
Agenda for a hearing by Commissioners of the Regulatory Subcommittee for Waikato District Council to be held in Committee Rooms, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaaruawaahia on **FRIDAY, 3 JULY 2026**, commencing at **10.00am**.

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

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To	Regulatory Subcommittee
Report title	Objection to Dangerous Classification
Date:	3 July 2026
Report Author:	Phil Greeves, Animal Control Specialist
Authorised by:	Joy Kaipara, General Manager Customer Services

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

The purpose of this report is to present the Regulatory Subcommittee (the Committee) with the information necessary to consider and decide on the objections lodged by the owners of the dogs, Gracie and Floyd, regarding their Dangerous Dog Classifications.

This report is intended to support the Committee in deciding to either uphold or rescind the classifications in accordance with the requirements of the Dog Control Act 1996.

2. Executive summary

Whakaraapopotanga matua

Section 31(1)(b) of the Dog Control Act 1996 ("the Act") requires a territorial authority to classify a dog as *dangerous* if the dog is considered to pose a threat to any person or animal due to observed or reported behaviour (Section 31 annexed as Appendix 1).

Gracie, a blue and white female American Staffordshire Terrier cross aged 1 year and 4 months (P&R record: Appendix 2), and Floyd, a brown male Doberman-Dalmatian cross aged 10 years and 7 months (P&R record: Appendix 3), are jointly owned by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (P&R record: Appendix 4) and [REDACTED] (P&R record Appendix 5).

Both dogs were classified as Dangerous Dogs on 27 March 2026 following an attack on a cow that resulted in injuries severe enough to require the cow's euthanasia on 5 March 2026. The classification decision was made under delegated authority by the Team Leader Animal Control due to the seriousness of the attack and as an alternative to prosecution.

Prior to this incident there have been no previous complaints recorded with Waikato District Council regarding either dog. The dog owners have maintained a good registration history on both dogs.

Under Section 32 of the Act, an owner of a dog classified as dangerous must comply with several statutory requirements, including:

- a. ensuring the dog is kept within a securely fenced portion of the property within one month of receiving the notice;
- b. ensuring the dog is not at large or in any public place unless muzzled and controlled on a leash (with limited exceptions);
- c. providing veterinary certification confirming the dog has been neutered or is temporarily unfit to be neutered;
- d. paying annual registration fees at 150% of the standard rate; and
- e. obtaining written consent from the territorial authority before transferring ownership of the dog.

Under Section 31(3), an owner may object in writing to the classification within 14 days of receiving notice and may be heard in support of their objection.

On 2 April 2026, [REDACTED] submitted an objection to the Dangerous Dog classifications for both dogs (Appendix 19). In her objection, she accepted full responsibility for the incident and outlined significant improvements made to ensure containment, including reinforced boundary fencing and the construction of a high-security enclosure with restricted public access.

The objection also noted that Floyd suffers from a chronic autoimmune skin condition, and that wearing a muzzle for a long period of time could cause significant irritation. This was supported by a letter from their veterinarian, [REDACTED] of Anexa Veterinary Services (Appendix 20).

While these post-incident actions are acknowledged and commended, Council maintains that the classifications should be upheld for the following reasons:

- a. The severity of the attack warrants strong enforcement.
- b. The classification ensures that the property remains securely fenced to contain the dogs.
- c. The classification applies nationally, ensuring the dogs must be securely contained regardless of where they reside.
- d. The requirement for muzzling in public reduces the risk of further incidents in unpredictable situations.
- e. Gracie will be required to be de-sexed, which may reduce the likelihood of similar aggressive behaviour.
- f. A dangerous classification enables Animal Control to take stronger enforcement action should further incidents occur.

Council recognises Floyd's medical condition and the potential irritation caused by the requirement of wearing a muzzle in public. However, Council has no authority to waive individual statutory requirements of the classification. Floyd may continue to be housed and exercised on the property or transported in a vehicle without wearing a muzzle.

3. Staff recommendations Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Policy and Regulatory Subcommittee:

- a. receives the report from the Animal Control Specialist (Objection to Dangerous Dog Classification); and
- b. upholds the classification of the dogs Gracie and Floyd under Section 31 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

4. Background Koorero whaimaarama

On Thursday 5 March 2026 at 11:20am, Waikato District Council received a report regarding two dogs that had attacked at least one cow at the property of [REDACTED], causing injuries severe enough that the animal would likely require euthanasia (Service Request DOGS3593/26 is annexed as Appendix 6).

The complainant, [REDACTED] reported the dogs were known to be owned by a neighbour [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] advised that the dogs remained at the scene and that his son [REDACTED], the stock owner, was positioned between the dogs and the injured cow to prevent further harm and to keep the dogs separated from the remainder of the herd.

He further stated that a person with a firearms licence was present and he wished for the dogs to be shot; however, he was advised by the call centre operator not to do so.

Animal Control Officer (ACO) [REDACTED] ("ACO [REDACTED]") was assigned to investigate (ACO Statement – [REDACTED] annexed as Appendix 7).

At 11:26am, ACO [REDACTED], accompanied by Senior Animal Control Officer (SACO) [REDACTED], arrived at [REDACTED]. They spoke with the stock owner, [REDACTED], and a witness to the attack, [REDACTED].

The injured animal was identified as a calf club pet yearling heifer, which was later euthanised due to the extent of its injuries (photographs annexed as Appendix 8).

██████████ identified the dog owners as ██████████ and ██████████ of ██████████

At 11:45am, ACO ██████████ visited ██████████ and spoke to ██████████ and ██████████, owners of the dogs Gracie and Floyd. Both expressed shock at the incident and stated that such behaviour was uncharacteristic of their dogs.

██████████ acknowledged that he had been aware of the need to install an additional wire on the boundary fence but had not yet done so. He showed ACO ██████████ the kennel and run where the dogs were normally confined.

██████████ outlined the potential outcomes of the investigation and invited them to provide a statement. After being cautioned, ██████████ agreed (Dog Owner Statement – ██████████, Appendix 9).

In his statement, ██████████ said he had been working in ██████████ when he had received a phone call from his neighbour ██████████. After confirming he was the owner of two dogs, ██████████ had informed him his dogs had injured a cow, and they were at risk of being shot. ██████████ requested that ██████████ not shoot the dogs and immediately left work, also sending a text message reiterating this request.

Upon arriving at the property, he observed his dogs sitting under a hedge. After speaking with ██████████, he whistled for the dogs and secured them in his vehicle. He noted that he did not observe significant blood on the dogs.

Following the statement, ACO ██████████ seized the dog Gracie under section 57 of the Act (Notice of Seizure – Gracie annexed as Appendix 10). The dog Floyd was not seized due to his advanced age and on learning the dog had an autoimmune condition, with concerns that impoundment stress could worsen his health.

At 2:44pm, ACO ██████████ recorded a statement from ██████████ in which he stated that he had been working in ██████████ when he received a call from a neighbour of the farm where the stock was kept ██████████ advising that two dogs were attacking his stock.

Upon arriving at the paddock, he observed two dogs present, one of which—a small staffy—was latched onto a yearling cow's leg, while a larger dog stood behind it. He contacted the dogs' owners, who subsequently collected them (Witness Statement – ██████████, Appendix 11).

On Friday, 6 March 2026 at 10:45am, ACO [REDACTED] attended [REDACTED] and recorded the witness statement of [REDACTED] (Appendix 12).

[REDACTED] stated that she initially heard her own dog barking and, upon looking outside, saw a cow in her driveway. When she later went outside to hang washing, she observed two black dogs chasing the cow along the paddock fenceline while barking. She contacted [REDACTED] and then ran to the paddock. By the time she arrived, the cow had become stuck by its neck between the gate and the strainer post. [REDACTED] arrived shortly thereafter, and the dogs retreated, growling, before sitting under a tree.

[REDACTED] stated that both dogs were involved in the attack and were acting as a team. She also expressed concern that, if the dogs returned and attacked another animal, they could redirect aggression toward small children on the property.

Later that day, [REDACTED] called SACO [REDACTED] advising that he wished to speak to his family about whether he would be willing to go to court if a decision was made to prosecute the dog owners for the attack and would provide an update after the weekend.

On Sunday, 8 March 2026, [REDACTED] emailed ACO [REDACTED] confirming that he had repaired the boundary fencing and reinforced it with netting wire. He also advised that he had relocated the dogs' kennels to a new, fully enclosed confinement area under a roof, secured with chain-link fencing (photographs annexed as Appendix 13).

[REDACTED] further stated that other neighbouring stock owners had expressed no concerns about his dogs and reiterated his commitment to ensuring Gracie's rehabilitation and safe management (Appendix 14).

On Monday, 9 March 2026, [REDACTED] informed ACO [REDACTED] that although he initially wished to proceed to court, his family did not want to risk conflict with neighbours.

As a result of this information Animal Control Team Leader [REDACTED], in consultation with ACO [REDACTED], completed the Classification Decision-Making Criteria, where it was decided that both dogs Gracie and Floyd should be classified as dangerous dogs as alternative enforcement action to prosecution (Appendix 15). The dog owners also received a fine for failure to keep dog under control for each dog (Section 53(1) of the Dog Control Act). Subsequently the dog Gracie was released from the pound.

On Monday 9 March 2026 ACO [REDACTED] visited [REDACTED] property, [REDACTED], to inspect the completed enclosure and fencing repairs (Appendix 16).

On 27 March 2026 at 2:00pm, ACO [REDACTED] revisited [REDACTED] to serve the Dangerous Classifications.

The process and objection rights were explained to [REDACTED], who confirmed service (Appendices 17 and 18).

On 2 April 2026, [REDACTED] emailed an official objection to the Dangerous Classifications for both dogs (Appendix 19).

The objection stated they acknowledged full responsibility for the incident and advised that significant improvements had been made to the property to ensure complete containment. These measures include the installation of reinforced boundary fencing and the construction of a new high security enclosure with restricted public access.

The objection also advised that the dog Floyd suffered from a chronic autoimmune skin condition where the requirement for the dog to wear a muzzle would cause significant skin irritation. This condition was verified with a letter from their veterinarian [REDACTED] of Anexa Veterinary Services.

The objection was forwarded to the Council's Democracy Team.

On 7 April 2026, Animal Control Principal Specialist [REDACTED] emailed [REDACTED] acknowledging receipt of the objection and that the Democracy Team would contact her to confirm a hearing date (Appendix 21).

On the same day, [REDACTED] emailed [REDACTED] to advise that the dog owners had objected to the classification and that a hearing before the Regulatory Sub-Committee would be scheduled.

[REDACTED] was informed that he was welcome, but not required, to attend (Appendix 22).

5. Discussion and analysis

Taataritanga me ngaa tohutohu

Section 31(4) of the Act 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 since taken by the owner to prevent any threat to the safety of person or animals: and
 - (c) the matters advanced in support of the objection; and
 - (d) any other relevant matters.
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In considering the objection to the classifications the Committee must decide to either uphold or rescind the classifications.

Section 31(5) of the Act provides the Committee shall give written notice of its decision on any objection, and the reasons for its decision, to the owner as soon as practicable.

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

- a. The Act states that the territorial authority must classify a dog as dangerous if the territorial authority considers any dog may pose a threat to any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife because of any observed or reported behaviour.
- b. The severity of the attack warrants strong enforcement.
- c. The owners were absent at the time of the incident and therefore unable to physically or verbally prevent this situation occurring.
- d. The owners have only brought forward the planned secure enclosure for the dogs because of the incident involving both dogs.
- e. As the classification extends nationally the dogs will have an ongoing requirement to be housed securely in a containment area irrespective of where they reside.
- f. The dogs will be required to be muzzled in public which will prevent any further risk to public safety
- g. The dog Gracie will be required to be de-sexed which may reduce aggression of a similar nature.
- h. A dangerous classification allows Animal Control to take stronger measures of enforcement if further incidents occur.
- i. While Council acknowledges and sympathises with the medical condition of the dog Floyd, and that the wearing of a muzzle for long periods of time may cause irritation, Council has no jurisdiction to eliminate any one of the effects of the classification. The dog can continue to be housed and exercised on its own property and be contained in a vehicle without wearing a muzzle.

5.1 Options

Ngaa koowhiringa

The only option available to the committee is to either uphold or rescind the classifications in full for each dog.

Council staff recommend that the Committee uphold the classifications for the reasons expressed in the Discussion and Analysis section above.

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 rescind the classifications, there is a risk that further breaches of the Act will occur, and stock could be further threatened or even harmed.

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 Subcommittee's Terms of Reference and Delegations.	Confirmed
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
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
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
The report considers impact on Maaori (<i>Section 5.5</i>)	Not applicable

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 31 of the Act

Appendix 2 –P&R Record - Gracie

Appendix 3 –P&R Record – Floyd

Appendix 4 – P&R Record – Natalie Parkinson

Appendix 5 – P&R Record – Clayton Bennett

Appendix 6 – CRM – DOGS3593/26

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Appendix 22 – Email advising stock owner of Objection

Section 31 Dog Control Act 1996

31 Territorial authority to classify dangerous dogs

- (1) A territorial authority must classify a dog as a dangerous dog if—
 - (a) the owner of the dog has been convicted of an offence in relation to the dog under section 57A(2); or
 - (b) the territorial authority has, on the basis of sworn evidence attesting to aggressive behaviour by the dog on 1 or more occasions, reasonable grounds to believe that the dog constitutes a threat to the safety of any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife; or
 - (c) the owner of the dog admits in writing that the dog constitutes a threat to the safety of any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife.
- (2) Where any dog is classified as a dangerous dog under subsection (1), the territorial authority shall immediately give notice in the prescribed form of that classification to the owner.
- (3) Where any dog is classified as a dangerous dog under subsection (1)(b), the owner may, within 14 days of the receipt of notice of that classification under subsection (2), object to the classification in writing to the territorial authority, and shall be entitled to be heard in support of his or her objection.
- (4) In considering any objection under this section, the territorial authority shall have regard to—
 - (a) the evidence which formed the basis for the original classification; and
 - (b) any steps taken by the owner to prevent any threat to the safety of persons and animals; and
 - (c) the matters advanced in support of the objection; and
 - (d) any other relevant matters—and may uphold or rescind the classification.
- (5) The territorial authority shall give notice of its decision on any objection, and the reasons for its decision, to the owner as soon as practicable.

Section 31(1): substituted, on 7 July 2010, by section 4 of the Dog Control Amendment Act 2010 (2010 No 62).

P&R Record – Gracie

Animal

Animal ID:

Fee Payer(s):

Owner(s):

Kept At:

Renewal Date: 01-07-2025, Fee 115.00, Date Paid 09-03-2025, 0.00 outstanding

Status Last Updated:

17/03/2025 3:24:46 PM

Additional Details

Animal Details

Animal Name:

Date Of Birth:*

17/12/2024



Years:

1



Months:

4



Primary Breed:*

ASTA



Terrier American Staffordshire

Secondary Breed:

CRXX



Cross

Primary Colour:*

BLU



Blue

Secondary Colour:

WHI



White

Description:

white patch on chest, white on back left paw



Distinguishing Marks:



Permanent Identifier:



Gender Details

Gender:*

Female



De-sexed

De-sexed Certified Date:



De-sexed Certified By:



Licence Details

Licence Number:

3606

Permanent Tag

Licence Expiry Date:

30/06/2026



Currently Licenced

Pensioner

Date First Licenced:

17/03/2025



Last Year's Licence Number:

6137

External Licence

External Licencing Council:

External Licence Number:

Microchip Details

Chip Number:

953010007410692

Non-standard Chip Number:

Chip Supplier:

AnexaNga



Chip Inserted Date:

17/03/2025



Chip Certified Date:

17/03/2025



Chip Certified By:

Training Details

Training Certificate Number:

Training Certified Date:



Training Certified By:



P&R Record – Floyd

Animal

Animal ID: [REDACTED]

Fee Payer(s): [REDACTED]
Owner(s): [REDACTED]
Kept At: [REDACTED]
Renewal Date: 01-07-2025, Fee: 115.00, Date Paid 09-03-2026, 0.00 outstanding

General

Animal Type:* DOG Dog
Animal Class:* Approved Approved Dog Registration
Renewal Code:* Annual Annual Renewal
Status: Active Active
Status Last Updated: 29/09/2017 11:33:36

Additional Details

Animal Details

Animal Name: [REDACTED]
Date Of Birth:* 29/09/2015 Years: 10 Months: 7
Primary Breed:* DOBE Dobermann
Secondary Breed: DALM Dalmatian
Primary Colour:* BRO Brown
Secondary Colour: [REDACTED]
Description: [REDACTED]
Distinguishing Marks: White mark 10cm on chest
Permanent Identifier: [REDACTED]

Gender Details

Gender:* Male
De-sexed
De-sexed Certified Date: [REDACTED] De-sexed Certified By: [REDACTED]

Licence Details

Licence Number: 3607 Permanent Tag
Licence Expiry Date: 30/06/2026 Currently Licenced
Pensioner
Date First Licenced: 29/09/2017
Last Year's Licence Number: 130

External Licence

External Licencing Council: [REDACTED]
External Licence Number: [REDACTED]

Microchip Details

Chip Number: [REDACTED] Non-standard Chip Number: [REDACTED]
Chip Supplier: [REDACTED]
Chip Inserted Date: [REDACTED]
Chip Certified Date: [REDACTED] Chip Certified By: [REDACTED]

Training Details

Training Certificate Number: [REDACTED]
Training Certified Date: [REDACTED] Training Certified By: [REDACTED]

P&R Record - [REDACTED]

Name

Name ID:

General

Name Type:*

Natural Person

Status:



Pending

Surname:*

Given Names:

Title:

Gender:

Date Of Birth:

Preferred Language:

ABN:

Deceased

Default Postal Address:

Suppression

Suppress Name

Suppress Address

Contact Details

Work Phone:

Home Phone:

Fax:

Mobile Phone:

Email Address:



P&R Record - [REDACTED]

Name

Name ID: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

General

Name Type:* Natural Person

Status:

Pending

Surname:* [REDACTED]

Given Names: [REDACTED]

Title:

Gender:

Date Of Birth: [REDACTED]

Preferred Language:

ABN:

Deceased

Default Postal Address: [REDACTED]

Suppression

Suppress Name

Suppress Address

Contact Details

Work Phone:

Home Phone:

Fax:

Mobile Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

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>
Notes					
CRM Created			05/03/2026 11:20.00 am		
	Past	Yes	05/03/2026 11:20.00 am		

Dog Located?			05/03/2026 11:20.01 am		
	Past	Yes	27/03/2026 05:01.12 pm		

CRM Completed?			05/03/2026 11:45.12 am		
	Past	Yes	27/03/2026 05:01.17 pm		

Waikato District Council Request

Custom Date Fields:

Custom Text Fields:

Data Received	05/03/2026 11:20:00AM	Dog aggressive?*	Yes
		Stray Location?*	[REDACTED]
		Nearest Landmark?*	above
		LooseConfined?*	Loose
Respon/Onsite Target	05/03/2026 3:20:00PM	Description of dog*	in details
		Owner Known?*	Yes
		Owner Name	[REDACTED]
		Where dog from?*	unsure but close by
		Ani Control Area*	South
OnSite Time	05/03/2026 11:45:00AM		
Completion Target	05/03/2026 7:20:00PM		
Work Completed	27/03/2026 5:01:17PM	Substantiated?	YES
		Outcome	Impounded

Custom Value Fields:

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

Antenno/SSS Ref

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (ACO)

DOCUMENTS

(Tick all that apply)

- ACO Statement and Declaration
- Scene – photos and key
- Scene – aerial image / map and key
- Scene – sketch diagram and key
- Case notes *(if any)*
- Correspondence and other
- Photo album *(if applicable)*

- History
(Tick all that apply)

- P & R printouts
- Infringement notices
- Other:

ACO DETAILS

ACO Number	26	Date of Birth	
Full Name			
Email			
Phone			

ACO STATEMENT

On the 5 March 2026 I received a call regarding dogs attacking a cow.

At 11.26am myself and ACO11 visited [redacted] where the attack happened. There were several people waiting for us. They told us that the owners had collected the dogs before we got there. We sighted a young cow in the paddock, we could see that its head, front legs and one back leg was covered in blood. We took photos. It was decided that the cow was in a bad way and needed to be euthanised. A family friend who was there, shot the cow. We then inspected the cow closer. It was then that we realised how bad the wounds were. Close up photos were taken.

[redacted] who owned the cow said that he had called the dog owner who had then come and collected his dogs. He gave us directions on how to get the dog owners property.

At 11.45am We visited [redacted] We spoke with [redacted] the dog owners. They were horrified by what had happened and said this was very unlike their dogs.

[redacted] felt terrible as he was aware that he needed to put another wire on the fence but hadn't got round to it. He took us around to see the dogs. They were in a large Kennel and run. We explained possible outcomes and asked if they would like to give an owner's statement, which they did. We then seized [redacted] the staffy cross. We left [redacted] at the property as he was elderly and had an autoimmune disease, we were concerned that the stress of the pound may make it worse.

At 2.44pm We visited the stock owner at his place of work and got a statement; at the time he wasn't sure if he wanted to go to court.

On the 6 March 2026 at 10.45am I got a statement from [redacted]

[redacted] was the one who alerted [redacted] to the fact that his cow was being attacked.

Later that day [redacted] called and spoke to ACO1, he wanted to speak to his family about weather or not he should go to court. He will be back in contact after the weekend.

On the 9 March [redacted] called back and said he wanted to go to court, but his family doesn't want him to as they don't want to fall out with the neighbours. I also visited the dog owners property [redacted]

[redacted] to sight the enclosure he had erected and to sight the fences he had repaired. 27/03/2026 1400 at property [redacted] to deliver dangerous papers that where signed and infringements given. All papers were explained in detail and also how to object to the classification. The owners were very apologetic and were very receptive of my visit and had begun fixing up his property and started to build the enclosure before the decision was made to dangerous the dogs.

Signature: 

ACO DECLARATION

This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have made the statement knowing that it may be used in court proceedings and that I could be prosecuted for perjury for making a statement known by me to be false and intended by me to mislead.

ACO Full Name

[REDACTED]

ACO Signature

[Handwritten Signature]

ACO Number

26

Date

29-4-26

Time

1100



1. Photograph taken by Animal Control Officer # 26 of Waikato District Council on 5-3-26 at 1130
 2. Photographs shows INJURY TO LEFT FRONT LEG
 3. Photograph taken at [REDACTED]
 4. This photograph has not been altered in any way
- Signature [Signature]




1. Photograph taken by Animal Control Officer # 26 of Waikato District Council on 5.3.26 at 11.30
 2. Photographs shows INJURY TO FRONT LEG
 3. Photograph taken at [REDACTED]
 4. This photograph has not been altered in any way
- Signature [Signature]



1. Photograph taken by Animal Control Officer # 26... of Waikato District Council on 5-26 at 11:50...
 2. Photographs shows LUNNY TO ENES AND HOUNTLES
 3. Photograph taken [REDACTED]
 4. This photograph has not been altered in any way
- Signature



1. Photograph taken by Animal Control Officer # 26 of Waikato District Council on 5-3-26 at 11.30AM
 2. Photographs shows BIT WOUNDS ON REAR LEFT LEG
 3. Photograph taken at [REDACTED]
 4. This photograph has not been altered in any way
- Signature 



1. Photograph taken by Animal Control Officer # 26 of Waikato District Council on 5.5.26 at 11.50.....
2. Photographs show MILKY OF HORN LESS LEE
3. Photograph taken at [REDACTED]
4. This photograph has not been altered in any way
Signature [REDACTED].....



1. Photograph taken by Animal Control Officer # 26..... of Waikato District Council on 5-3-26 at 11.30
 2. Photographs shows INJURY IDEAS
 3. Photograph taken [REDACTED]
 4. This photograph has not been altered in any way
- Signature [Signature]



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 2. Photographs shows INJURY TO FRONT LEGS
 3. Photograph taken [REDACTED]
 4. This photograph has not been altered in any way
- Signature [Signature]



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 3. Photograph taken at
 4. This photograph has not been altered in any way
- Signature



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 2. Photographs shows INJURY TO FRONT LEFT LEG
 3. Photograph taken at [REDACTED]
 4. This photograph has not been altered in any way
- Signature [Handwritten Signature]

DOG OWNER

CRM#	<u>0085 3593/26</u>
Animal ID	<u>167210</u>
Offender ID	<u>157637</u>
Property ID	<u>2105849</u>

DOCUMENTS

(Tick all that apply)

- Caution, statement & declaration
- Current registration form
- System printouts of dog owner information
- System printouts of dog information
- Photos of dog(s)
- Classifications
- Notices and applications *(Tick all that apply)*
 - Impound Record
 - Seizure notice
 - Section 71 notice
 - Application for release
 - Property inspection and photos
 - Conditions of release
- Correspondence and other:



Date of Incident: <u>5-5-26</u>	
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DOG OWNER DETAILS			
Title	[REDACTED]		
Name	[REDACTED]		
Address	[REDACTED]		
Home phone		Work phone	
Mobile phone	[REDACTED]		
Email	[REDACTED]		
Place of work	[REDACTED]		

DOG DETAILS: DOG 1					
Name	[REDACTED]		Dog ID		
Breed	Staffy x Doxey				
Colour	Black with white on chest & paws.				
Gender	F		De-sexed		
Age	1	years		month	Microchip No
Registered	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	Year		Council
Notes					

DOG DETAILS: DOG 2					
Name	[REDACTED]		Dog ID		
Breed	Border Collie / Pit Bull mix				
Colour	Black & white.				
Gender	M		De-sexed		
Age	11	years		month	Microchip No
Registered	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Year		Council
Notes					

DOG DETAILS: DOG 3					
Name			Dog ID		
Breed					
Colour					
Gender			De-sexed		
Age		years		month	Microchip No
Registered	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Year		Council
Notes					

CAUTION

(Pursuant to the Chief Justice Practice Note dated 16 July 2007 and section 30 of the Evidence Act 2006)

I have been advised of the following:

- I have the right to refrain from making a statement and to remain silent; and
- I have the right to consult and instruct a lawyer without delay and in private before deciding whether to answer questions; and
- anything I say will be recorded and may be used as evidence.

I understand this caution and my rights and I AM / AM NOT (delete one) prepared to make a statement.

Signature: 

DOG OWNER STATEMENT

I WAS IN TAMARAKEE WORKING AND I RECEIVED A CALL FROM [REDACTED] MY NEIGHBOUR HE ASKED ME IF I HAD 2 DOGS. I REPLIED YES I DO. [REDACTED] STATED THAT [REDACTED] HAD INJURED MY COW AND HE WAS GOING TO SHOOT THEM I ASKED HIM NOT TO. I LEFT WORK STRAIGHT AWAY. I MESSAGES HIM AGAIN NOT TO SHOOT THE DOGS.

I GOT TO THE PROJECT MY 2 DOGS WERE SITTING UNDER A HEDGE. [REDACTED] HAD A CONVERSATION WITH [REDACTED] HE WAS PLEASANT ENOUGH UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES AFTER A COUPLE OF MINUTES I WHISPERED FOR THE DOGS AND THEY BOTH CAME RUNNING UP. THEY DIDN'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO THE COW ON THE WAY BACK.

THEY BOTH WALKED UP TO MY CUP. DOGS DIDN'T SEEM TO HAVE MUCH DISAS ON THEM AT THE TIME.

I THEN PUT THEM IN THE BACK OF MY CUP.

Signature: 

DOG OWNER STATEMENT (continued)

WITH [REDACTED] THIS FEMALE NOS
I PICKED HER UP AT A GREAT ABOUT
2 MONTHS OLD ON [REDACTED] SHE HAD
BEEN DUMPED AS I SAW A CAR DRIVE
AWAY.

SHE IS BOSS WITH OUR OWN STOCK
KIDS, CATS. WE'VE HAD NOT ISSUE BEFORE
THIS INCIDENT.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HAS BEEN WITH US SINCE HE
WAS 16 MONTHS OLD AND HE HAS NO ISSUES,
HE IS THE BEST GARDNER.
[REDACTED] HAS (REMARKABLE) AUTO IMMUNE SYSTEMS
SO IS VERY SICK.

I UNDERSTAND THAT I WAS RESPONSIBLE
FOR THIS ISSUE AS I HADN'T PUT IN A
BOTTOM WIRE ON OUR 7 WIRE FENCE
AS IT IS MISSING THE BOTTOM WIRE.

WE ARE WILLING AND CAPABLE TO FIX
THE PROBLEM SO IT IS NOS PROOF AND THIS
DOESN'T CHALLENGE AGAIN.

I ALSO TOLD [REDACTED] THAT I WOULD
PAY FOR THE CASE.

I WANT TO SAVE HER LIFE.

Signature:



DOG OWNER STATEMENT *(continued)*

Lined area for the dog owner statement, currently blank.

Signature:



Page ___ of ___

INTERPRETER DECLARATION *(if applicable)*

- I know *(name of dog owner)*
- 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 presense.
- 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 dog owner)* , who confirmed that the content is true and correct.

Name of interpreter	
Signature of Interpreter	
Date	

DOG OWNER DECLARATION

(Select an option)


I have read this statement and it is true and correct.

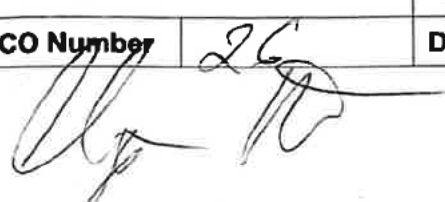
OR

I have had this statement read back to me by _____ and it is true and correct.

Name	
Signature	
Date	

ACO VERIFICATION

Statement recorded at <i>(place)</i>					
ACO Full Name					
ACO Signature					
ACO Number	26	Date	5-3-21	Time	



Notice of Seizure - Gracie

Animal Control Notice of seizure and removal of a dog



Date: 5-3-26 Time: 1145
 To: [Redacted]
 Address: [Redacted]
 Tag no: [Redacted] ANI no. 167210
 Name: [Redacted] Breed STAFFY X M F

This is to notify you that this dog has been seized and removed from this address under the section of the Dog Control Act 1996 indicated below:

Section 15 (1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Without access to food, water or shelter
Section 20	<input type="checkbox"/>	Failure to comply with Bylaw
Section 28 (7)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disqualification of dog owner
Section 33E (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Failing to comply with menacing classification requirements
Section 42 (2)(a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Failing to register dog
Section 52 (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Failing to control dog
Section 52 (A)(4)(a)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Failing to confine or control dog on owner's property
Section 56(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Removal of barking dog causing distress
Section 57 (5)(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dog attacking person or animals
Section 57A (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dog rushing at persons, animals or vehicle

The details of these offences are listed on the reverse of this notice.

You may apply for the return of the dog and should contact [Redacted] at the Ngaruawahia / Tuakau Office on 0800 492 452, fax 0[Redacted] in days of the date of this notice. You may be required to pay any fees incurred in the seizure, custody, sustenance and transport of the dog.

Note: The dog may be sold, destroyed or otherwise disposed of unless the dog is claimed and all fees owing are paid within seven days from the date of this notice. Disposal of the dog may not exempt the owner from fees owing or from possible prosecution.

Animal Control Officer AEO 26 Date 5-3-26

0800 492 452

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Raglan Office
 7 Bow Street
 Raglan

Te Kauwhata Office
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 Te Kauwhata

Tuakau Office
 2 Dominion Road
 Tuakau

WITNESS STATEMENT

(Insert this section in the prosecution file only if there is a witness available)

CRM# <i>DCS 3594/26</i>
Animal ID # <i>167210</i>
Offender ID #
Property ID #

DOCUMENTS

(Tick all that apply)

- Statement & Declaration
- Photos
- Correspondence

DOG IDENTIFICATION

- Dog not positively identified
- Positive identification of the dog(s) on (date) _____ at (time) _____
- Familiar with the dog(s)
- Seen it / them confined on property at (address) _____
- 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 <i>(ethnicity, gender, build, approximate age, clothing, vehicle, etc.)</i>	

PERSONAL DETAILS	
Title	
Name	
Address	
Home phone	Work phone
Mobile phone	
Email	

DOG DETAILS			
Number of dogs involved: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 or more (attach separate sheet)			
Dog 1		Dog 2	
Gender		Gender	
Size	MED	Size	LARGE
Ears		Ears	
Tail		Tail	
Breed	STAFFY X	Breed	Greyhound X.
Colour	BLACK	Colour	BLACK.
Collar	COLLAR	Collar	COLLAR.
ID features		ID features	

Date of Incident:	5-3-26
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WITNESS STATEMENT
<p>I WAS AT WORK IN THE HOSPITAL AND RECEIVED A CALL FROM A [REDACTED] WHO IS A NEIGHBOUR OF THE FARM WE LIVE WHERE THE INCIDENT HAPPENED I RAN OUT IT TOOK ABOUT 3 MINS I GOT OUT OF MY LITE YELLING AT THE 2 DOGS AS THE SMALLER STAFFY WAS LATCHED ON TO THE YEWLINS'S LEG I CHASED THEM AWAY THEY STOOD IN THE Paddock. I TRIED TO WALK OUT TO THEM BOTH TO TETHER THEM THE STAFFY STARTED SNARKING AND JUMPED TOWARDS ME. THEN THEY WENT AND SAT UNDER A</p>
Signature: [Signature]

WITNESS STATEMENT (continued)

TREE.

MYSELF AND THE NEARBY MAN HAD TO LIFT ^{THE COWS} FROM HIS LEGS UP FROM ROUND THE NECK AS IT WAS WEAVED BETWEEN A STRAINER POST AND THE GATE.

I SPoke TO MY SISTER TO SEE IF SHE KNEW WHO THEY BELONG TO, SHE STATED THE BELONG TO [REDACTED] SO I CALLED HIM TO SAY THAT HIS DOGS HAD ATTACKED 2 ANIMALS AND I WAS GOING TO SHOOT THEM FOR OWNERS. SAID 'HOMIE DON'T' AND STATED THAT HE WAS ON HIS WAY AND ALSO TEXTED ME SEVERAL TIMES. I WAITED FOR THEM TO ARRIVE.

WHEN DO'S OWNERS ARRIVED WE HAD A REASONABLE PLACID CONVERSATION, WITHOUT INCIDENTS DO'S OWNERS SAYING HE WAS SORRY AND IT WOULDN'T HAPPEN AGAIN.

I DID SAY THAT IF THE DOGS COME ON THE PROPERTY AGAIN WORKING COWS THEY WILL BE SHOT.

~~IT~~ ~~IS~~ ~~THE~~ ~~LINE~~ MY FATHER RUNS ANIMAL CONDOC.

THE STAFFY WAS THE ONE THAT I SAW LATERED ON TO THE CAFF, REGARDING THE DISPER DO'S WAS STANDING JUST BEHIND THE STAFFY

THE YEARLING WAS SHOT DUE TO THE INNUKIES.

Signature: 

WITNESS DECLARATION	
This statement is true and I have made it with the knowledge that it is to be used in court proceedings (pursuant to section 82 of the Evidence Act 2006).	
Name	[Redacted]
Signature	[Redacted]
Name of parent / guardian <i>(where witness is less than 16 years old)</i>	[Redacted]
Signature of parent / guardian <i>(where witness is less than 16 years old)</i>	[Redacted]
Date	6-3-26

INTERPRETER DECLARATION <i>(if applicable)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I know <i>(name of witness)</i> He / she <i>(delete one)</i> is my <i>(relationship to person)</i> My mother tongue is <i>(language)</i> I can read and speak in English because I <i>(give a reason, e.g. attended an English school in NZ, grew up in NZ, etc.)</i> On <i>(date)</i>, ACO <i>(name)</i> interviewed him / her <i>(delete one)</i> in my presence. I interpreted and translated all information and the questions put to and the answers given by him / her <i>(delete one)</i> from <i>(language)</i> 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 <i>(name of witness)</i>, who confirmed that the content is true and correct. 	
Name of interpreter	
Signature of interpreter	
Date	

ACO VERIFICATION			
Statement recorded at <i>(place)</i>	[Redacted]		
ACO Full Name	[Redacted]		
ACO Signature	[Redacted]		
ACO Number	26	Date	6-3-26
		Time	1045

EXHIBIT A



WITNESS STATEMENT

(Insert this section in the prosecution file only if there is a witness available)

CRM# 1588 35-94 26
Animal ID # 167210
Offender ID # 137638
Property ID # 2015949

DOCUMENTS

(Tick all that apply)

- Statement & Declaration
- Photos
- Correspondence

EXHIBIT NOTE	
This is the annexure marked "A" referred to within the affidavit/statutory declaration _____	
and sworn/affirmed/declared at <u>HUNTLY</u>	
this <u>23</u> day of <u>APRIL</u> 20 <u>26</u> before me	
Signature <u>[Signature]</u>	

[Signature]
 Nicholas H. Turtle, JP
 #7179
 Justice of the Peace for New Zealand

DOG IDENTIFICATION

- Dog not positively identified
- Positive identification of the dog(s) on (date) _____ at (time) _____
- Familiar with the dog(s)
- Seen it / them confined on property at (address) _____
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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.)	

PERSONAL DETAILS			
Title	[REDACTED]		
Name	[REDACTED]		
Address	[REDACTED]		
Home phone	[REDACTED]	Work phone	[REDACTED]
Mobile phone	[REDACTED]		
Email	[REDACTED]		

DOG DETAILS			
Number of dogs involved: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 or more (attach separate sheet)			
Dog 1		Dog 2	
Gender	[REDACTED]	Gender	[REDACTED]
Size	MED	Size	MED LARGE
Ears		Ears	
Tail		Tail	
Breed	STAFFY CROSS	Breed	Greyhound x.?
Colour	BLACK	Colour	BLACK
Collar	YES	Collar	YES
ID features		ID features	

Date of incident:	5-3-26	[REDACTED]
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WITNESS STATEMENT	
10:15 AM	<p>I WAS AT HOME BETWEEN 8-8:30 AM [REDACTED]</p> <p>MY DOG STARTED BARKING AND IT GOT INTENSER</p> <p>I LOOKED OUT MY WINDOW I NOTICED 2 COWS IN THE LADDOCK. MY DOG 'OHUS' WOULDN'T SETTLE.</p> <p>I NOTICED 1 COW IN THE DRIVEWAY THOUGHT THAT WAS STRANGE. I WENT TO HAVE A LOOK OUT AND NOTICED 2 BLACK DOGS EITHER SIDE OF THE COW CHASING. IT UP & DOWN THE LADDOCK LINE. DOGS WERE BARKING. I KNEW THE COW OWNER. I TOLD THEM 2 DOGS WERE CHASING A COW IN THE LADDOCK</p>
Signature: [Signature]	

WITNESS STATEMENT (continued)

I RAN DOWN THE Paddock. AND BY THEN THE COW WAS STRUCK BY ITS NECK AT IT BETWEEN THE GATE & BRANICK POST. THE DOGS MOVED AWAY. [REDACTED] WAS HERE BY THEN BOTH DOGS WERE BARKING. THE DOGS WENT AND SAT UNDER A TREE WAITING.

[REDACTED] THEN GOT THE COW OUT FROM BEHIND SICK BETWEEN THE GATE & BRANICK POST.

MYSELF & [REDACTED] STAYED IN THE Paddock TO KEEP THE DOGS AWAY.

THIS IS ALL

THIS HAPPENED WITHIN A 2 HOUR PERIOD

BOTH DOGS WERE INVOLVED IN THIS ATTACK WORKING AS A TEAM.

MY FEAR IS IF THE DOGS CAME BACK TO THE PROPERTY AND ATTACKED ANOTHER ANIMAL THAT COULD BE DANGEROUS TO ANY SMALL CHILDREN ON THE FARM.

Signature: 

WITNESS DECLARATION

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

Name

Sig

Name of parent / guardian
(where witness is less than 16 years old)

Signature of parent / guardian
(where witness is less than 16 years old)

Date

5-3-20

INTERPRETER DECLARATION (if applicable)

- I know (name of witness)
- 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.)
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- The officer recorded the information I supplied in writing.
- I translated the completed statement back to (name of witness)
....., 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

21

Date

5-3-20

Time

15:00

1445.

Enclosure being built



Enclosure being built including kennels



Fence Repairs



Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing to provide an update on the progress made regarding the containment and fencing improvements for our dogs at home.

I have successfully repaired the existing fencing and reinforced it with netting wire. Additionally, I have relocated the dog kennels to a new designated confinement area. This area is under a roof and is currently being fully enclosed with chain-link fencing; I expect this work to be completed this coming Monday. **I have filmed video footage of these improvements to document the progress, which I am happy to share with you.**

I have also been in contact with my neighbours to ensure there are no outstanding concerns. I spoke with [REDACTED] the owner of the cow involved, and assured him that the dogs will be fully contained. [REDACTED] expressed that he is happy with these measures and trusts that the dogs will not be on his property again.

Furthermore, I have spoken with the following people who graze stock in our immediate area:

- [REDACTED] My immediate neighbour who grazes dairy cows directly on our boundary. He has no concerns regarding our dogs. **Phone** [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] grazes his stock directly on my property. He confirmed he has never had any issues with the dogs and is also happy to speak with you if required. **Phone** [REDACTED]

I would like to reiterate my commitment to advocating for [REDACTED] release into my care. I am dedicated to providing her with every opportunity to be rehabilitated and to prove that she is a dog worth saving.

Ps video footage will come through various emails as files too big to send

Thank you for your time and for considering this update.



Classification Decision Making Criteria

Owner ID: 153476

Dog ID: 143581- 167210


CRM : DOGS 3593/26

OWNER RESPONSIBILITY <i>(How did they react? Did they stop the dog? Were they present? Have they offered to help the victim in any way? Was the dog leashed?)</i>
The owner was at the property after they were rung by the stock owner. He contained the dogs in his vehicle. Dogs were free roaming. Dog owner has visited the stock owner and paid for the yearling and was extremely apologetic
HISTORY <i>(Any history in Council Database) Dog owner has paid</i>
No reported history on file
SERIOUSNESS OF THE INCIDENT <i>(Was contact made? Was the attack prolonged? What injuries were sustained?)</i>
Serious contact was made on the yearling and was euthanized because of the severity of its injuries
VICTIMS VIEWS <i>(Impact of the incident on the victim, and/or ongoing effects of the incident?)</i>
This was his children's calf club yearling, he was very annoyed that this happened and didn't want this to happen to another animal or on one of his children and friends that come to visit.
EVIDENCE <i>(Witness statement provided? Dog identified?)</i>
Statements from a Witness, stock owner and dog owner
REGISTRATION COMPLIANCE <i>(Was the dog registered at the time? If not, have they registered it since?)</i>

Both dogs are registered
PROPERTY <i>(Is the property suitable to contain this dog?)</i>
The dog owner has made considerable upgrades to his large property to keep the dogs contained and has made a separate enclosure with locks so the dogs cannot get out off the property. He has 2 sets of electric gates to get into his property
MITIGATING RISK <i>(How the dog owner thinks they can mitigate this sort of behaviour in the future? Physical steps the dog owner has taken?)</i>
Has made multiple changes to his property to keep the dogs contained. Also spoke of getting a dog trainer in
ACO REASONING BEHIND CLASSIFICATION
Having this dangerous classification for both dogs means that the stock in the surrounding areas and are safe from being harmed from these dogs. According to the classification both dogs will need to be always muzzled when off the property and be in there containment area when not being supervised And anytime this isn't adhered to there will be other enforcement to follow such as infringement's, seizure dog the dog and disqualification. In addition to the above Im seeking dispensation for the 2 nd dog Floyd who is 11yrs old and has severe health issues and will be unable to where a muzzle

OUTCOME

Discussion between ACO and Team Leader



- Dog Seized/Impounded** **Yes**
- Menacing Classification** **No**
- Dangerous Classification** **Yes**
- Infringement** **Yes**
- Prosecution** **No**




Completed Containment Area 1



Completed Containment Area 2



Completed Containment Area 3





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OFFICE USE ONLY
 CRM: DOGS3593/26/26
 Person ID: 153476
 Dog ID: 143581

Notice of Classification of Dog as a Dangerous Dog

To:

Address:



THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT THE DOG DESCRIBED HEREIN,

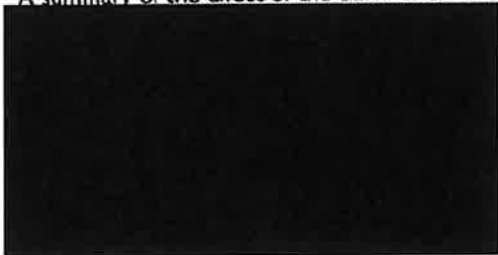
Doberman/Dalmatian cross, Brown, Male
(description of dog)

HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS DOG UNDER SECTION 31(1) OF THE DOG CONTROL ACT 1996.

THIS IS BECAUSE

- You have been convicted of an offence under section 57A(2) of the Dog Control Act.
- The Waikato District Council has, on the basis of sworn evidence attesting to aggressive behaviour by the dog on one or more occasions, reasonable grounds to believe it constitutes a threat to the safety of any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife.
- You have admitted in writing that the dog constitutes a threat to the safety of any person, stock, poultry, domestic animal, or protected wildlife.

A summary of the effect of the classification and your right to object is contained overleaf.



27 March 2026
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 dangerous dog
Sections 32 and 36A, Dog Control Act 1996

You are required,—

- (a) within 1 month after receipt of this notice, to ensure that the dog is kept within a securely fenced portion of your property that it is not necessary to enter to obtain access to at least 1 door of any dwelling on the property; and
- (b) not to 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—
 - (i) 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; and
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 - (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
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- (e) in respect of every registration year commencing after receipt of this notice, to pay dog control fees for that dog at 150% of the level that would apply if the dog were not classified as a dangerous dog; and
- (f) not to dispose of the dog to any other person without the written consent of the territorial authority in whose district the dog is to be kept.

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 (f) above. In addition, on conviction the court must order the destruction of the dog unless satisfied that the circumstances of the offence were exceptional and do not justify the destruction of the dog.

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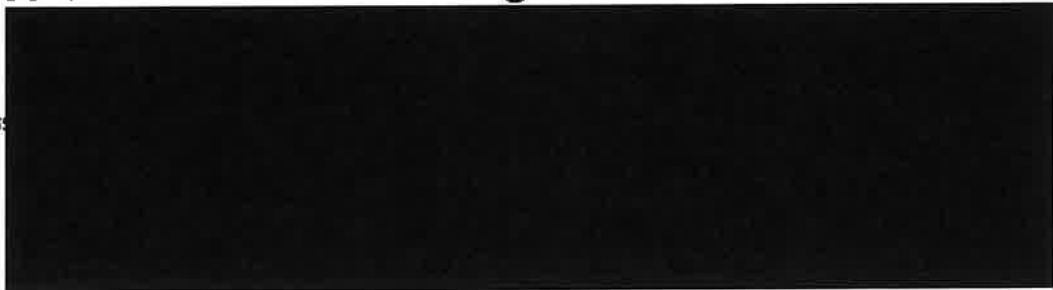
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WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL	
2 APR 2026	
Time 3:40	Initials [Signature]
NGARUAWAHIA	

To: The Animal Control Principal Specialist
Waikato District Council
 Private Bag 544, Ngaruawahia 3742
 Date: 2 April 2026

RE: FORMAL OBJECTION TO DANGEROUS DOG CLASSIFICATIONS

Dog 1: [Redacted]
 Dog 2: [Redacted]

Owners: [Redacted]
 [Redacted]

Dear Waikato District Council and the Regulatory Subcommittee, or to whom it may concern

We are writing to formally object to the classification of our dogs, [Redacted] as "Dangerous Dogs" under Section 31(1)(b) of the Dog Control Act 1996. While we acknowledge the incident on 30 March 2026, for which we have promptly paid the **\$400.00 total in infringement fees** (Notices U95177 and U95178), we believe the "Dangerous" classification for both dogs is excessive given the immediate and permanent corrective measures we have implemented.

1. Acceptance of Responsibility

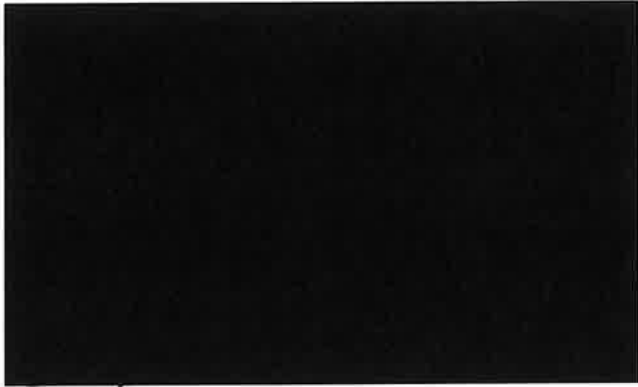
We wish to state clearly that as the owners of [Redacted] we accept **total responsibility** for the incident that occurred. We acknowledge that our property's boundary fencing was not secured to the necessary standard at that time. We recognize that had we properly addressed these fencing issues earlier, this situation would never have occurred. Our priority now is ensuring that such a breach can never happen again.

2. Background and Character of [Redacted]

[Redacted] is a one-year-old Staffordshire Bull Terrier with a difficult start in life. She was found abandoned on the side of the road as a puppy, and we took her in to give her a second chance. Since then, she has successfully integrated into our home with [Redacted] and our two cats [Redacted].

[Redacted] has a remarkably sweet nature; she is a beloved family member and is "loved to bits" by our nieces and nephews. Because of her age and rescue background, she has not yet had the opportunity to receive the formal training necessary to reach her full potential. We are fully committed to providing her with professional training and

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P: 0800 284 3838
E: anexa.accounts@anexa.co.nz | www.anexa.co.nz

Tax Invoice
GST Reg No. 10-852-005
Bank Acct No. 02 0368 0024553 00

Gordonton P: 07 824 2103	Matamata P: 07 888 8068	Ngaruawahia P: 07 824 8630	Paeroa P: 07 862 8815	Te Aroha P: 07 884 8014	Thames P: 07 868 7005
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March 30, 2026

To whom it may concern,

“Floyd”, an 11 year old male neutered Doberman mix, has been treated here at Anexa Ngāruawāhia for many years for a chronic autoimmune condition called pemphigus foliaceus. This disease is characterized by crusting or ulcerative skin lesions, which Floyd often has on his face and head as well as other areas of the body. Wearing a muzzle for long periods of time could cause further skin irritation and exacerbate his condition.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any other questions.

Thank you,



Veterinarian
Anexa Ngaruawahia

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to you to confirm receipt of your objection to the Dangerous Dog Classifications issued on your dogs, [REDACTED]

I also confirm that I have received your objection within the required 14 days of service.

Waikato District Council's Democracy Team will be in touch with you to confirm the date of the hearing.

Nгаа mihi,

[REDACTED]
Animal Control Principal Specialist

Matanga Matua whakahaere kararehe

Waikato District Council

Te Kaunihera aa Takiwaa o Waikato

[REDACTED]
Poutaapeta Mahi: Private Bag 544, Ngaaruawaahia 3742

Waahi Mahi: 15 Galileo Street, Ngaaruawaahia



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Good morning [REDACTED]

I am writing to you to advise you that the owner of the dogs that were involved in the attack on your stock have objected to the Dangerous Dog Classifications that were placed on the dogs.

Waikato District Council will now convene a hearing with the Regulatory Sub-Committee to hear their objection within the next 6 to 8 weeks.

If you wish, you are welcome to attend this hearing but there is no obligation on your part to attend.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to contact me.

Regards

Ngaa mihi,

[REDACTED]
Animal Control Principal Specialist

Matanga Matua whakahaere kararehe

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