
Agenda for a meeting of the Waikato District Council to be held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaaruawaahia on **FRIDAY, 13 JUNE 2025** commencing at **11:30 AM**.

Information and recommendations are included in the reports to assist the Committee in the decision-making process and may not constitute Council's decision or policy until considered by the Committee.

The meeting will be opened with a karakia.

1. CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

The register of interests is no longer included on agendas, however members still have a duty to disclose any interests under this item.

3. COUNCIL'S REPORT

3.1 Waikato District Council's Animal Control - Menacing Classification - Rowena Monk

4. OBJECTOR'S REPORT

4.1 Objector's appeal of Menacing Classification - Rowena Monk

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Regulatory Subcommittee

Reports to: Policy & Regulatory Committee

Chairperson: Cr Janet Gibb

Deputy Chairperson: Cr Peter Thomson

Membership: Deputy Mayor Carolyn Eyre Cr Crystal Beavis
(The composition of any Regulatory Subcommittee for quorum purposes to be determined by the Chairperson)

Meeting frequency: As and when required

Quorum: A panel of three to be appointed in the first instance allowing for a quorum of two once the hearing has commenced.

Purpose

1. To conduct fair and effective hearings and make determinations on the Council's regulatory functions under legislation and other matters as referred to the Committee.
2. To recommend to the Council or relevant Council committee any matters that it considers necessary to enable the effective management of the Council's regulatory functions.

Terms of Reference:

1. Hear and determine any statutory or regulatory hearings under relevant legislation unless otherwise delegated or retained by the Council, including (but without limitation):
 - a. objections under the Dog Control Act 1996;
 - b. matters under the Resource Management Act 1991 and related legislation;
 - c. matters under the Impounding Act 1955;
 - d. matters regarding drainage and works on private land under the Local Government Act 1974 and Local Government Act 2002;
 - e. matters under the Gambling Act 2003, Health Act 1956 and Litter Act 1979;
 - f. matters regarding residential pools under the Building Act 2004.
2. Hear and determine other matters that require hearings or submissions, as referred by Council or other Committees.
3. To convene working groups and carry out the Terms of Reference approved and referred by Council or other Committees.

The Subcommittee is delegated the following powers to act:

- Conduct statutory hearings on regulatory matters and undertake and make decisions on those hearings that fall within the committee's Terms of Reference.
- Appoint additional members, including external members, for hearings where expert advice is required.
- Establish and amend hearings protocols relating to the general conduct of hearings and hearings- related matters in accordance with the applicable legislation and the principles of administrative law and natural justice.
- Approval of activities and expenses relating to working groups consistent with the terms of reference and approved working group budget.

Explanatory Note:

1. The Committee may request expert advice through the Chief Executive when necessary.
2. The General Manager Customer Support, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Regulatory Subcommittee, are delegated the power to determine:
 - a. the composition of any hearings panel to be convened under the committee's terms of reference; and
 - b. the appointment of any independent hearings commissioner within the panel of commissioners approved by the Council, to hear and determine any matter under the Resource Management Act 1991 (and related legislation). An independent commissioner can be appointed to act in his/her sole capacity, or together with appointed councillors who hold the appropriate accreditation.
3. Decisions of a hearing panel shall be made by consensus although if necessary the majority view prevails

To	Policy and Regulatory Subcommittee
Report title	Objection to Menacing Classification

Date:	7 April 2025
Report Author:	Phil Greeves, Senior Animal Control Process and Compliance Specialist
Authorised by:	Roger MacCulloch General Manager Customer Support

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To provide information to the Policy and Regulatory Subcommittee (the Committee) to enable the Committee to hear the objection to a Menacing Classification imposed on the dog ("Winter") belonging to Rowena Monk, and to make a decision on the objection.

2. Executive summary

Whakaraapopototanga matua

Section 33A of the Dog Control Act 1996 ("**the Act**") allows Waikato District Council ("Council") to classify a dog as menacing if the dog is considered to pose a threat to a person or other animal due to observed or reported behaviour (Section 33A of the Act annexed as [Appendix 1](#)).

Winter, a white and grey, Female, Siberian Husky aged 3 years 7 months owned by Rowena Monk (Rowena Monk P&R record annexed as [Appendix 2](#)) (Winter P&R record annexed as [Appendix 3](#)) was observed, along with another Siberian Husky, [REDACTED] owned by Rowena's daughter, attacking a sheep in a neighbour's paddock at [REDACTED]

The owner of the sheep's daughter, [REDACTED] initially observed the attack and alerted her family. Her parents [REDACTED] and her brother [REDACTED] ran to the paddock and observed the two dogs biting on the neck of a sheep that was sitting on the ground in the paddock with visible blood on it. (Photos of Winter and the injured sheep

annexed as [Appendix 4](#) (Typed Statement by [REDACTED] annexed as [Appendix 5](#)) (Official statement by [REDACTED] annexed as [Appendix 6](#)).

After investigation, Council advised Rowena Monk of the decision to classify Winter as Menacing (Notice of Classification of dog as Menacing annexed as [Appendix 7](#)).

In accordance with S33B of the Act, Rowena Monk formally objected in writing to the menacing classification within the statutory time frame (Email Notification of Objection to Menacing Classification annexed as [Appendix 8](#))

Council considers that Winter poses an ongoing threat to small animals but not to persons.

Council understands that Rowena's daughter has made amendments to the fence line around her property to mitigate Winter escaping the property again whenever she visits the property, notwithstanding this, Council submits that for public safety reasons, Winter should remain classified as menacing requiring Storm to be muzzled when in public.

3. Staff recommendations **Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi**

THAT the Policy and Regulatory Subcommittee

- a. **receives the report; and**
- b. **the Classification of Winter under Section 33A(2) of the Dog Control Act 1996 be upheld.**

4. Background **Koorero whaimaarama**

On Tuesday 25 February 2025, at 6:19pm, Animal Control Officer [REDACTED] ("ACO [REDACTED]"), received an email from Rowena's daughter from [REDACTED] requesting he call her as soon as possible regarding "a bit of a situation". (Email from [REDACTED] to ACO [REDACTED] as [Appendix 1](#)).

When ACO [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] informed him that her dog, Storm, and her mother's dog, Winter, had escaped her property, [REDACTED] in the early hours of that morning and attacked a sheep and killed a chicken, possibly more. [REDACTED] wanted to know what Animal Control's process was in this kind of situation. ACO [REDACTED] advised her to report the incident to Waikato District Council the following morning.

On Wednesday 26 February 2025, [REDACTED] called the Waikato District Council, reported the incident and CRM# DOGS2277/25 was raised. (Service Request annexed as [Appendix 9](#))

On Friday 28 February 2025, ACO [REDACTED] delivered Dog Owner Statement forms for [REDACTED] and her mother Rowena to [REDACTED]. At this stage, there had been no complaints lodged with Council by the owners of the animals attacked. To date, neither Rowena nor [REDACTED] have returned the Dog Owner Statement forms to Council.

On Monday 3 March 2025, [REDACTED] owner of the attacked animals called ACO [REDACTED] to discuss what had happened and to report that the animals killed were 2 Giant Flemish Rabbits and 3 chickens along with one sheep injured.

On Tuesday 4 March 2025, Complainant Statement forms were delivered to [REDACTED] Both [REDACTED] and his wife, [REDACTED] had yet to decide if they were going to formally report the incident themselves.

On Thursday 6 March 2025, a joint typed statement was received from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in which they described what had happened on the morning of Tuesday 25 February 2025.

In their statement, the [REDACTED] stated that on the morning of the attack, their daughter, [REDACTED] had heard dogs barking outside and when she looked out of her window, observed 2 Huskies attacking a sheep in her parent's paddock. [REDACTED] had alerted her family, parents [REDACTED] and brother [REDACTED] had gone outside to the paddock where they observed two Huskies biting on the neck of a sheep that was sitting on the ground with visible blood on it. The dogs were known to the [REDACTED] as Winter and Storm and that they were owned by [REDACTED]. On their arrival, Storm left the paddock, and Winter had laid down near the sheep. [REDACTED] tied Winter to a fence post.

[REDACTED] called [REDACTED] and her partner, [REDACTED] to inform them their dogs had attacked their sheep. [REDACTED] drove to the [REDACTED] parking his truck at the neighbouring Childcare, [REDACTED] also owned by the [REDACTED] and walked through the adjoining paddocks. [REDACTED] then phoned [REDACTED] to say that Storm was back home.

[REDACTED] transported the sheep to a nearby shed while [REDACTED] were actively working to find a vet to treat the injured sheep through contacts they knew.

[REDACTED] then walked Winter back to [REDACTED] Ute at the childcare centre. At the centre, [REDACTED] discovered two Giant Flemish Rabbits, which were pets of the centre, had been killed. There were a lot of scratch marks that appeared to be from dogs at the base of two fences which they had eventually managed to get through to access the rabbits. The wooden entrance to the rabbit's hutch had bite marks around it and there was a large area dug out underneath the hutch where the rabbits had previously formed a burrow. Both rabbits were laid out on the grass with evidence of bite marks on both and intestines separated from one of the rabbits that had meat eaten from it. (Photos of the dead rabbits and hutch annexed as [Appendix 10](#)). No one had witnessed the attack on the rabbits.

[REDACTED] moved the rabbits to shield arriving teachers and children from seeing them.

[REDACTED] then started walking home and discovered three dead chickens in the centre's chicken coop. [REDACTED] collected up the many feathers strewn around the paddock and in the coop to shield teachers and children from seeing them as they had started to arrive at the Centre. No one had witnessed the attack on the chickens.

The vet from Anexa, Ngaaruawaahia, arrived at 10 Byron Lane to inspect the sheep. The vet treated the sheep's injuries, spraying the bite marks with Antiseptic blue spray and injected pain relief. (Vet report annexed as [Appendix 11](#))

During the vet's assessment [REDACTED] also arrived and was very apologetic offering to pay vet bills and any animal replacement costs. She said she had already reached out to a relative who was connected to a rabbit owner's group for help.

Although no one had seen the attacks on the rabbits and chickens, an assumption has been made by both [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] that Storm and Winter were likely involved in those attacks.

[REDACTED] on a request from a concerned parent, called the Ministry of Education about the attack who informed her that the attack wasn't relevant to them due to the attack occurring outside the premises of the centre and out of operating hours. [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] advising her that parents were pressuring her to report the attack to Animal Control.

[REDACTED] emailed Animal Control Officer [REDACTED] saying she had a bit of a situation and wished to talk to him. (Email from [REDACTED] annexed as [Appendix 1](#)). After their conversation [REDACTED] called Waikato District Council Animal Control to self-report the attack. Animal Control Officer [REDACTED] was assigned the job (Service Request annexed as [Appendix 9](#)).

On 11 March 2025, [REDACTED] in conversation with [REDACTED], was asked what possible outcome there might be regarding Storm, he advised that there was a possibility that Storm and Winter could be classified as menacing.

After investigation, Council advised Rowena Monk of the decision to classify Winter as Menacing along with the appeal process (Notice of Classification of dog as Menacing annexed as [Appendix 7](#)).

On 24 March 2025, [REDACTED] objected to the Menacing Classification imposed on Winter (Notification of Objection annexed at [Appendix 8](#)). On 3 April 2025 [REDACTED] was emailed an Acknowledgement of her Objection to the Menacing Classification (Acknowledgement of Objection annexed as [Appendix 12](#)).

5. Discussion and analysis

Taataritanga me ngaa tohutohu

Section 33B(2) of the Act (Annexed as [Appendix 13](#)) provides that in determining this objection the committee shall 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 person or animals; and
- (c) the matters relied on in support of the objection; and
- (d) any other relevant matters.

As a result of this analysis, the Committee will have the following options:

- A. Uphold the classification of Winter as menacing; or
- B. Uphold the classification of Winter as menacing but allow Winter to go without a muzzle in a public place; or
- C. Rescind the classification.

The Committee must give written notice of its decision and the reasons for it, under section 33B(3)) of the Act to the objector.

The option preferred by staff is option A, and the reasons for this recommendation are discussed below.

5.1 Options

Ngaa koowhiringa

Staff recommend option A because:

- The Act states that the territorial authority may classify a dog as menacing if the territorial authority considers Winter may pose a threat to any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife because of any observed or reported behaviour of Winter.
- Winter was free to leave the property and able to access a public place and exhibited observed behaviour which indicates she may pose a threat to small stock or domestic animals. As a result of being able to leave the property, Winter was involved in an attack on a sheep, injuring it.
- The owner was not present at the time of the incident and no one else was in attendance to control Winter physically or verbally to prevent this situation occurring.
- The behavioural assessment regarding Winter was conducted under very controlled conditions.
- A menacing classification ensures that:
 - Winter is muzzled when in public to help mitigate the threat Winter poses.
 - If Winter offends again, a menacing classification allows Animal Control to take stronger measures of enforcement.
 - Rowena Monk will take the appropriate steps to ensure any threatening behaviour is mitigated.

5.2 Financial considerations

Whaiwhakaaro puutea

There are no material financial considerations associated with the recommendations of this report.

5.3 Legal considerations

Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture

Staff confirm that the staff recommendation complies with the Council's legal and policy requirements. Legal Counsel will be available to assist the Committee with the matters of law as required.

5.4 Strategy and policy considerations

Whaiwhakaaro whakamaaherehere kaupapa here

The report and recommendations are consistent with the Council's policies, plans and prior decisions.

5.5 Maaori and cultural considerations

Whaiwhakaaro Maaori me oona tikanga

There are no wider Maaori, or cultural considerations involved in the exercise of Council's legislative responsibilities under the Act.

5.6 Climate response and resilience considerations

Whaiwhakaaro-aa-taiao

The matters in this report have no known impact on climate change or resilience for the Council.

5.7 Risks

Tuuraru

Should the Committee uphold the classification and proceed with the staff recommendation, the classification stands with no further recourse for appeal by the objector.

Should the Committee rescind the classification, there is a risk that further breaches of the Act will occur, and small stock and domestic animals could be further threatened.

6. SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT ASSESSMENT

AROMATAWAI PAAHEKOHEKO

6.1 Significance

Te Hiranga

The decisions and matters of this report are assessed as of low significance, in accordance with the Council's [Significance and Engagement Policy](#).

6.2 Engagement

Te Whakatuutakitaki

This is a regulatory/operational matter concerning an individual and we do not propose to inform more broadly than necessary to give effect to the classification, if upheld.

7. NEXT STEPS

AHU WHAKAMUA

Should the classification be upheld, it will apply at a national level.

Council's role will be to update the relevant records and enforce the requirements of the classification.

8. Confirmation of statutory compliance Te Whakatuuturutanga aa-ture

As required by the Local Government Act 2002, staff confirm the following:

The report fits with Council's role and Committee's Terms of Reference and Delegations.	Confirmed
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The report contains sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages (<i>Section 5.1</i>).	Confirmed
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Staff assessment of the level of significance of the issues in the report after consideration of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy (<i>Section 6.1</i>).	Low
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The report contains adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons taking account of any proposed or previous community engagement and assessed level of significance (<i>Section 6.2</i>).	Confirmed
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The report considers impact on Maaori (<i>Section 5.5</i>)	Not applicable
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The report and recommendations are consistent with Council's plans and policies (<i>Section 5.4</i>).	Confirmed
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The report and recommendations comply with Council's legal duties and responsibilities (<i>Section 5.3</i>).	Confirmed
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9. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Appendix 1 – Section 33A of the Act

Appendix 2 – Rowena Monk P&R Record

Appendix 3 – Winter P&R Record

Appendix 4 – Photos of injured sheep

Appendix 5 – Typed Statement of [REDACTED]

Appendix 6 - Official statement by [REDACTED]

Appendix 7 – Notice of Classification of dog as Menacing

Appendix 8 – Email Notification of Objection to Menacing Classification

Appendix 9 – Service Request

Appendix 10 - Photos of the dead rabbits and hutch

Appendix 11 - Vet report

Appendix 12 – Acknowledgement of Objection

Appendix 13 – Section 33B(2) of the Act

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.

Rowena Monk – P&R

Name

Name ID:   Monk Rowena Marian

General

Name Type:* Person  Natural Person

Status: Current  

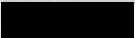
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Surname:* Monk 


Given Names: Rowena Marian

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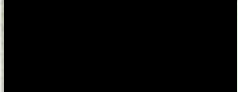
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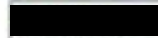

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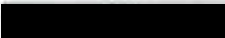
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Contact Details

Work Phone: Home Phone: 

Fax:  Mobile Phone: 

Email Address:  

Winter – P&R

Animal

Animal ID:

157087



FeePayer(s):

RM Monk

Owner(s):

RM Monk - (P) 07-8479400 (M) 027-4528393

Kept At:

Renewal Date:

General

Animal Type:

DOG



Dog

Animal Class:

Approved



Approved Dog Registration

Renewal Code:

Annual



Annual Renewal

Status:

Active



Active

Status Last Updated:

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Additional Details

Animal Details

Animal Name:

Winter Monk

Date Of Birth:

24/09/2021



Years:

3



Months:

6



Primary Breed:

SIBE



Siberian Husky

Secondary Breed:



Primary Colour:

WHI



White

Secondary Colour:

GRY



Grey

Description:

Distinguishing Marks:

Permanent Identifier:

Gender Details

Gender:

Female



De-sexed

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De-sexed Certified Date:



De-sexed Certified By:



Licence Details

Licence Number: ☐ Permanent Tag
Licence Expiry Date: ☒ Currently Licenced
Pensioner: ☐
Date First Licenced:
Last Year's Licence Number:

External Licence

External Licencing Council:
External Licence Number:

Microchip Details

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Chip Supplier: Unknown Chip
Chip Inserted Date:
Chip Certified Date: Chip Certified By:

Training Details

Training Certificate Number:
Training Certified Date: Training Certified By:

Notices

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Notice ID	Date Created	Notice Code	Description	Notice Status	Status Date	Infringement ID
4754757	31/05/2024	DogRegRenM	2023/24 - Animal Licence Renewal Notice Multi Dog	Printed	13/06/2024	
4505325	23/05/2023	DogRegRenM	2023/24 - Animal Licence Renewal Notice Multi Dog	Printed	06/06/2023	
4286756	17/05/2022	DogRegRenM	2023/24 - Animal Licence Renewal Notice Multi Dog	Printed	17/05/2022	

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Photos of Winter and the injured sheep.







Complainant Statement – Waikato District Council – Animal Control



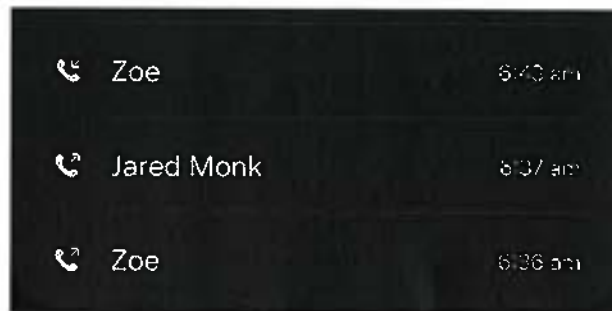
On Tue 25th Feb 2025, our daughters alarm went off at 6.30am she got up and went to the bathroom. She heard dogs barking so opened the window to look out and saw two huskies attacking our sheep in the paddock at our home [REDACTED]. She yelled and [REDACTED] ran outside to the paddock. (After things had calmed down when I asked her what she had seen she said the sheep was trying to run away and there was a dog on each side of the sheep both biting the sheeps neck. She said she had been woken a few minutes before her alarm went off to the sound of barking.)

When [REDACTED] entered the paddock they observed two husky dogs biting on the neck of a sheep that was sitting on the ground in the paddock with visible blood on it.

On arriving at the scene, one husky (Stormy) departed through the neighbouring fence where it played with the neighbours Rottweiler (Rocky) briefly before heading home. The other husky (Winter) backed up about 3m's from the sheep and sat down.

██████ told his son ██████ to get a rope and was able to pat the husky who was very calm at that time and tie the husky's collar to the fence, then take some photos.

Recognising the dogs (Stormy and Winter) ██████ (6.36am) and ██████ (6.37am) to inform them ██████ didn't answer but ██████ answered with a question "are my dogs over there?" so they seemed aware that the dogs had left their property. ██████ informed ██████ that the dogs had attacked a sheep and he came straight over. Parking his truck at the neighbouring Childcare, ██████ and coming through the adjoining paddocks. ██████ then phoned ██████ at 6.43 to say that Stormy was back home.



██████ were able to lift the injured sheep into a wheelbarrow to move it closer to the shed where we got warm water and were able to clean up most of the blood. ██████ were actively working to find a vet to treat the injured sheep through contacts they knew. Once cleaned up, we moved the sheep inside the shed as it was a cold morning and we thought that may be less stressful for the sheep to be in a secure warm space.

██████ then walked the tied up husky (Winter - who belongs to ██████ Rowena Monk) back to his ute parked at the Childcare ██████ own and operate the Childcare at that address and ██████ child attends that Childcare.

██████ then discovered two Giant Flemish Rabbits that were pets of the Childcare had also been killed. There were a lot of scratch marks that appeared to be from the dogs at the base of two fences they had eventually managed to get through to access the rabbits. The wooden entrance to the rabbit's hutch had many bite marks around it and there was a large area dug out underneath the hutch where the rabbits had previously formed a burrow. Both rabbits were laid out on the grass with evidence of bite marks on both and intestines separated from one of the rabbits that had meat eaten from it.

██████ moved the rabbits to a black sack to shield arriving teachers and children from seeing that.

██████ then started walking home and discovered three dead chooks in the Childcare chook pen. ██████ then started collecting up the many feathers strewn around the paddock and in the chook house to shield teachers and children from seeing that as they had started to arrive at the Centre at that time.

At that point, the vet from Anexa Ngaruawahia arrived at ██████ to inspect the sheep.

They shaved all bite marks we could find and treated them with a form of Dettol to clean them and then an anti-septic blue spray to help prevent further infection. There didn't appear to be any broken bones although the sheep wasn't putting full weight on a rear leg that had a deeper cut. The vet injected the sheep with pain relief and then an antibiotic and committed to returning the following Thur or Fri to re-assess progress. They said some bite marks had

punctured through the skin, shared photos with their colleague who was a big animal specialist and in consultation, decided against any stitching of wounds.

During the vet's assessment [REDACTED] also arrived and was very apologetic offering to pay vet bills and any animal replacement costs. She had already reached out to a relative who was connected to a rabbit owner's group for help.

The sheep was returned to the paddock with the other sheep where the vet felt it would be most comfortable.

The vet, [REDACTED] left.

A different big animal vet, [REDACTED] returned two days later on 27 Feb 2025 and was pleased with the sheeps progress. She said there was still evidence of swelling from the bites but the wounds were healing well. [REDACTED] caught the injured sheep and [REDACTED] administered further pain relief and antibiotics and said a further visit wasn't required unless I observed a deterioration in the sheep's recovery.

[REDACTED] checked in multiple times over the week following the attacks and were genuinely remorseful. They bought donuts for the teaching team at the Childcare with an apology note, [REDACTED] said his [REDACTED] (Rowena) had offered to buy toys for the children which we declined as unnecessary. On Friday 28th Feb [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] then called in person to our house to apologise again and gifted [REDACTED] massage vouchers and the kids movie vouchers together with a card with a written apology.

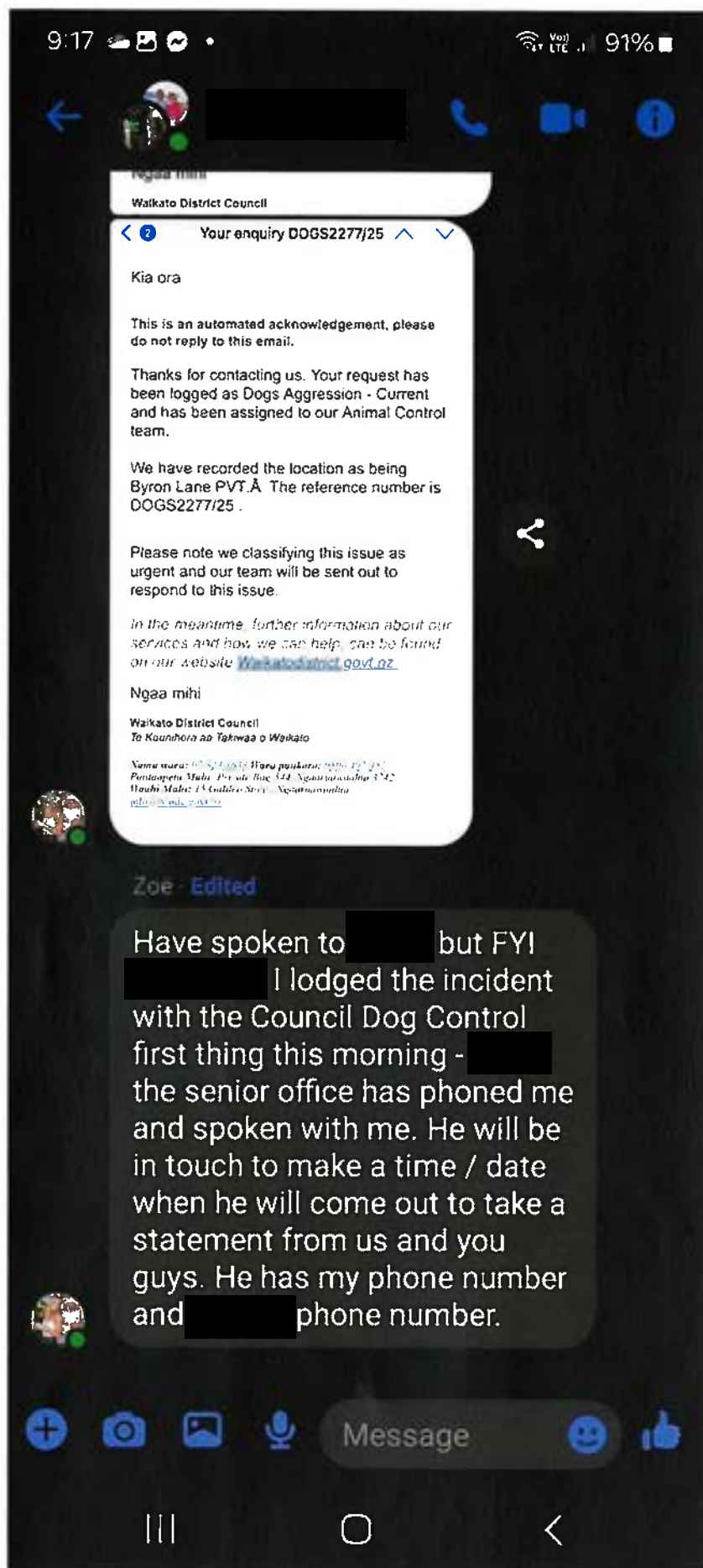
On the day of the attack, [REDACTED] posted an update to Childcare parents via software called Storypark advising that we'd had a dog attack and lost the Childcare Centre's rabbits and chooks and that a sheep had been injured.

[REDACTED] then received an email from a concerned parent requesting that we update her once we'd informed both the Ministry of Education and Waikato District Council.

[REDACTED] phoned the Ministry of Education who advised it wasn't of relevance to them given it was outside of the Centre's operating hours and outside the boundary of our licensed space.

We expressed to [REDACTED] that we'd had pressure from parents wanting it reported to Council, so he agreed to self-report.

We then got a message on 26 Feb from [REDACTED] with a screenshot confirming they had done that with a note to [REDACTED] following that said, "Have spoken to [REDACTED] but FYI [REDACTED] I lodged the incident with the Council Dog Control first thing this morning - [REDACTED] the senior officer has phoned me and spoken with me. He will be in touch to make a time / date when he will come out to take a statement from us and you guys. He has my phone number and [REDACTED] phone number".



██████████ then emailed an update to the concerned parent saying that the Council had been engaged.

The parent then informed ██████████ that she knew the dog Stormy had killed a number of chooks previously. ██████████ confirmed that information and informed ██████████ of that event at a previous address they'd lived at where Stormy had jumped the fence and killed some of the neighbours chooks. Stormy had then been secured on their section, but in subsequent events, some of the neighbours chooks had crossed the boundary and Stormy had killed more.

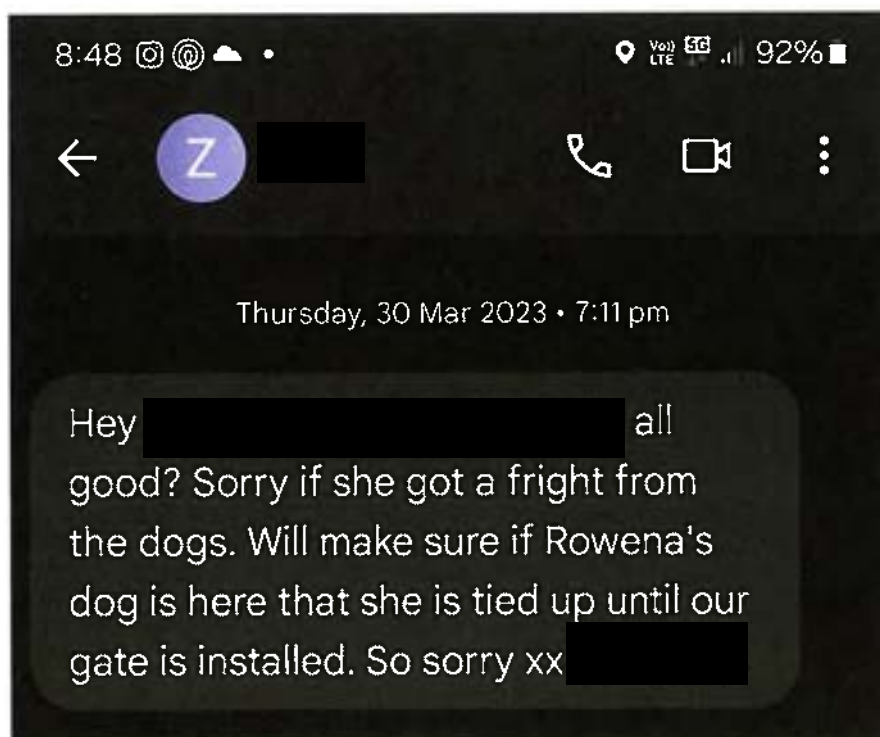
██████████ was told 17 chooks in total were killed.

██████████ then called Waikato District Council Animal Control on Thur 27 Feb and left a message requesting a call back.

When Animal Control Officer ██████████ did call back, there was initially confusion as he thought I was associated with the dog owner and I thought he was calling to take a statement. At that time, ██████████ didn't seem clear that we wanted to make a statement and said no formal complaint had been made. It was my misunderstanding around how the process worked, so ██████████ said he'd take advice from his manager and come back to me.

The following day, ██████████ then arrived at our address with a Complaint Statement form to populate resulting in this file note.

Of relevance, about two years ago, there was also an event where our daughter ██████████ who would have been about 13 at that time was walking our Springer Spaniel ██████████. As they walked on the footpath past the address Stormy is at, both Winter (who was visiting) and Stormy came at ██████████ aggressively and ██████████ put herself between ██████████ and the huskies to try and manage that situation. While the dogs weren't aggressive towards ██████████ she received some scratches on her legs where the huskies were attempting to get to our dog. ██████████ was home and came out and called the dogs off. She then texted ██████████ to apologise. ██████████ came home ok, so we didn't report it at that time feeling no damage was done.



To balance that, we've walked our dog passed their address many times without issue when it has been Stormy there alone. We've also been at their house on social occasions with Stormy without issue.

From a relationship perspective, it's a tricky situation for us in that we have a friendship with [REDACTED] they are paying parents at a Childcare we own and we are relatively close neighbours.

However, we also feel a responsibility to be honest about what's happened (not under or overstated) to represent the feelings of other parents in the Childcare Community and neighbourhood.

In terms of outcomes, we are looking for [REDACTED] to put mitigations in place that prevent this from re-occurring. We fear we may reintroduce pet rabbits to the Childcare Centre and wouldn't want to lose them to a future attack.

Possible controls we've considered is that Winter shouldn't return to their property given incidents seem to occur when the dogs are together.

Stormy should be securely contained to their section whether that's either contained by dog-run, tied up, perimeter wire with shock collar or alternative.

Stormy should be in a kennel, crate, or locked in the house overnight.



COMPLAINANT STATEMENT

CRM#	<u>DOG52277/25</u>
Animal ID	<u>150110</u>
Offender ID	<u>169518</u>
Property ID	

DOCUMENTS

(Tick all that apply)

- ☒ Statement & Declaration
- ☐ Injury information sheet
- ☒ Photos
- ☐ Consent to obtain medical / veterinary records
- ☒ Medical bills / reports
- ☐ Complainant's dog details
- ☒ Veterinary bills / reports
- ☐ Victim impact statement
- ☐ Correspondence

DOG IDENTIFICATION

- ☐ Dog not positively identified
- ☒ Positive identification of the dog(s) on (date) 25 Feb 2025 at (time) 6:30 am
- ☒ Familiar with the dog(s)
- ☒ Seen it / them confined on property at (address) [REDACTED]
- ☐ Positively identified in Animal Control vehicle
- ☐ Positively identified at Animal Pound at (address) _____
- ☐ Positively identified from photos provided by Animal Control Officer #: _____
- ☐ Photo album (if applicable) _____

DOG OWNER IDENTIFICATION

- ☐ Does not know who owns the dog
- ☒ Knows the owner of the dog

Description of dog owner (ethnicity, gender, build, approximate age, clothing, vehicle, etc.)	<u>Dog 'Stormy' - Owners [REDACTED]</u> <u>Dog 'Winter' - Owner - Rowena Monk - [REDACTED]</u>
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PERSONAL DETAILS

☒ Complainant ☐ Victim ☐ Victim's parent / guardian (select all that apply)

Title	Mr	Date of birth	
Name			
Address			
Home phone		Work phone	
Mobile phone			
Email			

DOG DETAILS

Number of dogs involved: ☐ 1 ☒ 2 ☐ 3 or more (attach separate sheet)

Dog 1	'Stormy'	Dog 2	'Winter'
Gender		Gender	
Size	Medium	Size	Medium
Ears	Yes	Ears	Yes
Tail	Yes	Tail	Yes
Breed	Husky	Breed	Husky
Colour	Grey / white	Colour	Grey / white
Collar		Collar	Yes with blue tag
ID features		ID features	

Date of Incident: 25/2/2025	Location of Incident: [REDACTED]
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COMPLAINANT STATEMENT

As per attached typed appendix.

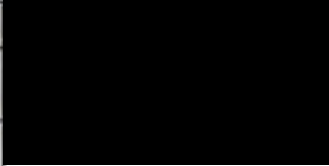
Signature [REDACTED]

COMPLAINANT STATEMENT *(continued)*

Signature:

COMPLAINANT DECLARATION

This statement is true, and I have made it with the knowledge that it may be used in court proceedings (pursuant to section 82 of the Criminal Procedure Act 2011).

Name	
Signature	
Name of parent / guardian (where complainant is less than 16 years old)	
Signature of parent / guardian (where complainant is less than 16 years old)	
Date	5 Mar 2025

INTERPRETER DECLARATION (if applicable)

- I know (name of complainant / victim)
- He / she (delete one) is my (relationship to person)
- My mother tongue is (language)
- I can read and speak in English because I (give a reason, e.g. attended an English school in NZ, grew up in NZ, etc.)
- On (date), ACO (name) interviewed him / her (delete one) in my presence.
- I interpreted and translated all information and the questions put to and the answers given by him / her (delete one) from (language) into English and vice versa to the best of my skill and ability.
- The officer recorded the information I supplied in writing.
- I translated the completed statement back to (name of complainant / victim) , who confirmed that the content is true and correct.

Name of interpreter	
Signature of interpreter	
Date	

ACO VERIFICATION

Statement recorded at (place)		
ACO Full Name		
ACO Signature		
ACO Number	Date	Time

INJURY INFORMATION SHEET – PERSON

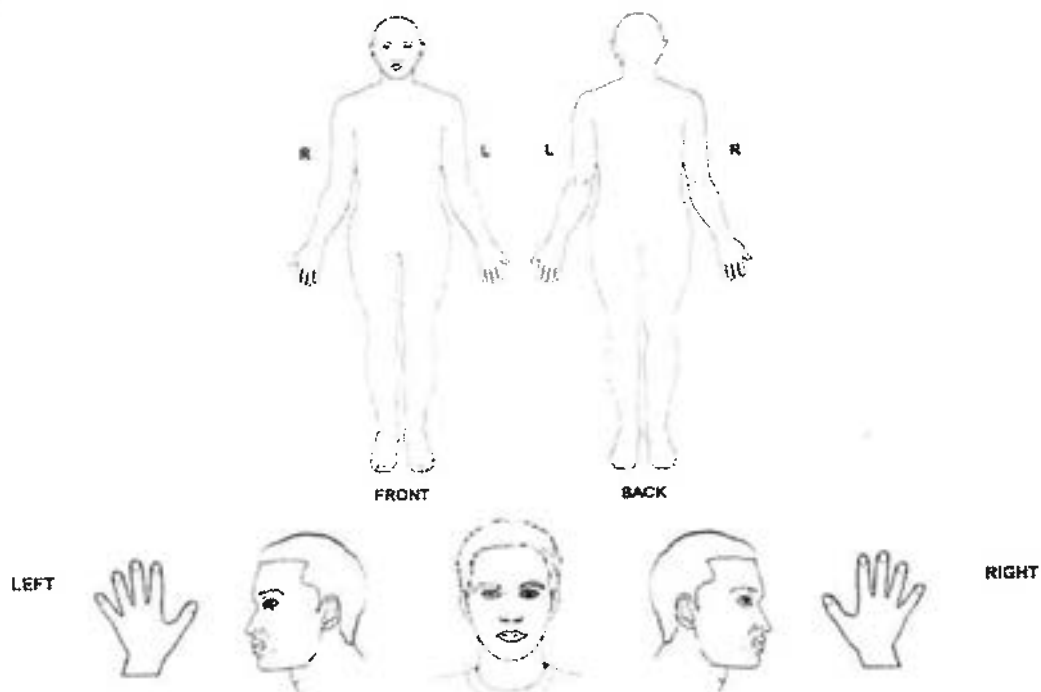
INJURIES

Did you / the victim *(delete one)* receive injuries?

☒ No ☐ Yes *(indicate on the diagrams below which body part(s) is/are injured)*

Describe your / the victim's *(delete one)* injuries

DIAGRAMS



MEDICAL TREATMENT

Did you / the victim *(delete one)* seek medical treatment following the incident?

☐ No ☐ Yes Date

Time

Where did you / the victim *(delete one)* receive treatment? *(attach medical bills / invoices)*

Medical costs \$

Describe the medical treatment you / the victim *(delete one)* received

INJURY INFORMATION SHEET – ANIMAL(S)

INJURIES

Did your animal(s) receive injuries?

☐ No ☒ Yes (indicate on the diagrams below which body part(s) is/are injured)

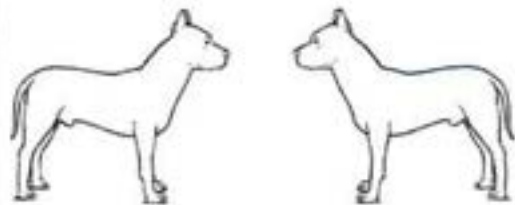
Describe the nature of the animal's injuries

Two pet rabbits - Partially eaten - dead
Three pet chicks - Dead - feathers scattered
One pet sheep - Many bite marks

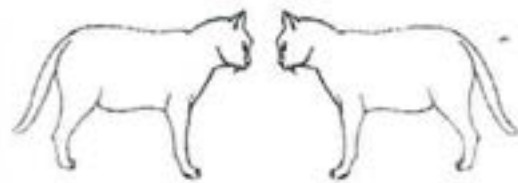
DIAGRAMS (Select the type of animal involved)

Domestic animals

☒ Dog x2



☐ Cat



☐ Other domestic animal(s) (describe the type)

Livestock

Animal type	Sheep x1, Rabbits x2, Chicks x3
Number of animals injured	One Sheep x1
Number of animals deceased	None Rabbits x2, Chicks x3

VETERINARY TREATMENT

Did you seek veterinary treatment for your animal(s) following the incident?

☐ No ☒ Yes Date 25 Feb 2025 Time 1:45 PM Approximately

Where did your animal(s) receive treatment? (attach veterinary bills / invoices)

One horse [redacted] Veterinary costs \$

Describe the veterinary treatment your animal(s) received

Two visits to assess sheep with multiple dog bites

Appendix A 6 pages
Appendix B 7 pages

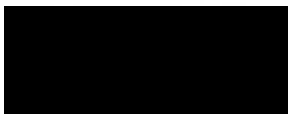


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 Private Bag 544 15 Galileo Street ☎ 07 824 8633
Ngaruawahia 3742 Facsimile ☎ 07 824 8091
Huntly Area Office 142 Main Street ☎ 07 828 7551
Raglan Area Office 7 Bow Street ☎ 07 825 8129
Tuakau Area Office 2 Dominion Road ☎ 0800 492 452

OFFICE USE ONLY

CRM: DOGS2277/25
 Person ID: 17807
 Dog ID: 157087

Rowena Monk



Dog name- Winter
 Breed- Siberian Husky
 Gender- Female
 Colour- White/Grey

NOTICE OF CLASSIFICATION OF DOG AS MENACING DOG

Section 33A, Dog Control Act 1996

This is to notify you that this dog has been classified as a menacing dog under section 33A(2) of the Dog Control Act 1996.

This is because reported behaviour of the dog leads us to believe that it may pose a threat to public safety; being any person, stock, poultry, domestic pet, or protected wildlife.

A summary of the effect of the classification and your right to objection is provided overleaf.



Phil Greeves

Senior Animal Control Process and Compliance Specialist

14/03/25

Date

*For the purposes of the Dog Control Act 1996, you are the owner of a dog if-

- you own the dog
- 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 dependant on you

Effect of classification as menacing dog

Section 33E, 33F and 36A, Dog Control Act 1996

You—

- (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, produce to Waikato District Council, within 1 month after receipt of notice of the classification, a certificate issued by a registered veterinary surgeon 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) where a certificate under paragraph (b)(ii) is produced to Waikato District Council, produce to Waikato District Council, within 1 month after the date specified in that certificate, a further certificate under paragraph (b)(i).

You will commit an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 if you fail to comply with all of the matters in paragraphs (a) to (c) above.

A dog control officer or dog ranger may seize and remove the dog from you if you fail to comply with all of the matters in paragraphs (a) to (c) above. The officer or ranger may keep the dog until you demonstrate that you are willing to comply with paragraphs (a) to (c) above.

As from 1 July 2006, you are also required for the purpose of providing permanent identification of the dog, arrange for the dog to be implanted with a functioning microchip transponder. This must be confirmed by making the dog available to the Waikato District Council in accordance with reasonable instructions of the Waikato District Council for verification that the dog has been implanted with a functioning microchip transponder of the prescribed type and in the prescribed location.

You will commit an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,000 if you fail to comply with this requirement—

- within 2 months from 1 July 2006 if your dog is classified as menacing on or after 1 December 2003 but before 1 July 2006;
- or
- within 2 months after the dog has been classified as menacing if your dog is classified as menacing after 1 July 2006.,

If the dog is in the possession of another person for a period not exceeding 72 hours, you must advise that person of the requirement to not allow the dog to be at large or in any public place or in any private way (other than when confined completely within a vehicle or cage) without the dog being muzzled in such a manner as to prevent the dog from biting but to allow it to breathe and drink without obstruction. You will commit an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500 if you fail to comply with this requirement.

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

Right of objection to classification under Section 33A

Section 33B, Dog Control Act 1996

You may object to the classification of your dog as menacing by lodging with Waikato District Council a written objection within 14 days of receipt of this notice setting out the grounds on which you object.

You have the right to be heard in support of your objection and will be notified of the time and place at which your objection will be heard.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2025 2:27 PM
To: info@waidc.govt.nz
Subject: Objection to Classification: Dog ID 157087

Good Afternoon

I have received a "Notice of Classification of dog as menacing dog" for my dog Winter (Dog ID 157087) as of 24 March 2025.

I wish to object to this classification in its entirety however should this not be agreed to, I wish to specifically object to the muzzling condition that accompanies the classification.

Please advise when my supporting documentation for the appeal is required.

With Regards

Rowena Monk

Waikato District Council Request

Request Number: DOGS2277/25
Date Received: 26/02/2025 09:21:55 am
Source: Phone
Status: Current
Group: Animal Control
Category: Dogs Aggression - Current
Sub Categories:

Priority: Medium
Resp Workgroup: Dogs
Raised By: [REDACTED]
User ID: [REDACTED]

Related AR:

Property Number: [REDACTED]
Property Address: [REDACTED]
Property Description: [REDACTED]

Land Number:

Caller Name: [REDACTED]

Home Phone:

Caller Address: [REDACTED]

Work Phone:

Mobile: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Fax:

Request Details:

Customer has advised that her dog and her mother in laws dog had gotten out lastnight and attacked her neighbour sheep and killed a chicken or couple. The dogs aren't known for roaming. She has spoken with the owners of the victim animals. Caller had an after hours vet come down quickly. Caller is very upset and she does not want her dog to be put down. She has let the obeighbour know they will reinstate the shock fence from thier dog from getting out. Can we please arrange a time with the owner to talk about the incident

[REDACTED] gave his contact details, [REDACTED] if you could please contact to take a statement regarding attack when you're available. Preferably he would like it done 28.2.25 - [REDACTED]

Resolution:

NB- had already spoken to caller previous evening regarding this job and advised [REDACTED] to call 0800 number to log a job
26/02 called [REDACTED] when job received and advised would be in touch tomorrow due to having to deal with an attack today
28/02/25 dog owner statement forms delivered to [REDACTED] for completion
03/03 - called [REDACTED] owner of attacked animals- attack appears far worse than caller had let on with several chickens, 2 x giant flemish rabbits killed and 1 x sheep injured- arranged to have statement taken from [REDACTED] 04/03-delivered statement forms and discussed details with [REDACTED] still deciding if he will put a formal statement in
06/03 Formal statement received from [REDACTED]
12/03/25 [REDACTED] visited [REDACTED] and advised dogs would be being classified as menacing in the coming days and all rights of appeal etc explained
Menacing classification paperwork delivered 24/03 1250hrs- papers for both dogs left at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Comments:

Event History:

Description	Commenced	Target Date	Role Name
Status Decision	Finalised		User
Notes			

Waikato District Council Request

<i>Description</i>			<i>Commenced</i>	<i>Target Date</i>	<i>Role Name</i>
	<i>Status</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>Finalised</i>		<i>User</i>
<i>Notes</i>					
CRM Created			26/02/2025 09:21.56 am		
	Past	Yes	26/02/2025 09:21.56 am		
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Current Dog Classification?			26/02/2025 09:21.57 am		
	Current				
.....					
CRM Completed					
	Future				
.....					

Waikato District Council Request

Custom Date Fields:

Custom Text Fields:

Date Received	28/02/2025	9:21:58AM	Victim Type?"	Animal
			Dog made contact?"	Yes
			Description of dog?"	Husky
			Incident Location?"	
Respon/Onsite Target	28/02/2025	10:21:58AM	Where Dog from?"	
			Owner Details	
			Victim Details	

Anl Control Area" South

OnSite Time 28/02/2025 9:22:00AM

Completion Target	28/02/2025	1:21:00PM	Severty	4
Work Completed			Substantiated?	YES
			Outcome	

Custom Value Fields:

EOC Open?	0.00
EOC GIS Map?	0.00
EOC Impact	
EOC Urgency	
EOC Injury Count	
EOC Fatality Count	

Antenna/SSB Ref

Rabbit Enclosure





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date 25/2/25
 Patient: [redacted]
 Vet: [redacted]
 Time A [redacted]
 depart 8:43

One Sheep examined for
 dog attack.

- clip + clean wounds (1st meet withheld)
- Antibiotic: engemycin PA (cc/ml)
 8.5ml given IM
- Pain Relief
 - 2.3ml meloxicam (cc/ml)
 given SQ
 - 1st meet withheld.

Signed
 Vet [signature]
 Client [signature]



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 25/2/25
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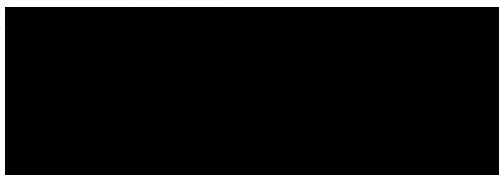
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Phil Greeves

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:



From: Democracy
Sent: Thursday, 3 April 2025 2:45 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Objection to Menacing Classification

Good afternoon Rowena

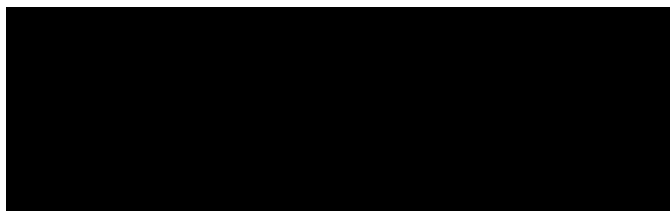
I am just reaching out on behalf of the Democracy Team of Waikato District Council to acknowledge your appeal for the menacing classification.

I will arrange a hearing date with our panel and get back to you with a date soon.

The agenda for the hearing will be sent to you both physically and via online once completed and at least seven days prior to the hearing.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out.

Ngaa mihi,



Waikato District Council
Te Kaunihera aa Takiwaa o Waikato

Nama waea: 07 824 8633 | **Waea puukoro:** 0800 492 452
Poutaapeta Mahi: Private Bag 544, Ngaruawahia 3742
Waahi Mahi: 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia



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.

In the Waikato District Council, 15 Galileo Street, Ngāruawāhia

CRM No: DOGS2277/25



Dog Control Act 1996

In the matter of

Objection to Menacing Classification under Section 33B
Dog Control Act 1996

Between

Rowena Monk



Owner of the Dog and Appellant

And

Animal Control, Waikato District
Respondent

Notice of Appeal

Next event date: 13 June 2025

Territorial Authority: Regulatory Subcommittee

Filed by: Rowena Monk,



To the Waikato District Council Regulatory Subcommittee.

Dear Committee Members

1. I, Rowena Monk, am appealing the menacing dog classification of my dog, Winter, a Siberian Husky, which was imposed on 24 March 2025. I fully accept responsibility for the incident on 25 February 2025 involving Winter, however I respectfully request that the classification be reconsidered. If the classification is upheld, I specifically object to the accompanying muzzling condition.

Statement of Events

2. I do not dispute that in the early hours of the 25th February, Winter escaped my Son (Jared) and Daughter-in-law's (Zoe) property at [REDACTED] and tragically killed chickens and bunnies at a nearby property. A sheep at this same property was also attacked but has made a full recovery.
3. On 24 February, Winter stayed overnight at Jared & Zoe's house for the first time, as I was away in Thames holidaying. In the morning of the 25th, I was contacted by Jared to advise me that an incident had occurred in the early hours involving Winter. I was devastated to hear of this and shortened my holiday, returning later that morning.
4. I am aware Catherine and Steve (owners of the other animals) are friends of Jared and Zoe, as well as their neighbours. I also have a professional relationship with them in that they are loyal clients of our Family business (Montage Group) and my granddaughter attends their Daycare.

Immediate Steps Taken - Responsibility and Remorse

5. This was a horrible situation, and together, with Jared and Zoe, we took several steps in the immediate to put things right with the owners:
 - a. Arranged and paid for an after hours Vet to attend to the sheep immediately.
 - b. At the owner's wish, we agreed Winter will not return to Jared & Zoe's property.
 - c. Purchased the owners massage vouchers each as a gesture of our apology.
 - d. Purchased the owner's four children movie vouchers as a gesture of our apology.
 - e. Contributed to providing the Daycare teachers trays of donuts for morning tea, a card and a Candle to acknowledge their loss.
 - f. Paid for replacement bunnies for the daycare.
 - g. Offered to replace the chickens if and when the owners are ready to do so.
 - h. Expressed my wish to visit in person Catherine and Steve to apologise when they were ready.

Self-Reporting and Accountability

6. As a family, we were in, and remain in, constant communication regarding the event and post-measures taken. I was supportive of Jared and Zoe notifying to the Council of this incident, which they did the same day. As responsible citizens and dog

owners, we believed this to be the right course of action although in doing so, there has been considerable and additional stress. We would be surprised if many others would have voluntarily self-reported in a similar situation.

7. I was advised through Jared and Zoe that the Animal Control Officer (ACO) had visited their property and was comfortable with the measures being put in place as well as the situation being handled between the three of us and the owners.
8. My first contact with Animal Control was a phone call from ACO Craig Nicholson on 14 March verbally informing me that a statement had been made and, as a result, Winter was going to be classified as a 'Menacing Dog'.
9. This was a stressful and unexpected development for me, particularly when I had no prior communications with Animal Control and from their engagement with Zoe it appeared we were handling this well.
10. I was also very distressed when I learned of the effects of the classification, including the requirement to be muzzled and on lead at all times in public spaces. As above, I felt the circumstances of the event were isolated and due to poor human management.

Human Error and Poor Management

11. I maintain that this incident was an isolated occurrence and due to circumstances we, as owners, failed to consider and mitigate risks. Specifically, it is my view the circumstances were exceptional in that:
 - a. This was the first time Winter stayed at Jared and Zoe's property overnight.
 - b. Winter stays indoors at my property overnight, but this time, she was outside with Storm who regularly sleeps outdoors.
 - c. I failed to make sure Winter would be contained - my property has fencing which is 1.25m high, not post and rail. I did not think about having her tied up - and Winter has taken advantage of the situation caused by human error.
 - d. The incident occurred in the early hours of the morning when the dogs were unsupervised and off-leash.
 - e. The bunnies and chickens were not in a fully enclosed pen, as the dogs were able to jump over the fence into their enclosure which lacked a roof.

Preventative Measures and Proactive Management:

12. I have taken significant steps to ensure there are no further incidents and am fully committed to being proactive in Winter's training. Since the incident I have:
 - a. Installed a new e-perimeter wire fencing system with corrective measures when she encroaches.
 - b. Arranged for Winter to undergo a behaviour assessment by Patricia Rocha.
 - c. Arranged for Winter to undergo a behaviour assessment by Faye Carey, in the presence of chickens and a cat.

- d. Agreed to the outcomes as requested by the owners including, not letting Winter return to Jared and Zoe's property.
- 13. I have also engaged further dog-handling training to improve my skills and management as a dog owner:
 - a. Arranged 1:1 training sessions with Patricia Rocha
 - b. Enrolled Winter into a K9 Training School weekly focusing on desensitisation and behaviour modification around ducks and chickens.
 - c. Slat mill training with Harpers Hounds for mental stimulation and physical exercise

Inappropriateness of the Muzzling Condition:

- 14. I was deeply distressed upon learning about the implications of the classification, particularly the requirement for Winter to be muzzled.
- 15. As previously mentioned, I believe the incident was a one-off situation that resulted from our mismanagement of the two dogs being together, rather than any ongoing behavioural issue.
- 16. The lifelong muzzling condition feels excessive and does not seem relevant to what actually occurred, especially given that Winter was off-lead and unsupervised at the time.
- 17. This requirement appears disproportionate and is unlikely to prevent similar incidents, while also potentially impacting Winter's quality of life.
- 18. The owners have also voiced their support for removing the muzzling condition, stating that the key concern was having both dogs together, which they feel was the true trigger for the event.
- 19. Imposing a muzzle on Winter could alarm my grandchildren and other young members of the community, unnecessarily reinforcing a negative image of her breed.
- 20. Winter has always been a cherished member of our family — she has been raised around children, babies, and other dogs, and has comfortably adjusted to a range of environments throughout her life.

Behaviour Assessments and Support Letters

- 21. After the incident, I took proactive steps to have Winter evaluated by multiple professionals, including qualified dog trainers and walkers. These behavioural assessments took place in a range of settings — including our home and the K9 School — and involved interactions with unfamiliar people, other dogs, and even cats.
- 22. The reports and recommendation letters from these professionals (attached in the appendices) consistently describe Winter as calm, well-mannered, and responsive when under proper supervision. They also conclude that she does not present a continued risk to the public or to other animals.

23. I have also attached support letters from others in the community, including a vet, AirBnB guest of Jared and Zoe's and Hamilton Hounds.

Winter's Testimony and History

24. Winter was born in September 2021 and has resided with me at the same address since. My husband died tragically in 2017, while we were on holiday in Vietnam and it has been a very brutal time. My son Jared got a pup Storm - and I could see how this gentle creature was helping him with healing and grief. I pondered for 8 months before deciding a dog would be a great companion, hence my decision to get Winter. This was not a light decision for me.
25. Winter and I live at [REDACTED] on a rural lifestyle block within a livestock farm. There have been no prior incidents or reports of Winter straying or being aggressive towards the livestock or domestic animals that neighbour us.
26. When I got Winter as a puppy, I had a cat, Henri who was 10 at the time. Winter really liked Henri, and was often play-bowing and keen for a companion to romp with. Henri however, was not so keen. After about 18 months, I re-homed Henri to my daughters as he was getting old, and thought he'd have a more peaceful retirement.
27. Winter has been well-socialised and has boarded at Waikato Boarding Kennels, regularly attends Hamilton Hounds, is exercised at various holiday locations, the beach and at dog parks and often accompanies me to friend's homes for meals and games evenings. Winter was also a frequent visitor to a dementia care home where my parents were prior to their passing. Many of the elderly enjoyed Winter's visits and she would gently rest her head on a blanket-clad knee and provide comfort to many.
28. I am co-owner in a family business, Montage Group, where Winter regularly goes to the office. She's popular with clients, sub-contractors and our workers; always hopeful of a belly rub.
29. I have attached photos to demonstrate Winter's happy, well-behaved, affectionate and gentle nature.

No Prior History

30. There have been no previous complaints or incidents reported to Council, supporting this is an isolated incident.
31. I acknowledge the owner's statement regarding a previous event involving a dog walking past Zoe and Jared's property and Winter but would make the following comments on this:
- a. **Springer Spaniel Incident:** *Two years ago, Winter was at Zoe and Jared's house for an hour during an appointment. Winter and Storm rushed out to Steve and Catherine's dog being walked past their property by their daughter. I was not there but was advised the dogs came back immediately when called and would note Winter was an easily excitable puppy at the time. Zoe and Jared were waiting for a gate to be installed*

32. It is my understanding that the details in the statement regarding the two unrelated events have influenced Animal's Control's change of mind to classify Winter. It is disappointing I was not given the chance to comment or address these earlier with the ACO. I feel these events, which were unreported and significantly historic, should not be considered in the current assessment of Winter's behaviour.

.For your Consideration

8. I remain fully dedicated to being a responsible owner and am committed to Winter's ongoing training, careful management, and overall well-being.
9. Based on everything presented — including behavioural assessments, letters of support, videos, and photos — I firmly believe Winter does not pose a continuing risk. She is a calm, gentle family dog who has always shown good behaviour in a variety of settings.
10. I appreciate the opportunity to share my perspective and respectfully request that the menacing dog classification be reconsidered. If the classification is upheld, I ask that the muzzling requirement be removed, as the evidence demonstrates it is not warranted. I deeply regret what happened and am taking every possible step to ensure such an incident does not occur again.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Behaviour Assessment and Training Report by Patricia Rocha

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Appendix 9: Photos evidencing Winter's nature.

Appendix 10: Table of the Costs Incurred Post-Incident

Appendix 11: Invoices/Receipts for costs incurred

Appendix 12: Certificate of Sterilisation

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BEHAVIOUR ASSESSMENT & TRAINING REPORT

Behaviour & Training Report - Winter (24th March 2025)

DOG DETAILS	
Name	Winter
Breed	Husky
Age	3yo

Temperament & Behaviour:

- curious, friendly and gentle approach
- very affectionate and seemed to enjoy affection from me
- mostly calm and relaxed during the session
- displayed some demanding and impatient behaviours (for food/toy/attention)
- displayed medium levels of excitement with the tug toy
- generalised low food drive but interested in the high value treats I presented
- playful and toy driven but short interest/attention span
- lacks impulse control (normal for the age)
- low drive for obedience work but will do it for food and can handle a few repetitions

Other observed behaviours:

- No signs of arousal towards any potential triggers within the house/property
- No interest in walking outside the property when the door was open and I stood outside

Other Considerations:

- **Environment & Rehearsed behaviours:** Winter's property is within a rural and bush area where rabbits and other prey animals often come to
- I didn't observe Winter near other animals or outside the property

Focus of the Training Plan:

- increase mental stimulation (through training, brainwork, obedience)
- add structure to her daily life combined with desensitisation + obedience
- going back to the basics and re-teach cues and behaviours and provide clarity in regards to rules
- help her keep her levels of arousal down and listen more
- strengthen the bond and relationship between her and humans to increase listening and control
- increase focus, impulse control and making 'the right choices'
- increase desensitisation to small animals



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To Whom It May Concern

My name is Patricia Martins Rocha and I am a certified Trainer and Behaviour Consultant at Dog Minds NZ (Certificate IV in Dog Behaviour and Training - NDTF Australia). I am writing this behaviour assessment and reference letter regarding the objection to the menacing classification of Winter, owned by Rowena Monk.

I met Winter and her owner on the 24th March 2025 at their property in Dinsdale for a Behaviour and Training Assessment and Consultation. On this day, Winter was inside the house when I arrived and greeted me when I entered the home. Winter did not rush at me when I walked in, she approached curiously and showed very low signs of arousal when she realised there was someone new in the house. She was very gentle in her approach, and her body language was loose and relaxed. Nothing about her approach was a concern, she was very friendly and calm.

Most of the session took place inside the house so that I could discuss and better understand some of the issues of concern and the context of the recent events. During this time, Winter was mostly laying down or trying to get attention by pawing and bringing toys to me especially when she realised there was food involved.

I noticed that Winter was very keen to engage and have attention through her demanding behaviours and she wanted interaction with me which created an opportunity to do some basic obedience exercises. I had the chance to work with Winter within the property and we practised some impulse control, engagement and pattern games. Winter responded very well to all the exercises and was very keen to work for food.

I am aware that Winter has also done an assessment with the Waikato Kennels team and from the videos I have received and analysed, I have seen that Winter displays a certain level of interest in some of the animals depending on how close she was. She was curious and seemed to want to investigate them. In addition, her behaviour and body language indicated some lack of impulse control.

I have recommended that the basics of training and obedience are implemented at home daily to strengthen her engagement and ability to focus when requested and I have also suggested increasing her mental stimulation and structured walks focused on training. Her owner has engaged with several professionals, including myself, to guarantee that her ongoing training is implemented correctly and a few follow-up training sessions will be in place too. Our goal is to assess and work on Winter's behaviour around small animals and work on desensitisation and handler engagement strategies. More detail will be provided after these sessions have taken place.

I believe that the incident that took place on the 25th February 2025 was due to a combination of unfortunate human-related factors, mainly management failure (fencing, effective boundary), and that it only happened because the two dogs were together and not secured.



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I understand that this was an unfortunate event, but from what I have seen, I do not believe that Winter is a menacing dog for those around her nor a dog that is innately or ontogenetically prone to offensive aggression towards others. I believe that Winter lacks more impulse control and has a stronger prey instinct than Storm, which has possibly escalated due to some rehearsed behaviours within their property (rabbits in their backyard), but I also believe that she has a friendly and loving nature and she is not a threat to those around her. I think that having to wear a muzzle at all times when outside the property would affect her quality of life, access to positive associations and reinforcers she enjoys (ball, tug). For all these reasons, I don't believe that Winter should be classified as menacing nor should she have to wear a muzzle at all times.

Training & Management

I have discussed training and management with Winter's owners to ensure there will be no future incidents:

- The proofing of her impulse control - within and outside their property and around small animals
- Adjusting training equipment: using a head Halti to increase control
- Winter's owners have agreed to continue with the required training and behaviour modification strategies associated with improving her engagement and focus in highly arousing environments and around other animals.
- Control and active management must be implemented at all times when outside the property
- Winter should be kept on lead/long line or in secured areas at all times

I have seen a very strong level of commitment from Winter's owner and I believe that with ongoing training she will have the ability to keep her dog and others around them safe to make sure that no other incidents will take place in the future.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding Winter's behaviour or suitability as a member of the community, please feel free to contact me for further information to discuss.



Patricia Martins Rocha
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Dog Trainer and Behaviour Consultant

Attachment: Winter's initial Behaviour & Training Report (March 2025)



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Appendix 3: Letter of support from Kelsey Harper, Harpers Hounds
Pack walking and Slatmill service specialising in Dog Reactivity



25/05/2025

To Whom It May Concern

My name is Kelsey Harper, I operate Harpers Hounds, a dog pack walking business specialising in reactive dogs. I also train dogs and operate a dog slatmill (self-propelled treadmill)

I am writing this letter in support of Winter the husky's character in regards to her recent menacing classification. I am well aware of the details of the incident and have made the following observations.

I first met Winter on the 26th of March when I was asked to size her for a muzzle and a safety lead (a slip lead). Winter was very friendly and respectful when I arrived, she displayed no aggressive behaviours towards me or the dogs that were in my car.

When sizing for a muzzle, you have to be very close to the dogs' face. I import a special type of muzzle that has three straps, and you must adjust them to the correct fit. Winter was not bothered by my closeness, or my hands right next to her face. She was very calm, patient and tolerant.

Winter has also tried the slatmill on three separate occasions. With the slatmill, your face and body is in very close proximity to the dog. Winter has never shown me any sort of aggressive behaviour or anything that would lead me to feel uncomfortable. I also had to put a harness on her, which involves close handling.

I have not assessed Winter with other dogs directly, or with prey animals. I can only professionally state that Winter does not appear to be human aggressive or menacing towards humans.

If you have any further questions, I can be contacted on the number below.



Kelsey Harper

Harpers Hounds



Appendix 4: Letter of support from Sarah Corban (Pet Doctors, Flagstaff)

Dr Sarah Corban

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Hamilton 3285

16th March 2025

To Whom it may concern:

Reference regarding Mrs Rowena Monk.

I have personally known Rowena for 9 years; in my experience she has always been a lover of animals and very well respected member of society.

I met Winter when she was first brought home as a puppy and have observed Rowena to be a dedicated dog owner, learning how to care for and train her dog.

As a practising small animal veterinarian I also have a professional working relationship with Rowena and Winter. Winter has been a patient enrolled in our clinic since she was a puppy.

I have observed Rowena as a dedicated pet owner, who takes professional veterinary advice and recommendations and applies them. She is a very capable dog owner and is prepared to do anything that is needed for Winter's health and wellbeing.

I have worked with many huskies over the last 20 years of my veterinary career, and have observed that often ill behaved dogs are usually the result of lack of training and owners who have not invested sufficient time and training into their animals.

I have seen the opposite with Rowena; she has always been firm with Winter and trained her appropriately, and I have never observed any concerning behaviour in my clinic from either Winter or Rowena (as trainer, handler, owner.)

I have observed Winter with the cats that also belong to Rowena, and have never been concerned for their safety. I have also observed Winter around many young children (including my own children, and Rowena's grandchildren) and have never been concerned for their safety. I continue to feel my children are safe around Winter.

I am very happy to provide any further comments should you require them, via email or phone. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Dr Sarah Corban BVSc MA

Pet Doctors Flagstaff

Appendix 5: Letter of support from Hamilton Hounds, Doggy Daycare



14/03/2025

To Whom It May Concern

This letter is regarding our experience of caring for Winter the Siberian Husky who is owned by Rowena Monk. Rowena and Winter have been loyal customers of Hamilton Hounds since **08/03/2022**.

Winter regularly attends Hamilton Hounds and she happily plays with other dogs of all breeds and sizes. Winter is a gentle-natured dog, who is placid, well-trained and has never shown any form of aggression at any time whilst in our care.

Winter enjoys contact with her handlers, both male and female, and is either hopping up for a pat, an ear scratch or playfully jumping around with joy. Winter lets us know when Rowena has arrived to collect her with soft howls and excited circles around us.

Winter has never displayed aggression towards new handlers or people whilst in our care and if anything, proceeds with caution and does not involve herself when she is unsure about a situation. When Winter is at Hamilton Hounds, unlike typical Huskies, she is often quiet and does not make unwarranted noise. In the event the pack on any given day becomes over-excited and aroused, Winter stays calm and collected and often needs to be encouraged to join in on any games and activities being performed for the pack. Winter's favorite activity is digging in the swimming pool at daycare.

During Winter's time at Hamilton Hounds, we have been able to see a reliable recall when she is summoned and clear basic training such as sit, wait, and come. Winter has obvious respect and loyalty to her owner.

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We were confounded to hear of the recent incident involving Winter and Storm. Winter is often exposed to small dogs while in our care and we have never noticed any form of prey drive or aggression either in Reception, the dog bay, or anywhere else on the property where she is exposed to many dogs and owners.

We have known Winter to play by using her voice in excited howls and barks instead of mouthing like most dogs, and her play style is to run and play bow with other dogs without contact. Winter has never shown any interest in chasing or making contact with any small or vulnerable dog.

We were very concerned to learn that Winter may need to be muzzled in public. We feel muzzling Winter will only set back her confidence in using a tool that is used for dogs who are a bite risk. After seeing Winter regularly over the past three years, we can assure you she is most definitely not a bite risk and is under full control when with her owner or handlers alike.

This was an unusual and one-off incident, and we will happily provide footage of Winter's behaviour and temperament at Hamilton Hounds to support this letter if required.

Yours sincerely,



Jaya Clarke
Receptionist and Senior Dog Handler



Josh Rawiri
Senior Dog Handler



Sue O'Brien
Owner
Hamilton Hounds Ltd

Appendix 6: Extract from letter of support from Darrin and Rita Svenson (AirBnb Guests of Jared and Zoe Monk)

To whom it may concern

18 March 2025

Re: Storm

Darren and I moved from Australia to NZ 3 months ago and have had the opportunity to stay at Zoe's and Jared's Airbnb on their property on several occasions whilst waiting for our home to be renovated.

As complete strangers we have had the pleasure of observing and interacting with their beautiful dog Storm. I remember on our first stay commenting to my husband on Storm's gentle and good-natured temperament. She would be one of the most well-behaved and obedient dogs we have ever come across in our lives and we are of retirement age.

She would briefly pop down to our unit and visit us for a quick hello and then go back to the main residence. On another occasion we watched her interact with the neighbor's little dog which had wandered under the fence into Storm's yard. She just trotted over to it with authority but without any aggression and politely indicated to the dog to get back on the other side as this is her home, which it did.

We have always been amazed how Storm never wanders off the property even when the gate is open. She doesn't even come rushing up to the gate or fence when strangers walk their dogs or even when we go walking past the property. She will just stay where she is and quietly observe. You never hear a peep out of her. Almost every other dog in the same street will come running up to the fence and bark at you walking past.

One evening we were eating dinner outside, and Storm and Winter came around. We had never met Winter and Winter had a pat and lay down next to us without a fuss whilst we finished eating and then wandered back to the main residence.

On another occasion we bumped into Zoe walking Storm on the lead, and Storm just calmly sits down and waits until you finish having a chat. No jumping up or getting over excited or pulling on the lead.

We don't make these observations lightly or without personal experience as we have owned dogs ourselves over the years. If only one of our dogs had the same temperament!

She is the most lovely and gentle dog both on and off the property!

Please feel free to contact us on [REDACTED] if you feel you need to substantiate or discuss this further.

Kind regards,

Darren & Rita Svensson

Appendix 7: Final Assessment and Support Letter from Patricia Rocha
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FINAL ASSESSMENT & SUPPORT LETTER - WINTER

25th May 2025

To Whom It May Concern

In addition to the initial Behaviour Assessment done in March 2025, I am presenting here a final report and assessment based on Winter's behaviour and training which took place between March and May 2025.

Throughout the last 8 weeks, I have been working regularly with Winter and Rowena Monk to work on the foundations of training and obedience including strengthening engagement and ability to focus when requested, structured walks and exposure to different environments with different levels of distractions.

During our sessions, I worked with Winter directly and also closely guided Rowena while working with her dog. The sessions included a mix of practical and theoretical skills to support the handler and the dog throughout the session.

March-May Training and Assessment Sessions:

Date	Type of Session	Length	Location	Comments
24 Mar	Behaviour and Training Consultation	1.5-2hrs	in-home	Full consultation with the owner to understand the events and needs. The session was focused on the foundations of obedience, mental stimulation and dog behaviour. We addressed safety, muzzle conditioning and instinctive behaviours as well as training options.
3 Apr	Assessment & Training Walk	1hr	Lake Innes Common	We did a walk around part of the Lake, working around the ducks and other animals. Winter showed some interest in them at the start but responded very well to disengagement techniques. I handled Winter throughout the whole session. She also walked past and we then sat down and watched people by the picnic/exercise area. She was very calm and relaxed.
10 Apr	Assessment & Training Walk	1hr	Lake - Cafe/Playground area	This was a busy area at a busy time of the day (during school holidays). Winter walked calmly by people, children, dogs, ducks and pukekos. No signs of hypervigilance or hard fixation. There was mild interest in the ducks and pukekos on the lake, but it was easy to break and get her to disengage. She ended up laying down and fully relaxing by a bench while runners and prams went past.
16 Apr	Assessment & Training Walk	1hr	Arboretum	This was an environment with high levels of distractions. Winter was exposed to chickens, ducks and geese. We walked past them and she showed low to mild levels of interest in them depending on distance. She watched and disengaged when prompted. I handled Winter throughout the whole session. She walked mostly on a loose leash.



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23 Apr	Assessment & Training Walk	1hr	Lake - full loop	Rowena handed Winter for half of the walk with some guidance from me. No signs of arousal or intensified interest in anything around us. She walked past hundreds of people on a loose leash and in very narrow paths. She disengaged easily from ducks when prompted and walked nicely on a short lead close to the handler. Winter got some very positive comments from people who saw her being so calm and patient when barking/lunging dogs walked past.
6 May	Assessment & Training Walk	1hr	Hayes Common + River Walk	Rowena handed Winter for most of the walk with minimal guidance. There was some foot traffic, runners, bikes and people by the river as well as ducks. Winter was interested in sniffing, watching and walking calmly, showing no interest in the ducks, dogs or people walking past. She walked calmly by Rowena's side for most of the walk.
23 May	Final Assessment & Training Session	30-45min	Rural property	I walked Winter to the paddock where the sheep were and assessed her reaction, engagement and body language. She was relaxed at the start and was able to follow basic obedience cues. As we got closer she showed more interest in the sheep and refused food especially when they ran and walked closer to us/the gate. She was not able to engage with me, so we walked away from the sheep to help her reset. She followed me up the road, sniffed and took treats, her body loosened up too. We repeated the exercise a few times and she seemed to relax more every time we did it. We stopped the exercise after a few repetitions.
24 May	Social Walk	1hr	Newstead Walkway	Winter and Rowena joined a group social walk with other dogs and their owners (10people/10dogs). Rowena handled Winter very well, keeping her close and under control at all times. There were no signs of concern.

I am also aware that Rowena has engaged with a few other professionals to guarantee Winter's ongoing training and maximise her progress. There has been a clear effort from her end to help Winter and make sure that she learns as much as she needs to learn moving forward.

Conclusion & Recommendations

Considering the training and assessments done for the past 8 weeks, I do not believe that Winter is a dangerous or menacing dog nor a dog that is innately or ontogenetically prone to offensive aggression towards others. For that reason, I think that Winter should not be labeled as menacing and that she should not have to wear a muzzle at all times when in public.

However, considering Winter's temperament and personality (strong instinctive behaviours), I believe that it should be the handler's full responsibility for keeping her on a lead at all times when in public, or she must be wearing a muzzle if she is off lead (in safe areas). Her handlers must be responsible for her safety and that of others and she must always be under human supervision and physical control/restraint.

From our sessions, I have also seen a strong level of commitment from Rowena and I believe that she has learned a lot and that she will have the ability and the know-how to keep her dog and others around her



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safe to make sure that no other incidents take place in the future. I know that Rowena understands her responsibility as Winter's advocate and that she will continue to work on her handling and training skills moving forward.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding Winter's behaviour or suitability as a member of the community, please feel free to contact me for further information to discuss.

Patricia Martins Rocha

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Appendix 8: Message from Owners supporting the muzzle condition to be removed and reiterating their desired outcomes - which does not include the menacing classification - and their satisfaction with the measures we have put in place.

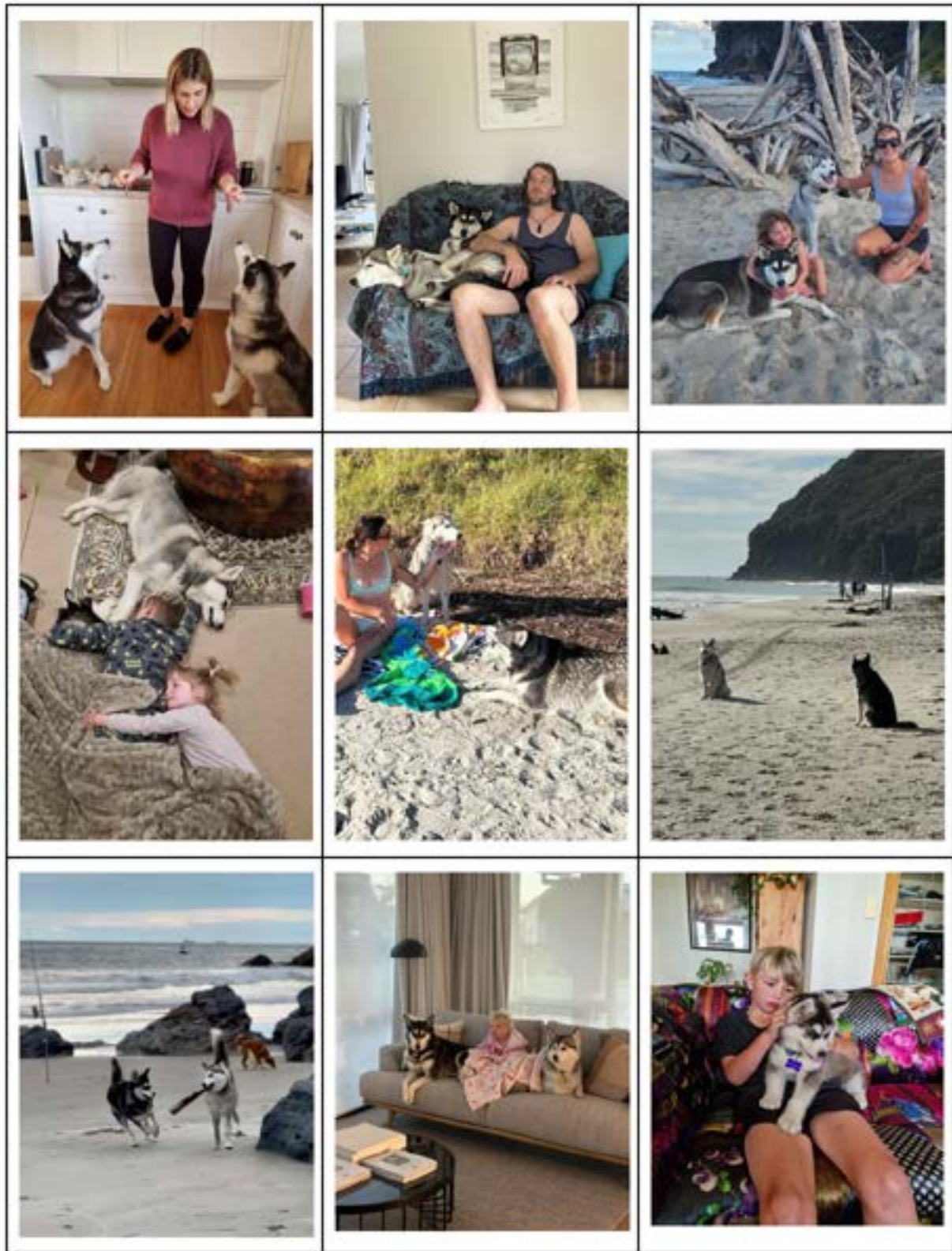


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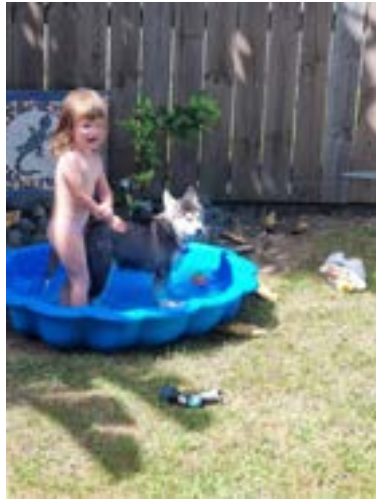
Hi team. We are happy to call the council to ask them to consider removing the muzzle condition. That is definitely not something we asked for. Our only two recommendations were that Winter didn't come back to the property and that Storm was locked up at night either in a kennel or in the house. We don't feel comfortable completely removing our statement just because if anything ever happened again we would feel responsible. However absolutely think that you guys are taking all possible steps to prevent that.

Appendix 9: Photos evidencing Winter's nature.









Appendix 10: Table of the Costs Incurred Post-Incident

Date	Expenditure	Cost (\$NZD)
27.02.25	Anexa Vet - After Hours Vet Bill	263.40
27.04.25	4 x \$40 movie vouchers for the owner's children as a gesture of our apology	160.00
27.04.25	2 x 1hr massage vouchers for the owners as a gesture of our apology	200.00
27.04.25	Morning Tea and a Candle for the Daycare as a gesture of our apology	129.00
30.04.25	2 x Replacement Bunnies	120.00
10.04.25	E-Perimeter Fencing	387.80
16.04.25	Muzzle	150.00
24.03.25	Initial Behavioural Assessment - Patricia Rocher	150.00
23.05.25	Progress Behavioural Assessment - Patricia Rocher	105.00
April	4 x Training Sessions with Patricia Rocher	300.00
April	3 x Slat Mill - Harpers Hounds	105.00
08.04.25	K9 School Weekly Concession - Taupiri	410.00
	Total Costs Incurred	2480.20

Appendix 11: Invoices/Receipts for costs incurred

Patricia Martins Rocha			
Tax Invoice: 1634		Date: 3 Apr 2025	
Dog Minds NZ			
To:			
Rowena Monk			
Services Description	Hours / Item	Hourly/Item Rate	Total
Training Walk (1hr)	1.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Net Pay			\$75.00
ASB Bank Details:			
Patricia Dog Minds NZ			
Please add your Dog's name in the payment reference if possible			

Patricia Martins Rocha			
Tax Invoice: 1623		Date: 24 Mar 2025	
Dog Minds NZ			
[Redacted]			
To:			
Rowena Monk			
[Redacted]			
Services Description	Hours / Item	Hourly/Item Rate	Total
Behaviour Assessment & Coaching Session (1-2hrs)	1.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Net Pay			\$150.00
ASB Bank Details:			
Patricia Dog Minds NZ			
[Redacted]			
Please add your Dog's name in the payment reference if possible.			

Patricia Martins Rocha			
Tax Invoice: 1649		Date: 23 Apr 2025	
Dog Minds NZ		 DOG MINDS DOG TRAINING & BEHAVIOUR	
[Redacted]			
To: Rowena Monk [Redacted]			
Services Description	Hours / Item	Hourly/Item Rate	Total
Training Walk (1hr)	1.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Net Pay			\$75.00
ASB Bank Details: Patricia Dog Minds NZ [Redacted]			
Please add your Dog's name in the payment reference if possible.			

Patricia Martins Rocha			
Tax Invoice: 1639		Date: 10 Apr 2025	
Dog Minds NZ		 DOG MINDS PROFESSIONAL DOG TRAINING	
To: Rowena Monk			
Services Description	Hours / Item	Hourly/Item Rate	Total
Training Walk (1hr)	1.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Net Pay			\$75.00
ASB Bank Details: Patricia Dog Minds NZ			
<i>Please add your Dog's name in the payment reference if possible.</i>			

Patricia Martins Rocha

Tax Invoice:1645

Date: 16 Apr 2025

Dog Minds NZ

DOG MINDS

To:

Rowena Monk

Services Description	Hours / Item	Hourly/Item Rate	Total
Training Walk (1hr)	1.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Net Pay			\$75.00

ASB Bank Details:

Patricia Dog Minds NZ

Please add your Dog's name in the payment reference if possible.

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Precision Tools & Technology NZ LP
trading as Dogmaster Trainers New Zealand

22A The Boulevard
Te Rapa Park, Hamilton, 3200

0600 364 627

Accounts: accounts@precisiont.co.nz Sales: sales@dogmaster.co.nz

Deliver To:

Rosemary Mavor

Hamilton

NZ

Tax Invoice
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Date: 10/04/2025

Customer Code: \$25

Email:

Phone #:

Mobile #

DMT Sales Code #

DMT Sales Person

DMT Sales Order #

DMT Customer Order #

DMT NZ Branch Whakana

DMT Customer Order #

Rosemary Mavor

Description	Quantity Ordered	Quantity Supplied	Quantity on Back Order	Unit	Price	Disc%	Tax%	Total Value
Burkhead DF-213 Curtain N Train System	2.0000	2.0000		EACH	362.84	10.00	15.00	750.67
Blue Strap to suit Garrison 25mm	1.0000	1.0000		EACH	21.70		15.00	24.96

E-Fence System & counter

Rec Paid.

ACCEPTED

PURCHASE NZ\$ 775.63
TOTAL NZ\$ 775.63

INVOICE DATE 10/04/2025
CUSTOMER CODE

Thank you for your Order! To see our full range, visit dogmaster.co.nz

Terms:	Invoice Date	Bank: BNZ Account: Precision Tools & Technology NZ LP	Total Value Excluding GST: 674.46
		DMT Bank Details: [REDACTED] SWIFT Code: [REDACTED]	Total GST Charged: 101.17
			Total Value Including GST: 775.63
Payment Due	10/04/2025	EFT payment must reference your Customer Code: \$25 & Invoice # 143723	



Walkato Boarding Kennels & Cattery

TAX INVOICE

Rowena Monk (Winter)

Invoice Date

8 Apr 2025

Invoice Number

INV-5009

Reference

Winter K9 School Card
Starts 04/04/25

GST Number

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount NZD
K9 School Casual Card	1.00	356.5217	356.52
K9 School - 10 day Concession Card			
Subtotal			356.52
TOTAL GST 15%			53.48
TOTAL NZD			410.00

Due Date: 11 Apr 2025

Walkato Boarding Kennels and Cattery

Direct Credit -

PAYMENT ADVICE

To: Walkato Boarding Kennels and Cattery Limited

Customer Rowena Monk (Winter)

Invoice Number INV-5009

Amount Due 410.00

Due Date 11 Apr 2025

Amount Enclosed

Enter the amount you are paying above



TAX INVOICE

Rowena Monk
[Redacted]
Hamilton 3289
NEW ZEALAND

Invoice Date
26 Apr 2025
Invoice Number
INV-5088
Harpers Hounds
Attention: Kelsey
[Redacted]
Te Kowhai 3288
NEW ZEALAND

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount NZD
30 MINUTE SLATMILL SESSION	1.00	35.00	35.00
Subtotal			35.00
TOTAL NZD			35.00

Due Date: 3 May 2025
BANK DETAILS
HARPERS HOUNDS
[Redacted]

 PAYMENT ADVICE

To: Harpers Hounds
Attention: Kelsey
[Redacted]
NEW ZEALAND

Customer
Invoice Number
Amount Due
Due Date
Amount Enclosed
Rowena Monk
INV-5088
35.00
3 May 2025
Enter the amount you are paying above



TAX INVOICE

Rowena Monk

NEW ZEALAND

Invoice Date
16 Apr 2025
Invoice Number
INV-4978
Reference
WINTER

Harpers Hounds
Attention: Kelsey
Te Kowhai 3288
NEW ZEALAND

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount NZD
MUZZLE SIZE R0	1.00	150.00	150.00
Subtotal			150.00
TOTAL NZD			150.00

Due Date: 23 Apr 2025
BANK DETAILS
HARPERS HOUNDS

PAYMENT ADVICE

To: Harpers Hounds
Attention: Kelsey
NEW ZEALAND

Customer
Rowena Monk
Invoice Number
INV-4978
Amount Due
150.00
Due Date
23 Apr 2025
Amount Enclosed

Enter the amount you are paying above



TAX INVOICE

Rowena Monk
[Redacted]
NEW ZEALAND

Invoice Date
6 Apr 2025
Invoice Number
INV-5012
Reference
WINTER

Harpers Hounds
Attention: Kelsey
[Redacted]
NEW ZEALAND

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount NZD
30 MINUTE SLATMILL SESSION	1.00	35.00	35.00
		Subtotal	35.00
		TOTAL NZD	35.00

Due Date: 13 Apr 2025
BANK DETAILS
HARPERS HOUNDS
[Redacted]

 PAYMENT ADVICE

To: Harpers Hounds
Attention: Kelsey
[Redacted]
NEW ZEALAND

Customer	Rowena Monk
Invoice Number	INV-5012
Amount Due	35.00
Due Date	13 Apr 2025
Amount Enclosed	Enter the amount you are paying above

Pet Doctors Tristram St

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E: tristram@nspetdoctors.co.nz

www.nspetdoctors.co.nz

**Certificate of Sterilisation**

This is to certify that Pet Doctors Dinsdale surgically sterilised the following animal on 20-04-2022.

Owner:	Rowena Monk
Address:	[REDACTED]
Home Phone:	
Mobile Phone:	[REDACTED]

Patient Name:	Winter Monk
Breed:	Siberian Husky X
Sex:	Female Spayed
Colour:	

Signed:  Date: 25-03-2025

Crystal Pratt

for

Pet Doctors Dinsdale

42 Whatawhata Road

Dinsdale

Hamilton, 3204

Pet Doctors Tristram St

Cnr Mill & Tristram St, Hamilton, 3200

P: 07 838 2200

E: tristram@nzpetdoctors.co.nzwww.nzpetdoctors.co.nz**MICROCHIP CERTIFICATE**

- ☐ New Microchip Implanted
- ☒ Existing Microchip Verified

Microchip Number: [REDACTED]

ATTACH STICKER HERE

Verification Date: 25-03-2025

Owner Information

Owners Surname	Monk
Owners First Name	Rowena
Owners Phone Number	
Owners Address	[REDACTED]

Animal Information

Animal Name	Winter
Animal Species	Canine (Dog)
Animal Breed	Siberian Husky X
Animal Sex	FS
Animal Colour	

Please keep a copy as a record of microchip insertion with your pet's information.

Note: If you have a change of address, please remember to inform your clinic and the registration database, to keep your address and phone numbers current.

Implanters Signature: [REDACTED]

PET DOCTORS HAMILTON
CNR MILL & TRISTRAM STREET
(OPP WAIKATO STADIUM)
PO BOX 9427
HAMILTON 07 838 2200