owner	180382 08500 Transferred 180382 Jiff () from owner [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to 08500 Hailey Nicole Wigzell.
28/08/18	Transferred to new owner	186835 08500 Transferred 186835 Spook () from owner [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to 08500 Hailey Nicole Wigzell.
11/05/18	Infringement	Failure to implant microchip transponder in dog 800844 : No Further Action : 177553 : Triple : Terrier, Bull/Cross : Tan/White : F
11/05/18	Microchipping	177553 : Triple 3rd Microchip Letter - Triple [REDACTED]
11/05/18	Microchipping	177558 : Knox 2nd Microchip letter - Tua, Devil, Boris and Knox [REDACTED]
9/10/17	Microchipping	177553 : Triple 2nd microchip letter sent. [REDACTED]
9/10/17	Microchipping	177554 : Tua 1st microchip letter sent for 4 dogs (Knox, Boris, Devil, Tua). [REDACTED]
31/08/17	Registration Check	1712625 30 Tuhingamata Road, Taupo....
21/08/17	Infringement	Failing to register Dog 800261 : No Further Action : 166419 : Monkey : Terrier, Bull : White : F
21/08/17	Infringement	Failing to register Dog 800262 : No Further Action : 167398 : Jonah : Bulldog, American : Brown/White : F
21/08/17	Infringement	Failing to register Dog 800263 : No Further Action : TT01116 : Triple : Terrier, Bull/Cross : Tan/White : M
9/08/17	File Note	Called to remind dog rego due, no answer, left v/m [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Dog Owner Enquiry

26/05/17	Registration Check	1707890 Hi [REDACTED] This owner has come up on unrego report. Can't...
26/05/17	File Note	TT01116 : Triple Checked with [REDACTED] who has arranged for owner to pay this with 17/18 rego. [REDACTED]
19/05/17	Microchipping	TT01116 : Triple 1st Microchip letter sent with rego pack. [REDACTED]
15/05/17	Permit Applications	1707290 Hiya,...
27/04/17	Infringement	Failure to implant microchip transponder in dog 800049 : No Further Action : 167398 : Jonah : Bulldog, American : Brown/White : F
27/04/17	Microchipping	167398 : Jonah 3rd microchip letter sent with infringement. [REDACTED]
6/04/17	Microchipping	167398 : Jonah 2nd Microchip letter [REDACTED]
16/01/17	Microchipping	167398 : Jonah 1st Microchip Letter [REDACTED]
13/12/16	File Note	TT00886 : Jonah Voice message left on mobile answer phone. Msg left with whoever answer home phone too. [REDACTED]
1/12/2016	File Note	TT00886 : Jonah Added from online application & email sent [REDACTED]

\* 44 history records located \*

Documents Saved

By Unique Owner Number 0175688  
0175688IMPO20190613.docx

Notes

Date Author

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Print New Registration Form

Unique number: 0175688

Last NDD Change: 5/08/25 21.20

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# Taupo District Council

72 Lake Terrace, Taupo  
 Private Bag 2005, Taupo  
 Telephone (07) 376 0899  
 Facsimile (07) 378 0118

**Request: 2508830**  
**To: Animal Management & Compliance**  
**Attn: Turangi Compliance Duty Officer**  
**Priority: 1:Critical-1 Hour**  
**Deadline: 11/08/25**

**Caller Information**

**Name** [REDACTED]  
**Address**  
**Phone** [REDACTED]  
**Email** not provided

**Request**

**District** Turangi  
**Received by** [REDACTED]  
**Recd date/time** 16/05/25 - 12.10  
**How received** Phone  
**Incident date/time** 16/05/25 - 12.55  
**Action required** Complaint  
**Type** Attack on person/animal/wildlife  
**Details** [REDACTED]  
 Dog Attack :  
 Callers address : [REDACTED]  
 3 bull dogs  
 The person who's dog attached live across the road from her with 3 loose bulldogs (no street number given as she is in shock)  
 The callers dog was badly hurt on it face and its flesh is showing - Breed she owns two pitbulls which one was harmed on the face  
 [REDACTED] has called to report a dog attack that took place at 12:20. Thre bull dogs attacked her two pitbulls/terrier. Her dogs were tied up and the three bulldogs came from across her house and she says the owners name is "Ahley" and her family is known as the Russels - Ahley has offered to pay for the vet bill as one of the dogs face is quite badly injured. Have called through compliance

**Issue/Service Restored**

**Date & Time** :

**Location**

**Street** [REDACTED]  
**Details** [REDACTED]

**Actions**

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**Actions cont..**

**Status** Complaint - [REDACTED] - Arrived: 16/05/25 - 13.02 - Completed: 16/05/25 - 13.13  
**Details** I called the number on the SR for the complainant, but it was the number for the Turangi Vets. I spoke to the vet nurse who answered the phone. She advised that the complainant had just been in but was now on the way to Taumarunui Vets. She provided me with a contact number for the complainant: [REDACTED]  
 I phoned [REDACTED] who confirmed they were currently travelling to Taumarunui Vets and did not have much time to talk. She explained that both of her dogs were tied up when they were attacked by the neighbour's three pitbull-type dogs. When I asked for the address the dogs came from, she was unsure of the house number but said it was directly across from her property and to the right, down a long driveway with a long steel gate.

**Status** Complaint - [REDACTED] - Arrived: 16/05/25 - 13.13 - Completed: 16/05/25 - 13.13  
**Details** She described the attacking dogs as two white and one brown but did not know their names. [REDACTED] stated they had spoken to the owner, who was apologetic and had offered to pay for the vet bills. She believed the owner's name was Hailey Russell.  
 [REDACTED] did not witness the attack occur but her neighbour did and her son saw the dogs out. [REDACTED] mentioned that one of her dogs had a large gash under its eye, exposing flesh down to the bone.  
 She was unable to provide any further details at that time as she needed to fill up her car and continue on to the vet.  
 We arranged for me to call her back in about two hours.

**Status** Complaint - [REDACTED] - Arrived: 16/05/25 - 13.32 - Completed: 16/05/25 - 13.58  
**Details** I checked CI and found no registered dogs in the area matching the description provided. I then attended the address based on the complainant's description, which led me to 50 Te Takinga Street. Upon arrival, I walked down the driveway and observed a large closed metal gate. Photos were taken.  
 A female approached the gate, and after I explained the reason for the visit, she allowed us onto the property. She identified herself as the dog owner and gave her name as Hailey Wigzell. Hailey stated that she had let her dogs out of their kennels as the property is fully fenced. Around four to five minutes later, she went outside to check on them and saw her three dogs - Karma, Jonah, and Zena - on the other side of the gate. She said she did not witness any attack but was later told by her neighbour [REDACTED] that her dogs had attacked her dog. Notes

**Status** Complaint - [REDACTED] - Arrived: 16/05/25 - 13.58 - Completed: 16/05/25 - 13.58  
**Details** I asked how the dogs had managed to get out. Hailey said they must have pushed open the front gate, which is bent and does not latch properly. She said she was unaware the dogs could do this until now.  
 The property is fully fenced with six-foot fencing on all sides. When we arrived, the dogs were secured in their kennels. Photos were taken of the fencing, kennels, and the dogs.  
 Notes cont...

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**Actions cont..**

- Status** Complaint - ██████████ - Arrived: 16/05/25 - 14.15 - Completed: 16/05/25 - 15.45  
**Details** The dogs were unregistered at the time, so Hailey met us at the I-SITE and registered all dogs on the property.  
 She also mentioned that her family owns a business where they build gates. As soon as the incident occurred, she contacted them, and they are now building a new six-foot, sturdy gate, which is expected to be installed within two weeks. In the meantime, she will ensure the dogs remain in the kennels unless she is supervising them.  
 An offending dog owner interview was conducted with Hailey, please refer to this for further details.  
 I then called the complainant, who advised she was still at the vet and that stitches had just been put in. We arranged to speak again on Monday at 10:00 a.m. to organise taking a statement from
- Status** Complaint - ██████████ - Arrived: 19/05/25 - 11.00 - Completed: 19/05/25 - 11.05  
**Details** Spoke to complainant, she said she would let me know when her and her son can complete a statement.
- Status** Complaint - ██████████ - Arrived: 26/05/25 - 10.52 - Completed: 26/05/25 - 10.52  
**Details** Received an email from the complainant stating:  
 ██████████ and I have decided not to give a statement in regards to the incident with my dogs, thanks."  
 I then contacted her by phone. She explained that they had visited the dog owner and agreed to resolve the matter privately. The dog owner has agreed to pay the vet bills, and the complainant believes the dogs will now be properly contained.  
 I advised her that without formal statements, we have no witnesses to the incident and therefore cannot proceed with the dog attack investigation. She acknowledged this and said she was happy with that outcome.  
 Email added to this SR.
- Status** Complaint - ██████████ - Arrived: 03/06/25 - 13.11 - Completed: 03/06/25 - 13.11  
**Details** Spoke to the SCO about this, because the complainant has decided to not give a statement and has not sent through any photos of the dogs injuries, will send the dog owner 3x NUPC warnings then close off.  
 Called the dog owner to discuss the vet bill as per the email from the complainant (attached to this SR), no answer, will try again later.
- Status** Complaint - ██████████ - Arrived: 05/06/25 - 11.51 - Completed: 05/06/25 - 11.51  
**Details** Complainant has emailed in stating: hi ██████████ ive had a change of heart and i do want to give a statement and so does my son thanks"  
 I replied and stated I was on leave it week but will call her on Monday.
- Status** Complaint - ██████████ - Arrived: 09/06/25 - 10.30 - Completed: 09/06/25 - 10.35  
**Details** Called the compainant, she explained she has changed her mind because the dog owner said she would pay for the vet bill but is not going to anymore.  
 Statement arranged for tomorrow at 10:30am at the Turangi I-Site.

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**Actions cont..**

- Status** Complaint - ██████████ - Arrived: 10/06/25 - 10.30 - Completed: 10/06/25 - 12.00  
**Details** Statements completed with the complainant ██████████, her son ██████████ and the neighbour who witnessed the whole incident, ██████████  
 Refer to statements for further information.  
 Photos, the vet report, and the bill were also obtained today.
- Status** Complaint - ██████████ - Arrived: 10/06/25 - 14.54 - Completed: 10/06/25 - 14.54  
**Details** All evidence has been saved in the Objective attack file FA295089. Summary is in the Matrix. Please note, this investigation experienced delays due to the complainant initially declining to provide a statement and any evidence. She advised she was satisfied for the matter to be signed off, as the offending dog owner had agreed to cover the veterinary costs. However, the she later changed her mind and provided a formal statement after the vet bill was not paid. It is my recommendation that Jonah be classified as a dangerous dog. An infringement notice under Section 52A should be issued to Hailey Wigzell, along with a warning incident letter. A final warning NUPC should also be issued for the two other roaming dogs, Zena and Karma. A direction to improve the front gate at 50 Te Takinga Street has already been issued. Reassigning to the SCO for review.
- Status** Complaint - ██████████ - Arrived: 11/06/25 - 11.58 - Completed: 11/06/25 - 11.58  
**Details** Have sent an email to witness ██████████ to see if she is willing to do a sworn statement.
- Status** Complaint - ██████████ - Arrived: 19/06/25 - 11.20 - Completed: 19/06/25 - 11.20  
**Details** No contact heard from ██████████ Will continue without sworn statement
- Status** Complaint - ██████████ - Arrived: 01/07/25 - 09.26 - Completed: 01/07/25 - 09.26  
**Details** Senior Compliance Officer recommended action is that dog "Jonah" be classified as MENACING under s33A(1)(b)(i) of the Dog Control Act 1996 and that the owner Hailey Wigzell receive three infringements under s52A of The Dog Control Act 1996, Failure to keep dog controlled or confined. A property check has already been undertaken during the investigation and has been deemed compliant. Reassign to CRM for review
- Status** Complaint - ██████████ - Arrived: 02/07/25 - 09.55 - Completed: 02/07/25 - 09.55  
**Details** As noted above, a property check was conducted on 25/06/25. The property is now compliant. The front gate has been repaired to prevent the dogs from pushing it open. The owners also plan to replace the gate entirely, and construction is currently underway, with installation expected in the coming weeks. Photos of the improvements have been added to this SR.  
 Back to CRM.
- Status** Complaint - ██████████ - Arrived: 07/07/25 - 11.42 - Completed: 07/07/25 - 11.42  
**Details** Direction to reduce dogs has also been sent to the dog owner today, see SR: 2509195.  
 Back to CRM.
- Status** Complaint - ██████████ - Arrived: 14/07/25 - 16.30 - Completed: 14/07/25 - 16.30  
**Details** In review.



## Taupo District Council Dog Classification Evaluation



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<b>DATE MATRIX COMPLETED: 10/01/2025</b>			
<b>Service request number:</b>		2508830	
<b>Owner Name record #, name and address:</b>		[REDACTED] 218217 [REDACTED]	
<b>Dog name and registration number:</b>		Jonah 280563	
1	<b>NATURE OF INCIDENT</b>	Domestic pet injured	8
2	<b>PUBLIC INTEREST</b>	Public interest is factored into report, remains constant	2
3	<b>LEGISLATIVE INTENT</b>	Legislative intent factored into report, remains constant	2
4	<b>CLASSIFIED DOG</b>	Dog not classified	0
5	<b>VICTIM IMPACT</b>	The victim is concerned about the outcome	2
6	<b>DOG SURRENDERED or SEIZED</b>	.	0
7	<b>DOG AGGRESSION</b>	Complainant/Witness attest to aggression under caution	2
8	<b>NEGLIGENCE</b>	The incident is the direct result of carelessness	4
9	<b>OWNER CO-OPERATION</b>	Co-operative and forthcoming with information	0
10	<b>DOGS PREVIOUS HISTORY</b>	History with aggression outside 24 months of incident	3
11	<b>DOG REGISTERED AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT</b>	The dog is not currently registered or unregistered at the time	4
12	<b>RESTRAINT</b>	The dog was not under control of a person or secured	1
13	<b>KNOWLEDGE OF AGGRESSION</b>	Known by the owner or council to have shown previous aggression	1
14	<b>RECURRENCE LIKELIHOOD</b>	Unable to determine	1
15	<b>TRAINED AGGRESSION</b>	Not trained to be aggressive	0
16	<b>DAMAGES</b>	No damages or damaged paid voluntarily	0
17	<b>BREED CHARACTERISTICS</b>	Known as a guard dog breed	1
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>31</b>
<b>OUTCOME</b>		<b>Dangerous dog classification and/or infringement: 28 - 35</b>	
<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>		<b>INFRINGEMENT</b>	

<p><b>NOTES:</b></p>	<p>On Friday, 16 May 2025, witness [REDACTED] observed a brown and white dog attacking her neighbour's dog, Mokai, who had been tied up on the property at [REDACTED]. Mokai had managed to get over the boundary fence and onto the neighbouring property at [REDACTED] where he became tangled and unable to move. The brown and white dog attacked Mokai while he was in this vulnerable position.</p> <p>The witness intervened by shooing the attacking dog away and then followed it. She saw it return to the driveway of [REDACTED], where she also observed two white dogs loose near the driveway, all believed to belong to the same property.</p> <p>The owner of the dogs at [REDACTED] was identified as [REDACTED] (owner ID: 218217). The offending dog was identified as Jonah (dog ID: 280563). Mokai (dog ID: 247446), the victim dog, belongs to [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] who did not witness the attack. Mokai sustained a large gash on the side of his face and puncture wounds around both eyes, which required veterinary treatment including stitches.</p> <p>It is my recommendation that Jonah be classified as a dangerous dog. An infringement notice under Section 52A should be issued to [REDACTED], along with a warning incident letter. A final warning NUPC should also be issued for the two other roaming dogs, Zena and Karma. Please note, a direction to improve the front gate at [REDACTED] Street has already been issued.</p>
<p><b>OFFICER NUMBER:</b></p>	<p>Officer 67</p>

<b>NOTE:</b>
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<b>The file name should be as follows:</b>
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<b>DATE MATRIX COMPLETED: 1/07/2025</b>			
<b>Service request number:</b>		2506026	
<b>Owner Name record #, name and address:</b>		218217 - Hailey Wigzell, 50 Te Takinga St, Turangi	
<b>Dog name and registration number:</b>		Jonah 249479	
1	<b>NATURE OF INCIDENT</b>	Domestic pet injured	8
2	<b>PUBLIC INTEREST</b>	Public interest is factored into report, remains constant	2
3	<b>LEGISLATIVE INTENT</b>	Legislative intent factored into report, remains constant	2
4	<b>CLASSIFIED DOG</b>	Dog not classified	0
5	<b>VICTIM IMPACT</b>	The victim is concerned about the outcome	2
6	<b>DOG SURRENDERED or SEIZED</b>	.	0
7	<b>DOG AGGRESSION</b>	Complainant/Witness attest to aggression under caution	2
8	<b>NEGLIGENCE</b>	The incident is the direct result of carelessness	4
9	<b>OWNER CO-OPERATION</b>	Co-operative and forthcoming with information	0
10	<b>DOGS PREVIOUS HISTORY</b>	No history	0
11	<b>DOG REGISTERED AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT</b>	The dog is currently registered	0
12	<b>RESTRAINT</b>	The dog was not under control of a person or secured	1
13	<b>KNOWLEDGE OF AGGRESSION</b>	Not known by the owner or council to have shown previous aggression	0
14	<b>RECURRENCE LIKELIHOOD</b>	Unable to determine	1
15	<b>TRAINED AGGRESSION</b>	Not trained to be aggressive	0
16	<b>DAMAGES</b>	Did not offer to pay any damages or damages remain unpaid	1
17	<b>BREED CHARACTERISTICS</b>	Not known for its aggression	0
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>23</b>
<b>OUTCOME</b>		<b>Menacing dog classification and/or infringement: 24 - 27</b>	
<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>		<b>INFRINGEMENT</b>	

<b>NOTES:</b>	Score 23- Recommend menacing classification and infringement
<b>OFFICER NUMBER:</b>	Officer 82

<b>NOTE:</b>
When saving in owner file ensure you have chaged to save as <b>PDF</b> .
<b>The file name should be as follows:</b>
TDC Dog Classification Evaluation Matrix SR111111 CO 00

## SUMMARY OF FACTS AND FURTHER ACTION FOR DOG INCIDENT

**Taupō District Council v Wigzell****Service Request: 2508830****Reviewed 1 July 2025**

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Name: Hailey Wigzell

Dog Owner Number: 218217

Dog Details: 249479 - Jonah – Male entire – American Bulldog – Brown/White

249476 – Zena – Female entire – American Bulldog - White

249477 – Karma – Female entire – American Bulldog - White

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Offence: **Dog Control Act** Section 57 Dog Control Act 1996

**Dog Control Act** Section 52A Dog Control Act 1996

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**SUMMARY OF FACTS**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of May at approximately 10am. Witness [REDACTED] was at home when she heard scuffling on her property. As she went to investigate, she came across a dog on her on property later identified as “Jonah” fighting with the neighbour’s dog “Mokai” through the boundary fence between [REDACTED] property at [REDACTED] Turangi and [REDACTED] Turangi. The dog at [REDACTED] was tied up. [REDACTED] alerted the neighbours and “Jonah” left the property. [REDACTED] then went outside to see where “Jonah” was going to when she saw another 2 white dogs roaming later identified as “Karma” and “Xena”. All 3 dogs went to [REDACTED]

## SUMMARY OF FACTS AND FURTHER ACTION FOR DOG INCIDENT

Turangi. A short time owner the owner of the 3 dogs, Hailey Wigzell came out from her property and contained the dogs. "Mokai" sustained a laceration on the left side of his face/muzzle, two puncture wounds in the top gum of his mouth and smaller wounds around his right eye. Hailey initially agreed to pay the vet bill but has since decided not to.

### Conclusion and Decision

On the completion of the investigation, a critical analysis of the investigation file has been conducted considering the:

- Clarity of Objectives\*
- Procedural Integrity\*
- Analytical Depth\*
- Stakeholder Engagement\*
- Transparency and Accountability\*
- Adaptability and Flexibility\*

*\*See the Explanatory Note at the bottom of this document.*

Facts that can be relied upon:

1. The date and time of the attack are established.
2. The location of the incident is correct.
3. The offending dog has been identified,
4. The ownership of the offending dogs has been established,
5. The offending dog was not under the direct control of a person when the incident occurred.

Upon thorough evaluation of all the above points the following offence has been proven:

**Dog Control Act 1996, section 57, Dogs attacking person or animal**

**SUMMARY OF FACTS AND FURTHER ACTION FOR DOG INCIDENT****Senior Compliance Officer Recommendation**

Senior Compliance Officer recommended action is that dog "Jonah" be classified as MENACING under s33A(1)(b)(i) of the Dog Control Act 1996 and that the owner Hailey Wigzell receive three infringements under s52A of The Dog Control Act 1996, Failure to keep dog controlled or confined. A property check has already been undertaken during the investigation and has been deemed compliant.

**Compliance and Regulatory Manager Decision**

The investigation into the complaint has concluded and a comprehensive review has been conducted by the Compliance Team Leader and myself.

The evidence has been interrogated and the facts that can be relied upon have resulted in a clear determination of an outcome which is outlined in the below enforcement actions.

The file will be returned to the investigating Officer to complete the enforcement actions and inform the parties concerned of the outcome.



Compliance and Regulatory Manager

## SUMMARY OF FACTS AND FURTHER ACTION FOR DOG INCIDENT

**Enforcement Action**

The following Enforcement actions are to be carried out as soon as practicable:

1. Issue infringement: Dog Control Act 1996 Section 52A Offence of failing to keep a dog under control for "Jonah", "Zena" and "Karma".
2. Issue infringement: Dog Control Act 1996 Section 42 Offence of failing to register dog for "Jonah", "Zena" and "Karma" .
3. A sworn statement has been taken attesting to the incident. The dog "Jonah" is to be classified as menacing IAW section 33A(1)(b)(i) DCA 1996 Territorial authority may classify a dog as MENACING.
4. Issue a Warning dog Incident letter.
5. The dog "Jonah" is to be neutered or a certificate from a registered veterinarian verifying the dog has been neutered.
6. A property inspection IAW the requirements to properly contain a dog per section 19(b) Taupo District Council Control of Dogs bylaw 2021.

## SUMMARY OF FACTS AND FURTHER ACTION FOR DOG INCIDENT

**\*Explanatory Note:****Guide to the Critical Analysis:****Clarity of Objectives:**

The investigation file establishes clear objectives from the outset. It delineates the scope, purpose, and desired outcomes of the investigation, providing a roadmap for subsequent decision-making.

**Evidential Rigor:**

The robustness of the investigation file is its commitment to evidential rigor. Decision-making appears anchored in factual data, witness testimonies, and consideration of the offence ingredients. This evidential foundation lends credibility to the decisions rendered, instilling confidence in its validity and impartiality.

**Procedural Integrity:**

The investigation is conducted with procedural integrity using known practice/methodology, protocols, and ethical standards. Such transparency enhances accountability and mitigates the risk of procedural lapses or bias.

**Analytical Depth:**

Decision-making within the investigation file reflects a commendable depth of analysis. It demonstrates an understanding of the multifaceted factors at play, including legal precedents, organisational policies, and the relevance of all the information gathered. This analytical rigor enriches the decision-making process, fostering robust and defensible conclusions.

**Stakeholder Engagement:**

Decision-making appears informed by consultations with relevant parties, including victims, witnesses, and subject matter experts. This inclusive approach fosters legitimacy and ensures that diverse perspectives are duly considered.

**Transparency and Accountability:**

A hallmark of effective decision-making is transparency and accountability, both of which are evident throughout the investigation file. All decisions are documented, and show the rationale used, any dissenting opinions are duly noted. This transparency enhances trust in the process and facilitates constructive feedback and scrutiny.

**Adaptability and Flexibility:**

In navigating the complexities of the investigation, the file demonstrates adaptability and flexibility in its decision-making approach. It adeptly adjusts course in response to emerging evidence, legal developments, and stakeholder feedback. Such agility enhances the resilience and relevance of the investigative process.



21 July 2025



Phone +64 7 376 0899  
30 Tongariro St, Taupō 3330  
Private Bag 2005, Taupō 3352

Dear [REDACTED]

**Notice of Classification of Dog as a Menacing Dog - Section 33A, Dog Control Act 1996**

**Customer ID:** 218217

**Animal ID | Description** 280563 | Dog | Domestic Dog | Bulldog, American | Brown/White | Jonah

This is to notify you<sup>1</sup> that this dog has been classified as a menacing dog under **Section 33A(1)(b)(i)** of the Dog Control Act 1996.

This Taupō District Council considers this dog may pose a threat to any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal or protected wildlife because of observed or reported behaviour of the dog.

A full summary of the effects of the classification and your right to object is provided on the following page.

If you have any enquiries regarding this letter, please contact the Compliance Team on 0800 ASK TDC (0800 275 832) or email [info@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:info@taupo.govt.nz).

Kind regards

**Compliance Team Leader**  
Taupō District Council  
CO-82

<sup>11</sup> For the purposes of the Dog Control Act 1996, you are the owner of a dog if—

- you own the dog; or
- you have the dog in your possession (otherwise than for a period not exceeding 72 hours for the purpose of preventing the dog causing injury, or damage, or distress, or for the sole purpose of restoring a lost dog to its owner); or
- you are the parent or guardian of a person under 16 who is the owner of the dog and who is a member of your household living with and dependent on you.



**EFFECT OF CLASSIFICATION AS MENACING DOG***Section 33E 33F and 36A , Dog Control Act 1996***Section 33E Effect of classification as a 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).
- (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 33F Owner must advise person with possession of dangerous or menacing dog of requirement to muzzle and leash dog in public**

- (1) This section applies to an owner whose dog has been classified as—
  - (a) dangerous under section 31; or
  - (b) menacing under section 33A or section 33C.
- (2) If the dog is in the possession of another person for a period not exceeding 72 hours, the owner must advise the person of the requirement to comply with section 32(1)(b) or section 33E(1)(a), as the case may be (which relate to the requirement to muzzle and leash the dog in public).
- (3) Every person who fails to comply with subsection (2) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500.

**Section 36A Microchip transponder must be implanted in certain dogs**

- (1) This section applies to a dog that—
  - (a) is classified as dangerous under section 31 on or after 1 December 2003; or
  - (b) is classified as menacing under section 33A or section 33C on or after 1 December 2003; or
  - (c) is registered for the first time on or after 1 July 2006.
- (2) The owner of the dog must, for the purpose of providing permanent identification of the dog, arrange for the dog to be implanted with a functioning microchip transponder of the prescribed type and in the prescribed manner.
- (2A) Subsection (2) does not apply to a dog as defined in paragraph (b)(ii) of the definition of working dog in section 2 registered as a working dog under section 46(1) and wearing a collar, label, or disc as provided in section 34(4)(b).
- (3) Subsection (2) is complied with by the owner,—
  - (a) for a dog that is classified as dangerous or menacing, by making the dog available, in accordance with the reasonable instructions of the territorial authority, for verification that it has been implanted with a functioning microchip transponder of the prescribed type and in the prescribed location;
  - (b) for a dog that is registered for the first time on or after 1 July 2006, by—



- (i) making the dog available, in accordance with the reasonable instructions of the territorial authority, for verification that it has been implanted with a functioning microchip transponder of the prescribed type and in the prescribed location; or
  - (ii) providing to the territorial authority a certificate issued by a veterinarian certifying—
    - (A) that the dog is or has been implanted with a functioning microchip transponder of the prescribed type and in the prescribed location; or
    - (B) that, for the reasons that are specified in the certificate, the dog will not be in a fit condition to be implanted with a functioning microchip transponder of the prescribed type and in the prescribed location before a date specified in the certificate.
- (3A) A certificate issued by a veterinarian under subsection (3)(b)(ii) must include the following information:
- (a) the unique identifier of the microchip transponder (if subsection (3)(b)(ii)(A) applies); and
  - (b) the name and sex of the dog; and
  - (c) a physical description of the dog, which may include the breed, the colour, and any distinguishing marks; and
  - (d) if the dog is registered, the registration number of the label or disc issued for the dog; and
  - (e) the name, date of birth, and address of the owner of the dog.
- (4) If a certificate under subsection (3)(b)(ii)(B) is produced to the territorial authority, the owner must produce to the territorial authority, within 1 month after the date specified in the certificate, a further certificate under subsection (3)(b)(ii).
- (5) The owner must comply with subsection (2)—
- (a) within 2 months from 1 July 2006, if the dog is classified as dangerous or menacing on or after 1 December 2003 but before 1 July 2006; or
  - (b) within 2 months after the date on which the dog is classified as dangerous or menacing or is registered (as the case may be), in any other case.
- (5A) Subsection (2) does not apply if—
- (a) as a requirement of this Act, the dog has been previously implanted with a functioning microchip transponder of the prescribed type and in the prescribed location; or
  - (b) in any other case, the territorial authority has verified that the dog has been implanted with a functioning microchip transponder of the prescribed type and in the prescribed location.
- (6) Every person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 who fails to comply with subsection (2) or subsection (5).

Full details of the effect of the classification of a dog as menacing are provided in the Dog Control Act 1996.

### **RIGHT OF OBJECTION TO CLASSIFICATION UNDER SECTION 33A**

*Section 33B, Dog Control Act 1996*

#### **Section 33B Objection to classification of dog under section 33A**

- (1) If a dog is classified under section 33A as a menacing dog, the owner—
  - (a) 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.

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21 July 2025



Turangi 3334

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Private Bag 2005, Taupō 3352

Dear 

**Dog Control Warning Notice - Section 57 and 57A, Dog Control Act 1996**

**Customer ID:** 218217

**Animal ID | Description:** : 280563 | Dog | Domestic Dog | Bulldog, American | Brown/White | Jonah

On the 16/05/2025 on Te Takinga street, Turangi your dog was involved in an incident involving a person or another animal.

As a result of the investigation carried out in relation to the incident above, this letter is a **Warning Notice** that further complaints may result in the following action:

1. Prosecution under the Dog Control Act 1996 Section 57 - if convicted you would be liable for a fine not exceeding \$3000 in addition to any liability that may incur for any damage caused by the attack.
2. If convicted of an offence under the Dog Control Act 1996 Section 57 you may be disqualified as an owner in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996 Section 25 for a period up to 5 years.
3. Your dog may be classified in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996 as a Dangerous Dog

**You will receive the following:**

- The dog identified above will be classified as Menacing in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996.
- Infringement in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996 52A for Jonah, Karma, and Zena.

If you have any enquiries regarding this notice, please contact the Compliance Team on 0800 ASK TDC (0800 275 832) or email [info@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:info@taupo.govt.nz).

Kind regards

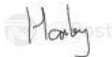
**Compliance Team**  
Taupō District Council  
CO-82



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**Delivered**  
11:30am, 24 July 2025

Signed by 

Your parcel has been delivered by your local courier driver based at POST Sites Taranaki and signed for by "Hailey Wigzell". Any questions? Please [contact us](#)

[Proof of delivery](#)

- Ready to collect**  
03:01pm, 22 July 2025, Turangi
- Item on way to collection point**  
02:14pm, 22 July 2025, Taupo
- Delivery attempted - refer to card**  
12:20pm, 22 July 2025, Taupo
- With courier for delivery**  
08:32am, 22 July 2025, Taupo
- Collected from sender**  
12:22pm, 21 July 2025, Taupo

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About this parcel



## Taupo District Council Victim Incident Statement v1.0

**Name:** [REDACTED]  
**Date of birth:** [REDACTED]  
**Residential address:** [REDACTED]  
**Telephone number:** [REDACTED]  
**Email address:** [REDACTED]

**Incident:** Dog attack on person

**Caution:**

My name is, *Nicola*, I am Compliance Officer number *105*. I am warranted by council (produce warrant card) under Section 13 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

I have been informed that you may have information relating to an offence I am investigating.

I am speaking to you about a dog biting you outside Pak n Save

You are not being detained.

You do not have to make any statement.

Anything you say will be recorded and may be given as evidence in court.

You are free to leave at anytime

Do you understand what I have just told you? **YES**

**This statement is being made to Compliance Officer: 105**

**Place:** [REDACTED]

**Time and Date:** 10:35 18/02/2026

Initial: [REDACTED]  
 Date: *18/02/2026*

1. **Date and Time of Incident?** 17/02/2026 at 13:58
2. **Where did the incident take place?** Pak n Save. 131 Ruapehu Street, Taupo
3. **Who was attacked / rushed?** Adult
4. **Description of the alleged offending dog:** Big dog, looked friendly but he wasn't. Brown/black.
5. **Where precisely was the dog when you first saw it?** It was tied up outside by the seats by the taxi stand. Tied up to the post next to those seats
6. **Describe how the dog was behaving?** Pretty good actually.
7. **Where precisely were you when the incident happened & what were you doing?** I was on my break and heading back into the store to finish my break.
8. **Describe the incident/what happened?** I went outside to have my break, I sat down outside on the concrete ledge of the window to have a vape not far from where the dog was. I looked at the time and saw that it was 13:57 and decided to head back inside. As I was going back inside, I put my hand out to pet the dog and it bit me. I didn't realise I was bleeding until one of the women in the van asked if I was alright as I was bleeding.
9. **Describe the nature of any injury?** I gash on the inside of right lower arm. Sore right wrist opposite the gash.
10. **Was any medical treatment received? Where?** Treatment at the Taupo Medical Centre. Nurse swabbed it down and gave me a tetanus shot.
11. **Did anyone (appearing to be in charge of the dog) say anything to you?** No
12. **Did you hear the person call the dog by name? (What name?)** No
13. **How did the incident end?** I went inside and told the lady at the desk and told me to wash it down with water. Another lady came down and asked me some questions and put some savlon on the wound. I waited for my boss and she took me to the medical centre

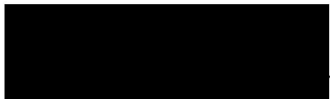
Initial: 

Date: 18/02/2026

14. **Were you interacting with the dog immediately before it attacked? If so, what were you doing?** No, I just said Hello and put my hand out.

15. **How did you feel about the incident?** I don't feel too bad, just a little sore. I don't think that dog should have been there because it could have been a child that was bitten. I shouldn't have patted the dog. The dog shouldn't have been on the footpath.

**I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.**

 (Name of declarant)

 (Signature of declarant)


Date: 18/02/2026

*Nicola*  (Name or CO number of witness)

 (Signature of witness)

Date: 18/02/2026

Time interview finished: 10:55am

Initial: 

Date: 18/02/2026





## Taupo District Council Dog Owner Incident Statement

**Name:** Tracey-Lee Hinetaha Livingstone

**Date of birth:** [REDACTED]

**Residential address:** [REDACTED]

**Telephone number:** [REDACTED]

**Email address:** [REDACTED]

**Incident:** Dog attack on person ?

**Caution:**

My name is [REDACTED], I am Compliance Officer number 105. I am warranted by council under Section 13 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

I have been informed that you may have information relating to an offence I am investigating. ✓

I am speaking to you about your dog Roxy biting a person outside of Pak n Save ?

You are not being detained. ✓

You do not have to make any statement. ✓

Anything you say will be recorded and may be given as evidence in court. ✓

You are free to leave at anytime. ✓

Do you understand what I have just told you? **Yes**

*I innerstand.*

Initial: *KL-2-26*

Date: *[Signature]*

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REQ2026-002714

**This statement is being made to Compliance Officer:** 105 ✓

**Place:** 131 Centennial Drive, Taupo (Dog Pound) ✓

**Time and Date:** 18/02/2026 14:21 ✓

**Dog Description:**

**Name - Roxy** ✓  
**Breed - Rottweiler**  
**Sex - Female**  
**Colour - Black and Tan**  
**Registration - 257286**

**Q1. Are you the owner of the dog at the time of the incident?**

A. Yes ✓

**Q. How long have you owned the dog?**

A. since she was 3 months old ✓

**Q. What is the purpose of your dog? (companion, guard, hunting etc)**

A. Companion ✓

**Q. Where were you when the incident happened and what you doing?**

A. Inside Pak n Save, shopping. ✓

**Q. Did you see the incident? (if yes, what happened?)**

A. No ✓

**Q. Has the dog ever bitten, attacked, rushed at any other person or other animal / vehicle**

**(if yes describe)**

A. No ✓

**Q. What do you think caused the dog to act this way?**

A. Probably being approached by a stranger, It's hard to say as she has ever done it before ✓

Initial: 

Date: 18-2-26

**Q. Why was your dog tied up and left in a public place unattended?**

A. I was walking around town and then we went to get water from Pak n Save. I tied her up on a short leash and walking into Pak n Save. ✓

**Q. Did you see the victims' injury? (if yes, describe)**

A. No ✓

**Q. Did you speak with the victim? (if yes, what was said?)**

A. No ✓

**Q. How did you know the incident had taken place, who informed you and what was said?**

A. There were people looking outside at the dog, and they were saying it had just bit someone. ✓

**Q. Do you think your dog acted dangerously? (if no, explain why)**

A. No, because even children know not to approach a dog, she has never bitten anyone before so it makes me wonder what her approach was. ✓

**Q. How could have you prevented this?**

A. By not stopping at Pak n Save ✓

**Q. What will you do to prevent this from happening again?**

A. Not stop at Pak n Save when we are walking, I will take water with me. ✓

**Q. When will this take place?**

A. Immediately. ✓

Initial:   
Date: 18.2.26

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

Tracy Livingstone (Name of declarant)

[Signature] (Signature of declarant)

Date: 18.02.2026

[Redacted] (Name or CO number of witness)

[Signature] (Signature of witness)

Date: 18/02/26

Time interview finished: 14:41

Initial: [Signature]  
Date: 18.2.26.



## Taupo District Council Witness Incident Statement v1.0

Name: [REDACTED]

Date of birth: [REDACTED]

Residential address: [REDACTED]

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

**Incident:** Witness to dog attack

**Caution:**

My name is, *Nicola* I am Compliance Officer number *105*. I am warranted by council under Section 13 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

I have been informed that you may have information relating to an offence I am investigating.

I am speaking to you about dog attack on person outside Pak n Save

You are not being detained.

You do not have to make any statement.

Anything you say will be recorded and may be given as evidence in court.

You are free to leave at anytime

Do you understand what I have just told you? **YES**

**This statement is being made to Compliance Officer:** *105*

**Place:** Waikato meeting room, *He Whare*

**Time and Date:** 11:07 19/02/2026

Initial: [REDACTED]

Date: *19/2/26*

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1. **Date and Time of Incident?** 17/02/2026 just before 2pm
2. **Where did the incident take place?** Pak n Save, Taupo
3. **Who was attacked / rushed?** Adult
4. **Description of the alleged offending dog:** Quite a big Rottweiler, black with brown down the from. Tied up with a front.
5. **Where precisely was the dog when you first saw it?** It was tied up at Pak n Save in front of the store by the ramp. Opposite the self-checkout but outside.
6. **Describe how the dog was behaving?** Was just lying there, it seemed fine.
7. **Describe the incident/what happened?** I was walking along towards the dog, the lady from Pak n Save was walking in front of you. I saw her reach down and pat the dog, she managed to pat the dog and then looked up at her, stood up as it bit her. It either barked or growled.
8. **How did the incident end?** I went to her and asked if she was ok, she said something like I wouldn't have patted it if I knew it was going to bite. I noticed she was bleeding and told her. I walked with her in the direction of the store and a lady came out and took her inside to fil out an incident report.
9. **How did you feel about the incident?** I'm all good, I did hear them over the intercom call the dog owner. I saw the dog owner talking to the Pak n Save staff. As I was leaving I asked how the lady was and then followed the dog owner out of the store where I saw her with the dog off lead walking through the carpark.

Initial: 


Date: 19/2/26

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

 (Name of declarant)

 (Signature of declarant)


Date: 19/2/2026

Nicola  (Name or CO number of witness)

 (Signature of witness)

Date: 19/2/2026

Time interview finished: 11:22

Initial   
Date: 19/2/26



## Animals - Dog Attack

### Request Summary

Classification: Request for Service  
 Reference Id: REQ2026-002714  
 Tracking Number: REQ2026-002714.RWE  
 Received: 17-Feb-2026 14:34:49  
 Priority: Urgent  
 Status: Active  
 Stage: On Hold  
 Source: NA  
 Address: 131 Ruapehu Street Taupo Taupo 3330  
 Detail: At 1.58 [REDACTED] (a Pak n save employee) went outside and saw a large Rottweiler tied up to a metal pole near the taxi stand seat outside Pak n save. She went to pat the dog who bit her on the arm, it is a relitively deep cut but looks like it wont need stitches.  
 The health and safety office was made aware of this and asked over the loud speaker for the owner of the dog to come forward. [REDACTED] came forward and they let her know about the dog biting a staff member and asked for [REDACTED] contact details which she refused to provide. [REDACTED] went to the dog, took it off the lead and let it walk off lead through the carpark.  
 [REDACTED] from Taupo Pak n Save called this in for [REDACTED] and is taking [REDACTED] to get medical attention.  
 She said she will ask the store manager for the camera footage and they have a photo of the dog.

### Categorisation

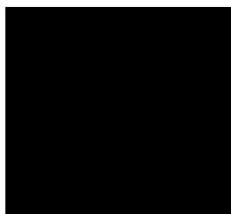
Request Type: Animal Management  
 Request Category: Animals - Dog Attack

### Stage Updates

Date Completed: Stage  
 04-Mar-2026: On Hold  
 17-Feb-2026: In Progress  
 17-Feb-2026: New Request

### Customer

Customer ID:  
 First Name:  
 Surname:  
 Email Address:  
 Phone Number:







REQ2026-002714

Offending dog tied up outside Pak n Save










## Taupo District Council Dog Classification Evaluation



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<b>DATE MATRIX COMPLETED: 20/02/2026</b>			
<b>Service request number:</b>		REQ2026-002714	
<b>Owner Name record #, name and address:</b>		110984 - Tracy Livingstone	
<b>Dog name and registration number:</b>		258746 - Roxy	
1	<b>NATURE OF INCIDENT</b>	Attack on a person with minor injury	13
2	<b>PUBLIC INTEREST</b>	Public interest is factored into report, remains constant	2
3	<b>LEGISLATIVE INTENT</b>	Legislative intent factored into report, remains constant	2
4	<b>CLASSIFIED DOG</b>	Dog not classified	0
5	<b>VICTIM IMPACT</b>	The victim is concerned about the outcome	2
6	<b>DOG SURRENDERED or SEIZED</b>	No requirement for the dog to be surrendered for destruction	0
7	<b>DOG AGGRESSION</b>	Complainant/Witness attest to aggression under caution	2
8	<b>NEGLIGENCE</b>	A lack of understanding of the true nature of dogs	2
9	<b>OWNER CO-OPERATION</b>	Co-operative and forthcoming with information	0
10	<b>DOGS PREVIOUS HISTORY</b>	No history	0
11	<b>DOG REGISTERED AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT</b>	The dog is currently registered	0
12	<b>RESTRAINT</b>	The dog was not under control of a person or secured	1
13	<b>KNOWLEDGE OF AGGRESSION</b>	Not known by the owner or council to have shown previous aggression	0
14	<b>RECURRENCE LIKELIHOOD</b>	Unable to determine	1
15	<b>TRAINED AGGRESSION</b>	Not trained to be aggressive	0
16	<b>DAMAGES</b>	Did not offer to pay any damages or damages remain unpaid	1
17	<b>BREED CHARACTERISTICS</b>	Known as a guard dog breed	1
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>27</b>
<b>OUTCOME</b>		<b>Menacing dog classification and/or infringement: 24 - 27</b>	
<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>		<b>MENACING</b>	

<p><b>NOTES:</b></p>	<p>Score 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Menacing classification based on Matrix score.</li><li>-Infringement under s53 of the Dog Control Act 1996 for Failure to keep dog under control.</li><li>-An incident warning letter be sent to the dog owner.</li></ul>
<p><b>OFFICER NUMBER:</b></p>	<p>Officer 105</p>

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<b>Service request number:</b>		REQ2026-002714	
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<p>NOTES:</p>	
<p>OFFICER NUMBER:</p>	<p>Officer 82</p>

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**GREAT LAKE TAUPŌ**  
Taupō District Council

**DOG ATTACK INVESTIGATION – ENFORCEMENT DECISION CHECKLIST**  
(Dog Control Act 1996)

Service Request: REQ2026-002714  
 Investigating Officer: CO105  
 Reviewing Manager: CTAIT  
 Date: 03 March 2026

**1. INCIDENT VERIFICATION**

- Date and time of incident established
- Exact location confirmed
- Identity of offending dog confirmed
- Ownership / person in control confirmed

**2. EVIDENCE QUALITY**

- Victim statement obtained
- Witness statement(s) obtained (if available)
- Photographs of injuries taken
- Scene photographs / diagram completed
- Veterinary or medical report obtained (if injury occurred)

Evidence threshold met:

- Yes  No

**3. OFFENCE INGREDIENTS (DOG CONTROL ACT)**

Section 57 – Attack on person or animal

- Dog behaviour involved aggression (bite, maul, pursue etc.)
- Victim was lawfully present
- Injury or aggressive contact occurred

Section ~~52A~~ / 53 – Control of dog

- Dog was not under direct control of a person OR
- Dog was able to leave property / containment failure

Offence proven:

- ~~s52A~~ / s53
- s57
- Both

4. RISK FACTORS

- Injury severity
- Dog initiated the encounter
- Dog left property / containment failure
- Incident occurred in public area
- Previous complaints or aggression history
- Owner cooperation level
- Likelihood of recurrence

Overall Risk Level:

- Low
- Moderate
- Elevated
- High

5. ENFORCEMENT OPTIONS

- Education / Advice
- Warning Letter
- Infringement Notice (s52A or s53)
- Menacing Classification (s33A)
- Dangerous Classification (s31)
- Prosecution (s57 / s58)

Recommended Enforcement Action:

Menacing Classification IAW section 33A(1)(b)(i) Dog Control Act 1996,

Infringement IAW section 53 Dog Control Act 1996, Warning

6. PROPORTIONALITY CHECK

- Enforcement action matches seriousness of incident
- Enforcement action consistent with council policy
- Enforcement action supports public safety
- Enforcement action is legally defensible

Approved by Manager:

Name: Cameron Tait

Signature: Cameron Tait Digitally signed by Cameron Tait  
Date: 2026.03.09 14:57:29 +13'00'

Date: 03 March 2026

## SUMMARY OF FACTS AND FURTHER ACTION FOR DOG INCIDENT

**Taupō District Council v Livingstone****Service Request: REQ2025-002714****Reviewed 3 March 2026**

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Name: Mrs Tracy Livingstone

Dog Owner Number: 110984

Dog Details: Dog | Domestic Dog | Rottweiler | Black/Tan | Female Entire | Roxy | 257286

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Offence: **Dog Control Act: Section 57 Dog Control Act 1996**

**Dog Control Act: Section 53 Dog Control Act 1996**

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**SUMMARY OF FACTS**

On 17 February 2026 at approximately 1:58 p.m., the victim, [REDACTED], was at her place of employment at PAK'nSave, Taupō, having just completed a break and returning to the store. She observed a dog, later identified as "Roxy," tied up outside the premises.

As [REDACTED] passed the dog, she extended her hand in an attempt to pat it. The dog stood up, barked or growled, and proceeded to bite [REDACTED] on the lower right arm, causing two wounds.

[REDACTED] subsequently sought medical attention. Her injuries were cleaned and dressed, and she received a tetanus vaccination.

## SUMMARY OF FACTS AND FURTHER ACTION FOR DOG INCIDENT

Staff at PAK'nSave notified the dog's owner, Tracy LIVINGSTONE, who was inside the store at the time. Ms LIVINGSTONE then exited the store, untied the dog, and departed the area.

### Conclusion and Decision

On the completion of the investigation, a critical analysis of the investigation file has been conducted considering the:

- Clarity of Objectives\*
- Procedural Integrity\*
- Analytical Depth\*
- Stakeholder Engagement\*
- Transparency and Accountability\*
- Adaptability and Flexibility\*

*\*See the Explanatory Note at the bottom of this document.*

Facts that can be relied upon:

1. The date and time of the attack are established.
2. The location of the incident is correct.
3. The offending dog have been identified,
4. The ownership of the offending dog has been established,
5. The offending dog was not under the direct control of a person when the incident occurred.

Upon thorough evaluation of all the above points the following offence has been proven:

**Dog Control Act 1996, section 57, Dogs attacking persons or animals**

**Dog Control Act 1996, section 53, Failure to keep dog under control**

## SUMMARY OF FACTS AND FURTHER ACTION FOR DOG INCIDENT

**Senior Compliance Officer Recommendation**

My recommendation is that the owner of "Roxy, Tracy Livingstone, receive a warning dog incident letter and an infringement under s53 of the Dog Control Act 1996. I also recommend that dog "Roxy" be classified as a MENACING dog under s33A(1)(b)(i) of the Dog Control Act 1996.

Tim Dobbyn

**Senior Compliance Officer****Compliance and Regulatory Manager Decision**

The investigation into the complaint has concluded and a comprehensive review has been conducted by the Compliance Team Leader and myself.

The evidence has been interrogated and the facts that can be relied upon have resulted in a clear determination of an outcome which is outlined in the below enforcement actions.

The file will be returned to the investigating Officer to complete the enforcement actions and inform the parties concerned of the outcome.

Cameron Tait

**Compliance and Regulatory Manager**

## SUMMARY OF FACTS AND FURTHER ACTION FOR DOG INCIDENT

**Enforcement Action**

The following Enforcement actions are to be carried out as soon as practicable:

1. Issue infringement: Dog Control Act 1996 Section 53 Offence of failing to keep a dog under control.
2. A statement has been taken attesting to the incident. The dog "ROXY" is to be classified as menacing IAW section 33A(1)(b)(i) DCA 1996 Territorial authority may classify a dog as MENACING.
3. The dog is to be neutered or a certificate from a registered veterinarian verifying the dog has been neutered.
4. If the dog owner has a Responsible Dog Owner Permit this is to be revoked immediately.
5. Issue a Warning dog Incident letter.
6. Issue infringement: Dog Control Act 1996 section 20(5), clause 7 Taupo District Council Control of Dogs Bylaw 2021, Offence of failing to leash a dog in public

## SUMMARY OF FACTS AND FURTHER ACTION FOR DOG INCIDENT

**\*Explanatory Note:****Guide to the Critical Analysis:****Clarity of Objectives:**

The investigation file establishes clear objectives from the outset. It delineates the scope, purpose, and desired outcomes of the investigation, providing a roadmap for subsequent decision-making.

**Evidential Rigor:**

The robustness of the investigation file is its commitment to evidential rigor. Decision-making appears anchored in factual data, witness testimonies, and consideration of the offence ingredients. This evidential foundation lends credibility to the decisions rendered, instilling confidence in its validity and impartiality.

**Procedural Integrity:**

The investigation is conducted with procedural integrity using known practice/methodology, protocols, and ethical standards. Such transparency enhances accountability and mitigates the risk of procedural lapses or bias.

**Analytical Depth:**

Decision-making within the investigation file reflects a commendable depth of analysis. It demonstrates an understanding of the multifaceted factors at play, including legal precedents, organisational policies, and the relevance of all the information gathered. This analytical rigor enriches the decision-making process, fostering robust and defensible conclusions.

**Stakeholder Engagement:**

Decision-making appears informed by consultations with relevant parties, including victims, witnesses, and subject matter experts. This inclusive approach fosters legitimacy and ensures that diverse perspectives are duly considered.

**Transparency and Accountability:**

A hallmark of effective decision-making is transparency and accountability, both of which are evident throughout the investigation file. All decisions are documented, and show the rationale used, any dissenting opinions are duly noted. This transparency enhances trust in the process and facilitates constructive feedback and scrutiny.

**Adaptability and Flexibility:**

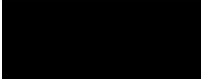
In navigating the complexities of the investigation, the file demonstrates adaptability and flexibility in its decision-making approach. It adeptly adjusts course in response to emerging evidence, legal developments, and stakeholder feedback. Such agility enhances the resilience and relevance of the investigative process.



03 March 2026

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Mrs Tracey-Lee Hinetaha Livingstone



Dear Tracey

**Notice of Classification of Dog as a Menacing Dog - Section 33A, Dog Control Act 1996**

**Customer ID:** 110984

**Animal ID | Description** 258746 | Dog | Domestic Dog | Rottweiler | Black/Tan | Roxy

This is to notify you<sup>1</sup> that this dog has been classified as a menacing dog under **Section 33A (2)** of the Dog Control Act 1996.

This Taupō District Council considers this dog may pose a threat to any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal or protected wildlife because of:

- Attack on Person

A full summary of the effects of the classification and your right to object is provided on the following page.

If you have any enquiries regarding this letter, please contact the Compliance Team on 0800 ASK TDC (0800 275 832) or email [info@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:info@taupo.govt.nz).

Kind regards

**Compliance Team**  
Taupo District Council  
CO-105

<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of the Dog Control Act 1996, you are the owner of a dog if—

- you own the dog; or
- you have the dog in your possession (otherwise than for a period not exceeding 72 hours for the purpose of preventing the dog causing injury, or damage, or distress, or for the sole purpose of restoring a lost dog to its owner); or
- you are the parent or guardian of a person under 16 who is the owner of the dog and who is a member of your household living with and dependent on you.



**EFFECT OF CLASSIFICATION AS MENACING DOG***Section 33E 33F and 36A , Dog Control Act 1996***Section 33E Effect of classification as a 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).
- (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 33F Owner must advise person with possession of dangerous or menacing dog of requirement to muzzle and leash dog in public**

- (1) This section applies to an owner whose dog has been classified as—
  - (a) dangerous under section 31; or
  - (b) menacing under section 33A or section 33C.
- (2) If the dog is in the possession of another person for a period not exceeding 72 hours, the owner must advise the person of the requirement to comply with section 32(1)(b) or section 33E(1)(a), as the case may be (which relate to the requirement to muzzle and leash the dog in public).
- (3) Every person who fails to comply with subsection (2) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500.

**Section 36A Microchip transponder must be implanted in certain dogs**

- (1) This section applies to a dog that—
  - (a) is classified as dangerous under section 31 on or after 1 December 2003; or
  - (b) is classified as menacing under section 33A or section 33C on or after 1 December 2003; or
  - (c) is registered for the first time on or after 1 July 2006.
- (2) The owner of the dog must, for the purpose of providing permanent identification of the dog, arrange for the dog to be implanted with a functioning microchip transponder of the prescribed type and in the prescribed manner.
- (2A) Subsection (2) does not apply to a dog as defined in paragraph (b)(ii) of the definition of working dog in section 2 registered as a working dog under section 46(1) and wearing a collar, label, or disc as provided in section 34(4)(b).
- (3) Subsection (2) is complied with by the owner,—
  - (a) for a dog that is classified as dangerous or menacing, by making the dog available, in accordance with the reasonable instructions of the territorial authority, for verification that it has been implanted with a functioning microchip transponder of the prescribed type and in the prescribed location;
  - (b) for a dog that is registered for the first time on or after 1 July 2006, by—

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- (i) making the dog available, in accordance with the reasonable instructions of the territorial authority, for verification that it has been implanted with a functioning microchip transponder of the prescribed type and in the prescribed location; or
  - (ii) providing to the territorial authority a certificate issued by a veterinarian certifying—
    - (A) that the dog is or has been implanted with a functioning microchip transponder of the prescribed type and in the prescribed location; or
    - (B) that, for the reasons that are specified in the certificate, the dog will not be in a fit condition to be implanted with a functioning microchip transponder of the prescribed type and in the prescribed location before a date specified in the certificate.
- (3A) A certificate issued by a veterinarian under subsection (3)(b)(ii) must include the following information:
- (a) the unique identifier of the microchip transponder (if subsection (3)(b)(ii)(A) applies); and
  - (b) the name and sex of the dog; and
  - (c) a physical description of the dog, which may include the breed, the colour, and any distinguishing marks; and
  - (d) if the dog is registered, the registration number of the label or disc issued for the dog; and
  - (e) the name, date of birth, and address of the owner of the dog.
- (4) If a certificate under subsection (3)(b)(ii)(B) is produced to the territorial authority, the owner must produce to the territorial authority, within 1 month after the date specified in the certificate, a further certificate under subsection (3)(b)(ii).
- (5) The owner must comply with subsection (2)—
- (a) within 2 months from 1 July 2006, if the dog is classified as dangerous or menacing on or after 1 December 2003 but before 1 July 2006; or
  - (b) within 2 months after the date on which the dog is classified as dangerous or menacing or is registered (as the case may be), in any other case.
- (5A) Subsection (2) does not apply if—
- (a) as a requirement of this Act, the dog has been previously implanted with a functioning microchip transponder of the prescribed type and in the prescribed location; or
  - (b) in any other case, the territorial authority has verified that the dog has been implanted with a functioning microchip transponder of the prescribed type and in the prescribed location.
- (6) Every person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 who fails to comply with subsection (2) or subsection (5).

Full details of the effect of the classification of a dog as menacing are provided in the Dog Control Act 1996.

### **RIGHT OF OBJECTION TO CLASSIFICATION UNDER SECTION 33A**

*Section 33B, Dog Control Act 1996*

#### **Section 33B Objection to classification of dog under section 33A**

- (1) If a dog is classified under section 33A as a menacing dog, the owner—
  - (a) 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.

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03 March 2026

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Mrs Tracey-Lee Hinetaha Livingstone



Dear Tracey

**Dog Control Warning Notice - Section 57 and 57A, Dog Control Act 1996**

**Customer ID:** 110984

**Animal ID | Description:** : 258746 | Dog | Domestic Dog | Rottweiler | Black/Tan | Roxy

On the 17/02/2026 at 131 Ruapehu Street, Taupō your dog was involved in an incident involving a person.

As a result of the investigation carried out in relation to the incident above, this letter is a **Warning Notice** that further complaints may result in the following action:

1. Prosecution under the Dog Control Act 1996 Section 57 - if convicted you would be liable for a fine not exceeding \$3000 in addition to any liability that may incur for any damage caused by the attack.
2. If convicted of an offence under the Dog Control Act 1996 Section 57 you may be disqualified as an owner in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996 Section 25 for a period up to 5 years.

**You will receive the following:**

- The dog identified above will be classified as Dangerous Menacing in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996.
- Infringement in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996 53.
- Infringement in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996 20(5), clause 7 Taupo District Council Control of Dogs Bylaw 2021

If you have any enquiries regarding this notice, please contact the Compliance Team on 0800 ASK TDC (0800 275 832) or email [info@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:info@taupo.govt.nz).

Kind regards

**Compliance Team**  
Taupō District Council  
CO-105





04 March 2026

Mrs Tracy-Lee Hinetaha Livingstone



Phone +64 7 376 0899  
30 Tongariro St, Taupō 3330  
Private Bag 2005, Taupō 3352

Dear Tracy

**Acknowledge Objection to Menacing Dog Classification – Section 33B, Dog Control Act 1996**

**Customer ID:** 110984

**Animal ID | Description:** 258746 | Dog | Domestic Dog | Rottweiler | Black/Tan | Roxy

Please be advised that Taupō District Council has received your written objection to the Menacing Dog Classification notice issued under Section 33A of the Dog Control Act 1996.

The Council is currently arranging a suitable hearing date and venue for this objection to be heard and you will be notified in writing as soon as this has been arranged.

If you have any enquiries regarding this letter, please contact the Compliance Team on 0800 ASK TDC (0800 275 832) or email [info@taupo.govt.nz](mailto:info@taupo.govt.nz).

Kind regards

**Compliance Team**

Taupō District Council  
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**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).



**Service Request: 6185**

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

INVESTIGATION INTO AN ALLEGED OFFENCE UNDER THE DOG CONTROL ACT 1996

### 1. **BACKGROUND**

PROVIDE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE INCIDENT AND CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED TO THE INVESTIGATION:

On 17/02/2026 2:34:49 PM Council received a report that a dog owned by Mrs Tracey-Lee Hinetaha Livingstone allegedly bit an employee of Pak N Save on the arm while tied up unattended at 131 Ruapehu Street Taupo Taupo 3330. The alleged conduct may constitute an offence under sections of the Dog Control Act 1996.

### 2. **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

THIS INVESTIGATION IS CONDUCTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE DOG CONTROL ACT 1996, IN PARTICULAR (cross which applies):

<input type="checkbox"/> - <b>Section 32(2):</b> Offence of Failing to comply with classification of dog as dangerous dog  <input type="checkbox"/> - <b>Section 33EC(1):</b> Offence of Failing to comply with classification of dog as menacing dog  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - <b>Section 52A:</b> Control of dog on owners' property  <input type="checkbox"/> - <b>Section 53:</b> Offence of failing to keep dog under control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - <b>Section 57:</b> Dogs attacking persons or animals  <input type="checkbox"/> - <b>Section 57A:</b> Dogs rushing at persons, animals, or vehicles  <input type="checkbox"/> - <b>Section 58:</b> Dogs causing serious injury
Specify any other relevant bylaws or sections of the Act:  Taupo District Council Control of Dogs Bylaw 2021 Section 7	

### 3. **PURPOSE OF THE INVESTIGATION**

THE PURPOSE OF THIS INVESTIGATION IS TO:



- Establish the facts and circumstances surrounding the alleged offence.
- Determine whether an offence under the Dog Control Act 1996 has been committed.
- Identify the dog(s) and owner(s)/person(s) in control of the dog that were involved.
- Assess the risk posed by the dog(s) to public safety.
- Recommend appropriate enforcement action in accordance with legislation, Council policy, and evidential standards.

**4. SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION**

**MATTERS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION:**

- Gathering and assessing evidence relating to the incident.
- Interviewing the complainant(s), witnesses, and the dog owner(s).
- Conducting site visits and inspections.
- Reviewing veterinary or medical reports (If applicable).
- Reviewing the dog and owner history with Council records.
- Consulting with NZ Police or other external agencies if relevant.

**MATTERS OUT OF THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION:**

- Civil liability or compensation matters.
- Broader policy changes or unrelated complaints.

**5. INVESTIGATION PROCESS**

**THE INVESTIGATION WILL FOLLOW THESE KEY STEPS:**

- a. Initial assessment of incident
- b. Evidence gathering
  - i. photographs, video footage, physical evidence
  - ii. witness statements



- iii. veterinary/ medical reports
- iv. compliance officer observations
- c. Owner interview and opportunity to respond.
- d. Analysis of evidence against legislative requirements
- e. Risk assessment of the dog's behaviour
- f. Findings and recommendations
- g. Report submission for review.
- h. Enforcement decision and execution.

**6. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**LEAD INVESTIGATOR / COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

Responsible for conducting the investigation, gathering evidence, interviewing parties, preparing the investigation file, and making recommendations on enforcements actions.

**SENIOR COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

Responsible for overseeing investigation, advising lead investigator when required, reviewing investigation file, and preparing summary of facts

**COMPLIANCE AND REGULATORY MANAGER**

Responsible for ensuring compliance with legislation, reviewing investigation file and approving final recommendations.

**7. TIMEFRAMES**

Investigation start date: 17/02/2026 17/02/2026

Target completion date: 20/02/2026 20/03/2026

Interim updates to be provided every week.

**8. STANDARDS AND PRINCIPLES**

THE INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH:



- a. Dog Control Act 1996
- b. Council Dog Control Policy and Bylaws
- c. Evidence Act 2006
- d. Privacy Act 2020
- e. Search and Surveillance Act 2012

**9. DELIVERABLES**

THE INVESTIGATION FILE WILL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

- a. Summary of incident and allegations
- b. Supporting evidence
- c. Assessment against relevant legal provisions
- d. Findings and conclusions
- e. Recommended enforcement actions

**10. APPROVAL**

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE IS APPROVED AND THE INVESTIGATION IS AUTHORISED TO PROCEED.

APPROVED BY: [REDACTED] Senior Compliance Officer



### **Dangerous vs Menacing Dog Classification Guide**

The Dog Control Act 1996 is a STRICT LIABILITY OFFENCE Act. For practicable purposes, where the ingredients for classification have been met, the action should be to classify the dog **unless** there are **sufficient and reasonable** mitigations not to.

#### **Menacing Dog Classification**

A dog should be classified as menacing when its behaviour indicates a threat to people or animals but does not meet the threshold for a dangerous classification.

- Repeated rushing or threatening behaviour
- Chasing people, cyclists, or vehicles
- Intimidating behaviour without biting
- Attack/bite causing minor injury
- Previous complaints indicating risk
- Breed-based classification where applicable

#### **Dangerous Dog Classification**

A dog should be classified as dangerous when it has caused serious harm or demonstrates behaviour likely to cause serious injury.

- Attack/bite causing moderate to serious injury to a person
- Attack causing serious injury or death to another animal
- Repeated aggressive behaviour with significant risk
- Evidence showing the dog poses a significant public safety risk

#### **Key Considerations**

- Severity of injuries
- Frequency of aggressive behaviour
- Location of incident
- Dog control history
- Owner ability to control the dog

For **menacing classification**, you should always focus on: **behaviour**, not **injury severity**.

For **dangerous classification**, you should always focus on: **serious harm**, not **threat**.