

Exemptions and Objections Sub Committee Agenda

Date: Tuesday, 6 May, 2025

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Civic Centre, Te Iwitihi, 9 Rust Avenue

Elected Members: Cr Ken Couper (Chairperson)
His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo
Cr Deborah Harding
Cr Patrick Holmes
Cr Scott McKenzie

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1. Declarations of Interest / Take Whaipānga	
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Exemptions and Objections Committee - Terms of Reference

Membership

Chairperson	Councillor Ken Couper
Members	His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo Councillors Deborah Harding, Patrick Holmes and Scott McKenzie
Quorum	3
Meetings	As required The relevant legislative requirements should be taken into account when setting meeting dates

Purpose

To hear and determine objections, appeals and applications in respect of the regulatory functions and responsibilities of Council.

Delegations

- Hear and decide s357, s357A and 357B objections under the Resource Management Act where staff recommend decline.
- Determine and grant of Territorial Authority consents under S100 of the Gambling Act 2003 (as it relates to Class 4 Gambling Venues) and s65C of the Racing Act 2003 (as it relates to Board Venues).
- Power to consider an objection under s33B in relation to classification as a menacing dog under s33A of the Dog Control Act 1996 or an objection under s33D in relation to classification as a menacing dog under s33C of the Dog Control Act 1996.
- Consider objections relating to the classification of a person disqualified from owning a dog under s26 of the Dog Control Act 1996.
- Power to consider an objection to classification as a menacing dog under s33A and s33C of the Dog Control Act 1996.
- Power to consider and determine an objection to any notice issued requiring abatement of a barking dog nuisance under s55 of the Dog Control Act 1996.
- To determine the outcome of a request for reconsideration made under sections 199A and 199B of the Local Government Act 2002 in accordance with Council's Development Contribution Policy (no ability to waiver).
- Hear and determine statutory appeals or objections in respect to any matter where no specific delegation applies.

Exemptions and Objections Sub-committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 17 December, 2024
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Civic Centre, Te Iwitihi, 9 Rust Avenue

In Attendance
 Cr Ken Couper (Chairperson)
 His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo
 Cr Deborah Harding
 Cr Patrick Holmes
 Cr Scott McKenzie

Also Present
 Karma Kukutai and Support Person
 Reiner Mussle (Manager Health and Bylaws)
 Leslie House (Bylaw Enforcement Coordinator and Environmental Health Officer)
 Peter Banks (Manager, Animal Management, Armourguard)
 Christine Crawford (Executive Officer, Animal Management, Armourguard)

Scribe N. Pestana (Team Leader, Democracy)

1. Declarations of Interest / Take Whaipānga

No interests were declared.

2. Apologies / Kore Tae Mai

There were no apologies.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Exemptions and Objections Committee Meeting / Whakatau Meneti

3.1 Minutes Exemption and Objections Sub Committee 24 September 2024

Moved By Cr Scott McKenzie

Seconded By His Worship the Mayor

That the minutes of the Exemption and Objections Sub-Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 24 September 2024, having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting.

Carried

4. Decision Reports / Whakatau Rīpoata

4.1 Objection to Disqualification of Dog Ownership – Karma Kukutai

Moved By His Worship the Mayor
Seconded By Cr Deborah Harding

That the Exemptions and Objections Sub-committee hears the objection by Karma Kukutai to the disqualification from dog ownership.

Carried

The Committee heard the objection and the adjourned to consider the objection.

Procedural Motion

Moved By Cr Ken Couper
Seconded By Cr Scott McKenzie

That the Exemptions and Objections Sub-committee's decision on the objection to disqualification from dog ownership be reserved until such time as the Committee has considered the evidence and all relevant matters and that the Committee's decision be issued in due course.

Carried

The Committee adjourned to deliberate on the objection.

Following deliberations, the Subcommittee resolved:

Moved By Cr Ken Couper
Seconded By His Worship the Mayor

That the Committee determines the disqualification from dog ownership imposed on Karma Kukutai on 1 November 2024 be **upheld**.

Carried

Cr Harding requested her vote against be recorded.

5. Closure of Meeting / Te katinga o te Hui

Item 3.1

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The meeting concluded at 10.36am.

Confirmed this 6th day of May 2025

Cr Ken Couper (Chairperson)

4.1 Objection to the requirement to desex dog under clause 12 of the Bylaw

Meeting: Exemptions and Objections Committee
Reporting officers: Zane Kumar, Bylaw Enforcement Co-Ordinator
Date of meeting: 06 May 2025

Time	Hearing	Name
1:00pm	Objection to requirement to desex	Reguina Blair

Hearing Procedure

Objection under Clause 13 of the Whangarei District Council Dog Control Bylaw 2024:

- 1 The Chairperson opens the proceedings by introducing the committee and asks parties to introduce themselves and their witnesses.
- 2 Staff will briefly outline the objection.
- 3 The Council Officer's/contractor's report, which has been circulated prior to the hearing, is taken as read.
- 4 The objector presents his/her case including any supporting evidence from witnesses.
- 5 Council officers/contractors will speak on his/her report and is available to answer questions.
- 6 Only the objector is given the opportunity to have a right to reply. This gives him/her the chance to clarify matters raised in the Council officer's/contractor's report but not to present new evidence.
- 7 Final questions of clarification.
- 8 The Chairperson adjourns the hearing to deliberate on its decision based on the evidence submitted, following which the objector will be notified in writing of the decision.

A written decision will be issued as soon as practicable.

Report to Exemptions and Objections Committee

Introduction

The purpose of this hearing is to hear and determine the objection lodged by Reguina Blair to a notice requiring the desexing of the dog “Stella” under Clause 12 of Whangarei District Council’s Dog Control Bylaw 2024.

Background

On 25/02/2025 Council issued Ms Blair with a notice (Appendix A) advising her that under the terms of Clause 12 of the Whangarei District Council Dog Control Bylaw 2024, the dog “Stella” must be desexed. Ms Blair objected to this notice by way of email to the Bylaw Enforcement Coordinator on 04/03/2025. (Appendix B)

Clause 12 of the Dog Control Bylaw 2024 (‘the Bylaw’) states the foundations for issuing a notice to desex.

12. Requirement to neuter uncontrolled dog

- 12.1 Council may require the owner of a dog to have that dog neutered if, within a 24-month period—
 - a) an infringement notice, under section 53 of the Act, has been issued at least twice; or
 - b) the dog has been impounded at least twice as a result of not being kept under control.
- 12.2 A breach of a requirement under clause 12.1 is an offence against this Bylaw.

13. Objection to requirement to neuter uncontrolled dog

- 13.1 If a dog is required to be neutered under clause 12, the owner of that dog—
 - a) may, within 14 days of receiving the notice, object to the requirement by writing to Council; and
 - b) has the right to be heard in support of their objection under clause 13.1.a.
- 13.2 Council may, when considering an objection under clause 13, uphold or rescind the requirement. In making its determination, Council must have regard to:
 - a) the evidence which formed the basis for the requirement;
 - b) the matters relied upon in support of the objection; and
 - c) any other relevant matters.
- 13.3 Following its consideration of an objection under clause 13.2, Council must, as soon as practicable, give written notice to the dog owner of—
 - a) its determination on the objection; and
 - b) the reasons for its determination.

In determining any objection, the territorial authority may uphold or terminate the notice of requirement of any person to undertake desexing of a dog under Clause 12 and shall give written notice of its decision and the reasons for it to the objector.

14. Effect of requirement to neuter uncontrolled dog

- 14.1 If a dog is required to be neutered under clause 12, the owner of that dog must, within 1 month of receiving the notice of the requirement, provide to Council a certificate issued by a veterinarian certifying that—
 - a) the dog is or has been neutered; or
 - b) 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.

- 14.2 If a certificate under clause 14(1)(b) is provided to Council, the owner must provide to Council, within 1 month after the date specified in that certificate, a further certificate under clause 14(1)(a).

53. Offence of failing to keep dog under control (Dog Control Act 1996)

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

Statutory Considerations

Clause 13.2 gives the power to the Committee to consider the objection. It may **uphold or immediately terminate** the requirement to desex “Stella” under Clause 12 of the Bylaw.

In making the decision, the Committee must consider the following:

- a) the evidence which formed the basis for the requirement.
- b) the matters relied upon in support of the objection; and
- c) any other relevant matters.

The Committee must give written notice of its decision, the reasons for it, as soon as practicable to Ms Blair.

Assessment

Nature of offences:

The requirement for Ms Blair to arrange the desexing of Stella is based on two infringement offences not relating to a single incident within a 24-month period.

Infringements and summary of incidents forming the basis for the requirement to desex under Clause 12:

Date of incident	Request number	Description:
13/09/2024	AC2423077	Failure to control or confine
19/02/2025	AC2526156	Failure to control or confine

Incident- 13/09/2024 (Appendix C)

Armourguard received a complaint about the dog “Stella” roaming. Upon investigation the dog “Stella” was found and impounded from the property of the complainant. It must be pointed out that at this time the Dog “Stella” did not belong to Ms Blair, rather to a Kamalpreet Kaur. Kamalpreet claimed the dog the same day, and paid the impound fees for its release as per appendix “D”.

Incident- 19/02/2025- (Appendix D)

Armourguard received two complaints about Stella wandering at Barge Park, where Stella, proceeded to bail up a rider for 15 minutes during a horse show. The same day an officer attended the scene and spoke to the complaints. Both complainants report hearing a person calling out the name “Stella”.

On 20/02/2025 an Officer visited neighbouring addresses to the incident. The occupant of a neighbouring property knew what dogs the officer was looking for. The occupant advised that the

same dog had been on his property chasing chickens and sheep which caused distress to these animals.

That led the officer go to the address of the registered dog “Stella” where the officers sighted the dog “Stella”, known to them from prior impoundment. The officers ended up impounding “Stella”.

On 20 February Ms Blair (the now owner of the dog Stella) provided a medical certificate stating the dog plays a role in her father’s mental health. However, this is not a consideration under the terms of the Act and the Bylaw in relation to desexing.

Any other relevant matters.

On 17 September 2024 a notice of menacing dog was served on the former owner of “Stella” a person named Karmalpreet Kaur (appendix E). This was done because “Stella” was registered as an American Pitbull Terrier. This means Council must under Schedule 4 of the Dog Control Act 1996 classify dogs of the breed as menacing. No objection to this classification was received in the 14-day timeframe. On the 22/10/2024 Karmalpreet Kaur transferred ownership of “Stella” to Ms Blair (appendix F). This does not change the menacing classification, and the previous owner is legally obliged to advise the new owner of the classification. As a result “Stella” was still required to be desexed under the terms of the menacing by breed classification, to which there is no further right to appeal.

Ms Blair emailed Council on 29 October 2024 (appendix G) asking Council to reconsider its decision for “Stella” to be classed as menacing via breed. As explained, Ms Blair was out of time to appeal this decision to the committee.

Council’s Bylaw Enforcement Coordinator emailed Ms Blair on 30 October 2024 (appendix H). While at the time the coordinator thought there was still time to appeal, there was not. As a result, the email reads like there are still time, however the advice contained in it remains true. That was, if Ms Blair provided a DNA certificate showing the dog “Stella” is not predominantly of a breed required to be classed as menacing Council would waive the classification. However, Ms Blair did not respond to this email and instead provided a false desexing certificate to Council (Appendix I).

Animal management was alerted to this by a family acquaintance of Ms Blair that wishes to remain anonymous. However, emails between Animal Management and Kamo Vets confirms the certificate presented to Council was fake. This action is an offence under the Dog Control Act 1996 and is subject to a fine, upon conviction, of \$3,000.

Since the 20th of February 2025 incident, Ms Blairs failure to control and confine “Stella” and abide by the menacing classification has seen her breach Clause 12 of the new Dog Control Bylaw, as outlined above, also requires Ms Blair to undertake desexing of the dog “Stella” or object to this requirement which she has done. It is pointed out to the Committee, the change of ownership (from Ms Kaur to Ms Blair) does not impact on the requirement to desex under Clause 12 of the Bylaw as under part b of Clause 12 the breach is in relation to the dog, and not dependent on the owner.

On 03 April 2025, by way of email, Ms Blair provided the DNA certificate for the dog ‘Stella’ (appendix J). The DNA certificate was confirmed by the Bylaw Enforcement Coordinator to be authentic, via phone call with the testing agency. As a result, the menacing classification by breed has been lifted, as ‘Stella’ is not predominantly of a breed as per Schedule 4 of the Act. This, however, does not change the requirement to desex ‘Stella’ under Clause 12, and the need of the Committee to make a decision on the objection to that.

Conclusion

Under Clause 12 of 'the Bylaw' Whangarei District Council may require the owner of any dog, to desex said dog if either two infringements under Section 53 of the Dog Control Act 1996 have been issued within a 24-month period. Or the dog has been impounded at least twice within a 24-month period as a result of not being kept under control.

It is submitted to the Committee that the evidence on file requires Ms Blair to undertake desexing of the dog "Stella", as per the terms of Clause 12 of the Bylaw.

Recommendation

That the Exemptions and Objections Committee hear the objection by Reguina Blair to the requirement to desex the dog "Stella" under Clause 12 of the Bylaw.

Following deliberations:

That the Exemptions and Objections Committee determine whether the requirement to desex "Stella" under Clause 12 is either **upheld** or **not upheld**.

Appendices

Appendix A: Notice of requirement to desex under Clause 12

Appendix B: Email from Mr Blair objecting to the requirement to desex the dog "Stella"

Appendix C: 24/01/2025 incident

Appendix D: 19/02/2025 incident

Appendix E: Notice of menacing by breed

Appendix F: Change of ownership paper

Appendix G: Ms Blair email dated 29/10/2024

Appendix H: Email of the Bylaw Enforcement Coordinator dated 30/10/2024

Appendix I: Fake desexing certificate presented to Council by Ms Blair

Appendix J: Letter to Ms Blair confirming time and date of hearing.

Appendix K: DNA certificate

In reply please ask for Peter Banks - Manager Animal Control

25th February 2025

Reguina Blair

Maunu
Whangarei

Te Iwitihi, 9 Rust Ave
Whangarei 0110, New Zealand
P +64 9 430 01A2515344200
E mailroom@wdc.govt.nz
www.wdc.govt.nz

Dear Reguina,

Notice of Requirement to Desex Dog – Section 12.1, Dog Control Bylaw 2024

Dog ID:	85936	Primary Breed:	American Pit Bull Terrier
Microchip No:	982091065074514	Secondary Breed:	
Name:	Stella	Primary Colour	Brown
Sex:	Female	Secondary Colour	
Age:	3 years 5 months old		
Address where dog is usually kept: [REDACTED] Whangarei			

This is to notify you* that the above mentioned dog is now required to be desexed, under section 12.1 of the Dog Control Bylaw 2024.

This is because Whangarei District Councils records show your dog has breached Section 53 of the Dog Control Act 1996 atleast twice within a 24-month period, namely:

13-09-2024 – Impounded by Whangarei Animal Management for the first time

20-02-2025 – Impounded by Whangarei Animal Management for the second time.

A summary of this requirement and your right to object is provided on the reverse.

Please note:

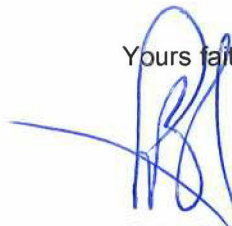
- Your dog must be kept under control at all times
- Your dog must be desexed with a veterinary certificate supplied within 30 days of this notice.

Yours faithfully



Zane Kumar
Bylaws Enforcement Co-ordinator


Yours faithfully



Peter Banks
Manager Animal Management

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

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

Served 1518hrs 26th February 2025 on Reguina Blair
at A.M. 

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14.2 If a certificate under clause 14(1)(b) is provided to Council, the owner must provide to Council, within 1 month after the date specified in that certificate, a further certificate under clause 14(1)(a).

16. Enforcement

16.1 Council may use its powers under the Dog Control Act 1996 and the Local Government Act 2002 to enforce this Bylaw.

17. Offences and penalties

17.1 Every person who breaches this Bylaw commits an offence.

17.2 Every person who commits an offence under this Bylaw is liable to the penalties under the Dog Control Act 1996 and the Local Government Act 2002.

Zane Kumar

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 4 March 2025 1:49 pm
To: Bylaw Enforcement
Subject: Re: Stella
Importance: High

EXTERNAL: This email originated from outside Whangarei District Council. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Zane,

Please could you arrange a hearing before the Exemptions and Objections Committee of Council.

Re: Stella,

Microchip No: 982091065074514

Dear Committee,

Please could you consider the below and support my objection enabling my dog to come back home without being neutered and continue living a healthy happy life with family.

When Stella got impounded last September I had to undergo a surgery and I was away for over a month. A person, who was looking after Stella and my property didn't follow my instructions and let Stella out.

Soon after my return my daughter, who lives in Wellington, asked me to move to her place as she needed help. So I took my dad, my dog and we went down to Wellington. My dad has Alzheimers dementia, he has had a stroke and requires 24/7 assistance. Stella plays a big role in his care and mental wellbeing spending most of her time next to him.

Recently we had to come back to Whangarei because Wellington's place has leaking windows and now is getting fixed.

When we came to Whangarei I didn't know that the fence got damaged while we were in Wellington. So Stella went onto the neighbours paddock. When I realised that she was not on the property I called her. As soon as Stella heard me calling her, she came back home.

However, the dog control officer came to my property the next morning and took Stella from me. She was not roaming at the time of her being picked up and shouldn't have been removed from me.

In the past I have had 3 other dogs and I was registered with the NZKC. One of my dogs became a NZ champion. I always provide the healthiest and safest environment for everyone around me including my animals. My last two dogs passed away at the age of 17.5 and 17 years old. None of my dogs have ever been impounded. When Stella got impounded last week is actually the first time in my life when a dog got impounded while in my care.

I don't want to breed from Stella and one of the reasons is that I don't want her to have any unnecessary health risk.

Any surgery under general anaesthesia is a health and life risk, ranging from common side effects and allergic reactions to unforeseen complications, lifelong illness and death. Even though severe complications are rare, they still occur.

Do you provide any insurance to cover Stella if any damage occurs to her during surgery?

It's against my religion beliefs to interfere without a medical or life-threatening purpose.

I see no reason for her to be placed at risk with surgery when she lives in a fully contained section and poses no risk to the community. Stella has a very kind nature, she gets on well with other animals (we have a cat and chickens). Stella is a people's dog, she likes everyone and she just loves children.

I very much appreciate your time to consider my application.

Thank you again,
Reguina Blair and family

Sent from my HUAWEI P20

Whangarei District Council

Request

Request Number	AC2423077	Category	AC
Date Received	13-Sep-2024	Sub-Category	DCI
Source	CONTRACTOR	Description	Animals
Priority	LOW	Created By	ALLISONGH
Responsible	WDC.RQ.ANI	Responsible Person	93
Resource Pool			

Stage	CLOSED	Resolution Details (if closed)	Thank you for your request for service. We have processed your request and the status is now closed.
		Date Resolved	13-Sep-2024

Property Number	68714
Property Address	

Caller Name		Preferred Telephone Number	
Caller Address		Preferred Email Address	

Request Details

PW9 Pen 29

Important Dates

Date Created	16-Sep-2024
Date Accepted	16-Sep-2024
Initial Inspection Date	13-Sep-2024
Date Scheduled	01-Jan-1900
Date Service Restored	01-Jan-1900

Comments

Memo Type: Inspection Details
Date Created: 16/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
Notes: Animal impounded
Further Notes:
Created By: ALLISONGH

Memo Type: Animal Information
Date Created: 16/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
Notes: Animal Impounded
Further Notes:
Created By: ALLISONGH

Memo Type: Request Closure Notes
Date Created: 16/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
Notes: Request closed with Resolution Code: SERV
Further Notes: Closure Notes for Customer: Thank you for your request for service. We have processed your request and the status is now closed. Internal Notes: Released to owner Work Completed By: 93
Created By: ALLISONGH

Dog Impound

Pen# 29
CRM# AC 2423077

Officer: 93 Date: 13/ 9/24 S M T W T (F) S
Time: 1225
Complainants Name: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
Phone Number: [REDACTED]
Dog(s) found at: [REDACTED]
Dog Owner Name: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
Phone Number: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]

Type of Complaint:

- | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attack | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collection | <input type="checkbox"/> Trap | <input type="checkbox"/> Drop Off |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rushing | <input type="checkbox"/> Revisit | <input type="checkbox"/> Worriyng Stock | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wandering | <input type="checkbox"/> Unregistered | <input type="checkbox"/> Conditions | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Into Refuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Surrender | |
- \$ 344

Picture attached: ☐ Is the Dog in Tech One? Yes ☐ No ☐

Fees quoted Impound: \$168 Registration: \$176 Microchip: Sustenance:

Dog Details:

Tech One ID: 85936 Registration Number: Nil
Name: Stella Microchip: 9820910650745164
Breed: Pitbull x ☐ Male ☒ Female
Colour: Tan ☐ Desexed ☐ Entire Age (Approx) 3yrs.

Result:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Owner Collected | <input type="checkbox"/> Rehome (Wandering Angels) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Euthanized | <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption (Armourguard) |

Impound Information: AC2423059 569-57003757

Canine Health Check:

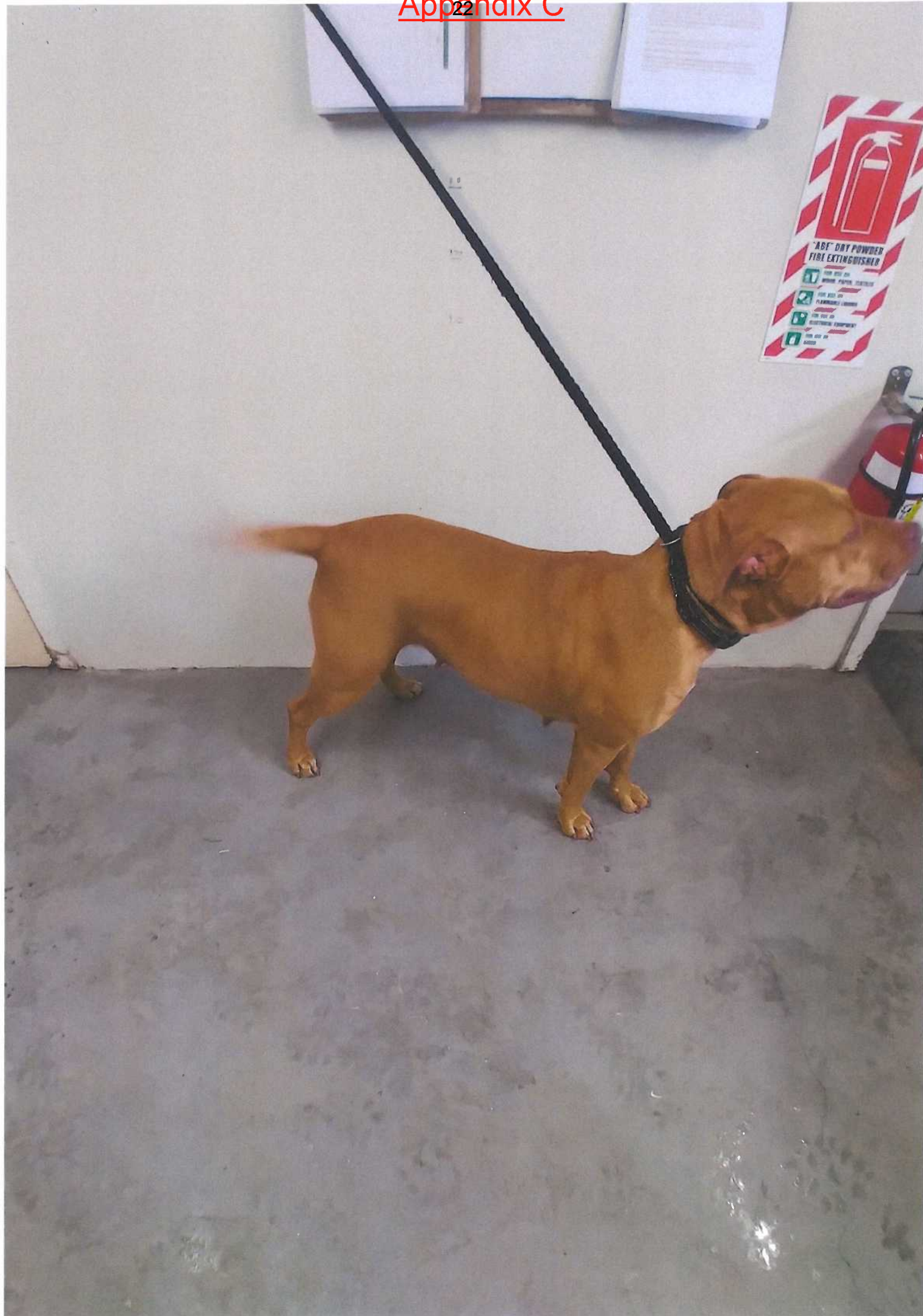
Body Score 1 - 5: ☐ Very Poor ☐ Poor ☒ Normal ☐ + Weight ☐ ++ Weight
Demeanor: ☒ Normal ☐ Timid ☐ Aggressive ☐ Other
General Body: ☒ Healthy ☐ Poor ☐ Wounds ☐ Other

Name of person collecting dog: K. KAUR Type of ID sighted: DL - [REDACTED]

Result Date: 13- 9/24 Time: 16.50

See over page for notes.













Appendix C

NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND IMPOUNDING OF DOG

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Pursuant to Sections 69 and 69A of The Dog Control Act 1996

Date: 13 / 09 / 24 Time: 12:25

Notice No.:

SI003757

Name: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)

Address:

Postcode:

Dog ID	Dog Name	Breed	Colour	Sex	Microchip No.
85936	Stella	PITB X	TAN	F	YES.

This is to notify you that the dog described above has been seized and impounded under the Dog Control Act 1996 for the following reason(s):

- ☐ Section 32 - Failing to comply with dangerous classification
- ☐ Section 33EC - Failing to comply with menacing classification
- ☒ Section 42 - Failing to register a dog
- ☒ Section 52A - Failure to control or confine
- ☐ Section 57 - Dog attacking person or animal
- ☐ Section 57A - Dog rushing at person, animal or vehicle
- ☐ Section 60 - Dog running at large among stock or poultry
- ☐ OTHER

Unless the dog is claimed and any fee paid within 7 days of the receipt of this notice, it may be sold, destroyed or otherwise disposed of pursuant to Section 69(2) of the Dog Control Act 1996.

You have until 4.00pm on 20/9/2024 to claim your dog. Payment to be made by EFTPOS.

- ☐ As the dog is not currently registered the dog must be registered/microchipped/de-sexed before it will be released.
- ☐ As the dog is registered it will need to be microchipped/de-sexed before it will be released.
- ☐ As the dog has been seized pursuant to section 57 or 57A, if you claim the dog after paying the fees the dog may be retained pursuant to section 71 of the Dog Control Act 1996 on the basis that it is a threat to public safety. A notice will be served to you pursuant to section 71 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

Fees:

Registration \$176-

Impounding \$168-

Microchipping 0

Sustenance \$27 per night

Your dog is currently housed at the following location:

Whangarei District Council Animal Shelter, 109 - 115 Kioreroa Road, Whangarei

AMO Name:

AMO Number:

JOP 702AL

Whangarei District Council

Request

Request Number	AC2423096	Category	AC
Date Received	16-Sep-2024	Sub-Category	DC
Source	CONTRACTOR	Description	Animals
Priority	URGENT	Created By	ALLISONGH
Responsible	WDC.RQ.ANI	Responsible Person	BMAIHI
Resource Pool			

Stage	CLOSED	Resolution Details (if closed)	Thank you for your request for service. We have processed your request and the status is now closed.
		Date Resolved	09-Oct-2024

Property Number 68714
Property Address

Caller Name
Caller Address
Preferred Telephone Number
Preferred Email Address

Request Details

Stella and her pup wandering again at Pukenui Rd

Important Dates

Date Created 16-Sep-2024
Date Accepted 16-Sep-2024
Initial Inspection Date 16-Sep-2024
Date Scheduled 08-Nov-2024
Date Service Restored 01-Jan-1900

Comments

Memo Type: Inspection Details
Date Created: 16/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
Notes: assigned via teams 16-Sep-2024 15:10
Further Notes:
Created By: ALLISONGH

Memo Type: Responsible Person
Date Created: 16/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
Notes: Responsible person BMAIHI has been assigned by Allison Healey (notification email sent).
Further Notes:
Created By: ALLISONGH

Memo Type: Animal Information
Date Created: 19/09/2024 12:00:00 AM
Notes:
Further Notes: Offending dog
Created By: BMAIHI

Memo Type: Request Scheduled
Date Created: 08/10/2024 12:00:00 AM
Notes: Extended deadline as per management
Further Notes:
Created By: SFOSTER

Memo Type: Request Closure Notes
Date Created: 09/10/2024 12:00:00 AM
Notes: Request closed with Resolution Code: SERV
Further Notes: Closure Notes for Customer: Thank you for your request for service. We have processed your request and the status is now closed. Internal Notes: closed 93 Work Completed By: SFOSTER

Created By: SFOSTER

Memo Type: Inspection Details

Date Created: 19/09/2024 12:00:00 AM

Notes: Officer 93 notes

Further Notes: Called [REDACTED] Stella isn't here anymore, the incident happen about 9.30 this morning, as [REDACTED] was leaving her property, Stella came wandering up [REDACTED] drive. [REDACTED] wants us to speak to owner and make sure this dog is kept on the property. 1630 - Called dog, she said she was home all day and Stella never left the property, will speak to [REDACTED] and get [REDACTED] to take photos next time the dogs are out. NFA

Created By: BMAIHI

Whangarei District Council

Request

Request Number	AC2526156	Category	AC
Date Received	19-Feb-2025	Sub-Category	DC
Source	CONTRACTOR	Description	Animals
Priority	URGENT	Created By	AVRILBAKER
Responsible	WDC.RQ.ANI	Responsible Person	RWAENGA
Resource Pool			

Stage	INSPECTION	Resolution Details (if closed)
		Date Resolved

Property Number		
Property Address		
Caller Name		Preferred Telephone Number
Caller Address		Preferred Email Address

Request Details

First Call about 2 Pitbulls -

Menacing dog called STELLA & her puppy have come from Pukenui Road showed up at Barge Park during a horse show & bailed up a rider for 15 minutes. The person was heard calling out the name STELLA & someone at the show said the woman with the dog said it wasn't her dog it was her landlords. Caller is [REDACTED] phone : [REDACTED]

Second Call about same dog -

Disabled Riding School has called about the above dogs coming down from the Horse show at the top of Barge Park & harassing the horses at the school. There were actually 2 dogs, 1 called STELLA & the other was a pitbull puppy about 6 months old. The manager at the school believes they came from under the fence of the school from either [REDACTED] Pukenui Road.

Have used the manager from schools details.

Received 19/02/25

Important Dates

Date Created	19-Feb-2025
Date Accepted	19-Feb-2025
Initial Inspection Date	19-Feb-2025
Date Scheduled	10-Apr-2025
Date Service Restored	01-Jan-1900

Comments

Memo Type: Inspection Details

Date Created: 19/02/2025 12:00:00 AM

Notes: posted to teams

Further Notes:

Created By: AVRILBAKER

Memo Type: Responsible Person

Date Created: 19/02/2025 12:00:00 AM

Notes: Responsible person RWAENGA has been assigned by Avril Baker (notification email sent).

Further Notes:

Created By: AVRILBAKER

Memo Type: Inspection Details

Date Created: 19/02/2025 12:00:00 AM

Notes: officer 276

Further Notes: 1941hrs rang [REDACTED] the manager from RDA to get a bit of a run down from [REDACTED] we are going to meet tomorrow at 0800hrs so [REDACTED] can show me where the dogs went to as they are certain this is where they reside. They are thinking either [REDACTED] Pukenui Road, Whangarei. tech1 reveals 1 compliant dog at [REDACTED]. no dogs registered to [REDACTED], so will do a property check with [REDACTED]. 20/2/25 Went and spoke to

Created By: SFOSTER

Dog Impound

Pen# 40

Impound CRM# AC2526174

Original CRM# AC2526156

Officer: 276 Date: 20/2/25

S M T W T F S

Time: 0900hrs

Complainants Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Dog(s) found at:

Dog Owner Name: Regina Blair

Address:

Phone Number:

DOB:

Type of Complaint:

☐

Attack

☐

Collection

☐

Trap

☐

Drop Off

☐

Bushing

☐

Revisit

☒

Worrying Stock

☒

Wandering

☐

Unregistered

☐

Conditions

☐

Patrol

☐

Into Refuse

☐

Surrender

Picture attached:

☒

Is the Dog in Tech One?

Yes

☐

No

☐

Dog Details:

Tech One ID: 85936

Registration Number: 01388

Name: Stella

Microchip: 982091065074514

Breed: Pitbull X

[] Male

[x] Female

Weight Approx) 36.5 KG

Colour: Tan

[] Desexed

[x] Entire

Age (Approx) 4 years

Already Classified? Yes, Menacing 33(c)(1)

Fees Applied Registration : \$

Microchip: \$

Sustenance: \$ 27

Impound: 1st Offence [] 2nd Offence [] 3rd Offence [] \$

S69 Method of Service by hand, Taped to door Served Date: 20/2/25 @ 1505hrs

Dog Approved for Immediate Release?

Yes

☐

No

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Reason:

Impound Details:

per menacing classification requirements

?? Falsifying documents.

historical impound 1st imp. AC2423077 B/9/24

Name of person collecting dog:

Type of ID sighted:

Result Date:

/ /

Time:

Amount paid

See over page for notes.

**NOTICE OF SEIZURE
AND IMPOUNDING OF DOG**

Pursuant to Sections 69 and 69A of The Dog Control Act 1996

Date: / / Time:

Notice No.:

SI004750

Name: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)

Address:

Pukenui Rd, Whangarei

Postcode:

Dog ID	Dog Name	Breed	Colour	Sex	Microchip No.
35936	Stella	Pit Bull Terrier	Tan	F	Y

This is to notify you that the dog described above has been seized and impounded under the Dog Control Act 1996 for the following reason(s):

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Section 32 - Failing to comply with dangerous classification | <input type="checkbox"/> Section 57 - Dog attacking person or animal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Section 33EC - Failing to comply with menacing classification | <input type="checkbox"/> Section 57A - Dog rushing at person, animal or vehicle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Section 42 - Failing to register a dog | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 60 - Dog running at large among stock or poultry |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 52A - Failure to control or confine | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER | |

Unless the dog is claimed and any fee paid within 7 days of the receipt of this notice, it may be sold, destroyed or otherwise disposed of pursuant to Section 69(2) of the Dog Control Act 1996.

You have until 4.00pm on 27/2/2025 to claim your dog. Payment to be made by EFTPOS.

- ☐ As the dog is not currently registered the dog must be registered/microchipped/de-sexed before it will be released.
- ☐ As the dog is registered it will need to be microchipped/de-sexed before it will be released.
- ☐ As the dog has been seized pursuant to section 57 or 57A, if you claim the dog after paying the fees the dog may be retained pursuant to section 71 of the Dog Control Act 1996 on the basis that it is a threat to public safety. A notice will be served to you pursuant to section 71 of the Dog Control Act 1996.

Fees:

Registration

Impounding

\$188

Microchipping

Sustenance

\$ 276

per night

Your dog is currently housed at the following location:

Whangarei District Council Animal Shelter, 109 - 115 Kioreroa Road, Whangarei

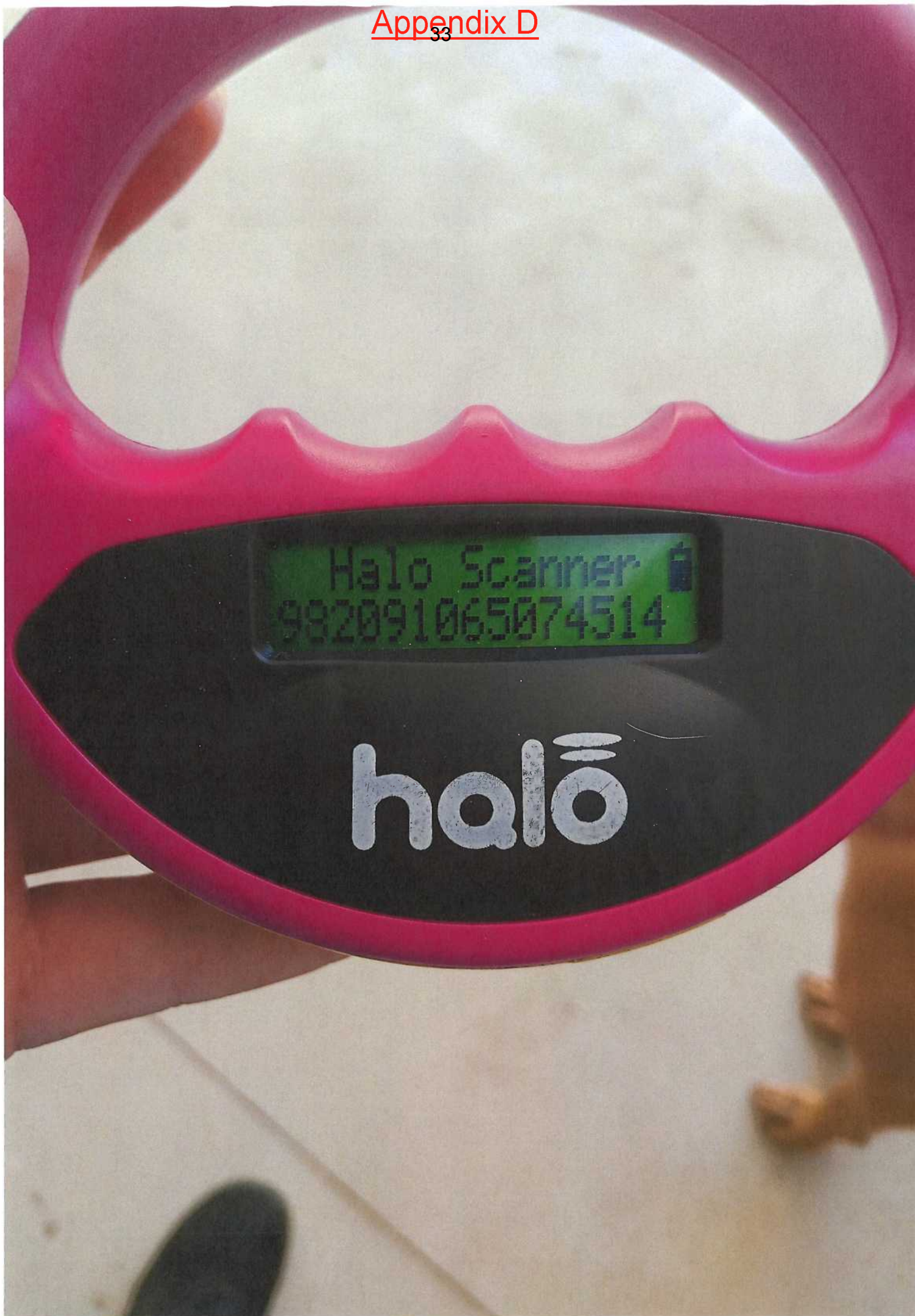
AMO Name:

Riana

AMO Number:

276

JOP 702AL



Halo Scanner
982091065074514

halo



Date; 21-02-25

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Whangarei 0148, New Zealand
P +64 9 430 4200
F +64 9 438 7632
E mailroom@wdc.govt.nz
www.wdc.govt.nz

Dog Owners Full Name; Regina Blair (618151)

Physical Address; [redacted] Pukenui Rd
Whangarei

D.O.B; [redacted]

Contact Number; [redacted]

RIGHTS CAUTION

I have been advised of the following:

- i. I have the right not to make a statement and to remain silent;
- ii. I have the right to speak with a lawyer without delay and in private before deciding whether to answer questions;
- iii. That anything I say will be recorded and may be used as evidence.

I understand this caution and my rights / I have had these rights explained to me.

Sign; [Signature]

I formally claim and request the release of my dog(s) named;
stella

I am willing to comply with all conditions of release imposed by the Whangarei District Council.

Sign; [Signature]

Witnessed by AMO; AB/173









Dr Paula Mathieson
MBChB FRNZCGP
17 Rust Ave, Whangarei.
Phone: (09)4384181
NZMC 17639

RECEIVED - CUSTOMER SERVICES

20 FEB 2025

WHANGAREI
DISTRICT COUNCIL

20 Feb 2025

Re: **Miss Reguina Blair**
Address: [REDACTED] **Pukenui Road Maunu WHANGAREI**
DOB: [REDACTED] Ph: [REDACTED]

To Whom it May Concern,

This is to confirm that Reguina is the main carer for her father [REDACTED], who lives with her. [REDACTED] has Alzheimers Dementia and the family dog is vital to his mental wellbeing. Without the dog he is becoming distressed and agitated. We would really appreciate if consideration could be given to this when the decision about returning the dog is made.

Yours sincerely



Andrea Smith

AC2526167.

01388

Dog ID: 85936

WELCOME TO THE PET VACCINATION RECORD

It's a great gift to share the companionship that a pet brings. It's also a big responsibility. Your Pet Vaccination Record is here to help you each step of the way.

Please remember to take your Pet Vaccination Record with you each time you visit your veterinary clinic.

It is important to show this when you take your pet to a kennel, cattery or daycare, because proof of up to date vaccinations is required.

We wish you and your pet many years of health and vitality.

IMPORTANCE OF YOUR VETERINARIAN

Your veterinarian is the health professional qualified to understand and care for your pet. Your veterinarian will work in consultation with you.

By ensuring you keep your Pet Vaccination Record up to date you will assist your vet in determining the best regime for a healthy and happy pet. It is important to make sure your pet receives regular health checks with your vet so they provide the best advice for your pet's long term wellbeing.

If at any time you have any concerns about your pet, please contact your veterinary clinic.

DESEXING CERTIFICATION

Date

Clinic

Veterinarian

Signature

PET DETAILS

Pet's name

Date of birth

Breed

Colour

Microchip

Hera 102148

Species: (Canine (Dog))

Breed: Staffy X

Color: Brown

Sex: Female Weight: 0kg

DOB: 03-10-2021 Age: 4 m 1 d

Name

Address

Phone

Mobile

BREEDER DETAILS

Name

Address

Phone

Mobile

Pet ID

This is a certificate of vaccination. It is confirmation that the animal is fit for vaccination at the time of administration, having no detectable abnormalities that preclude vaccination(s) being administered. It is not a certificate of the animal's general health.

RECEIVED - CUSTOMER SERVICES

20 FEB 2025

WHANGAREI DISTRICT COUNCIL

From: "Zane Kumar"
Sent: Wed, 18 Sep 2024 07:03:33 +1200
To: "Christine Crawford" <christine.crawford@wdc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Recommendation to classify Alpha 85935 & Stella 85936 by Breed
Attachments: Menacing Breed Alpha 85935 [REDACTED] Pukenui Road Maunu.docx, Menacing Breed Stella 85936 [REDACTED] Pukenui Road Maunu.docx

Morning,

Agreed. Please see attached and signed

Zane Kumar

Bylaws Enforcement Co-ordinator | Health & Bylaws Department

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From: Christine Crawford <christine.crawford@wdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 4:21 PM
To: Zane Kumar <zane.kumar@wdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Recommendation to classify Alpha 85935 & Stella 85936 by Breed

Hi,

Please see attached documents.

Dog owner has registered her two dogs as both Pitbull's, which gives me reasonable grounds to believe they are of a menacing breed.

Both dogs are microchipped but required desexing

Thank you

Christine Crawford

Animal Management Executive Officer

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e: christine.crawford@wdc.govt.nz

www.armourguard.co.nz

17th September 2024



Kamalpreet Kaur

Whangarei 0110

Dear Kamalpreet

Notice of Classification of a Menacing Dog – Section 33C, Dog Control Act 1996

Dog ID:	85936	Primary Breed:	American Pitbull Terrier
Microchip No:	982091065074514	Secondary Breed:	
Name:	Stella	Primary Colour	Brown
Sex:	Female	Secondary Colour	
Age:	3 years 0 months old		
Address where dog is usually kept:		Pukenui Road, Maunu, Whangarei	

This is to notify you* that the dog mentioned above has been classified as a menacing dog under section 33C of the Dog Control Act 1996 (the Act).

This is because Whangarei District Council has reasonable grounds to believe the dog belongs wholly or predominantly to one or more breeds or types listed in Schedule 4 of the Act; the dog has been described as being wholly or predominantly of American Pit Bull Terrier type.

The Menacing Dog classification applies to this dog from the date of this notice.

A summary of this classification and your right to object to that classification is provided on the back of this page.

Please note your dog must now be:

- Muzzled when it is at large or in any public place or private way
- Kept under control at all times
- Desexed with Veterinary proof within 30 days of this notice

To submit the documents requested above or if you wish to object to your dog's classification please contact: Whangarei District Council, Private Bag 9023, Whangarei 0148, or email mailroom@wdc.govt.nz with attention to Animal Management.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Zane Kumar", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Zane Kumar

Bylaws Enforcement Co-ordinator

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

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

Effect of classification as menacing dog

Sections 33E, 33EC, 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 (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; and

(b) must, if required by the Whangarei District Council, produce to the Whangarei District Council, within 1 month after receipt of this notice, a certificate issued by a veterinarian certifying—

(i) that the dog is or has been neutered; or

(ii) that for reasons that are specified in the certificate, the dog will not be in a fit condition to be neutered before a date specified in the certificate; and

(c) where a certificate under paragraph (b)(ii) is produced to the Whangarei District Council, produce to the Whangarei 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).

As from 1 July 2006, you are also required, for the purpose of providing permanent identification of the dog, to arrange for the dog to be implanted with a functioning microchip transponder. This must be confirmed by making the dog available to the Whangarei District Council in accordance with the reasonable instructions of the Whangarei 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 after the dog is classified as menacing

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

Right of objection to classification under section 33C

Section 33D, Dog Control Act 1996

You may object to the classification of your dog as menacing by lodging with the Whangarei 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.

You must provide evidence to the Whangarei District Council that the dog is not of a breed or type listed in Schedule 4 of the Dog Control Act 1996.



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Notification of Change of Dog Ownership

Tag No: _____ Dog ID: 85936 Dog Breed: American Pitbull Terrier

Dog Name: stella Gender: F M _____ Age: 3yo Colour: Brown

Previous Owners Name: Kamelpreet

Address: [REDACTED] Pokenui Road, Maunu

Home Ph No: [REDACTED] Mobile: [REDACTED] Business: [REDACTED]

Signature: [Signature] Date: 24/10/24

New Owner's Name: Regina Blair Date of Birth: _____

Postal Address: [REDACTED]

Property Address: [REDACTED] Email Address: [REDACTED]

Home Ph No: _____ Mobile: [REDACTED] Business: _____

Signature: [Signature] Date: 22-10-24

Note: A signed letter from the previous owner is acceptable, please ensure a copy is attached

Office Use Only:

Computer Update: _____ New owner Name ID: _____ Staff Name: _____

Date: _____

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tue, 29 Oct 2024 22:30:19 +1300
To: "Mail Room" <mailroom@wdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Att. Animal management, object to dog's classification
Attachments: IMG_20241029_202626.jpg, IMG_20241029_202613.jpg,
IMG_20241029_202649.jpg
Categories: Lara

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my deep concern and sadness regarding the recent decision to classify my beloved dog, Stella, as a “menacing” dog based on the assumption that her primary breed is American Pit Bull Terrier. With all my heart, I must say that this is not only wrong but unfair. Stella is not, and has never been, a menace in any shape or form.

Stella has been under the care of a highly experienced and professional veterinarian, who has officially recorded her breed as a Staffy X (see the attached photos). This is not just a casual opinion but a professional evaluation by someone who has devoted years of experience to understanding animals. The vet’s judgment should carry weight, and according to that assessment, Stella is not an American Pit Bull Terrier. Therefore, she should not fall under the council’s classification of a menacing dog.

Beyond what is on paper, Stella’s temperament speaks volumes about her gentle and loving nature. She has never exhibited any signs of aggression—toward people, animals, or other dogs. In fact, Stella is a very friendly, social, and well-behaved companion. She loves meeting new people, including children, and she gets along beautifully with other pets. The next door neighbours have a cat and there never been any problems between Stella and the cat. When friends, family, and neighbors bring their dogs to visit us, Stella acts friendly and enjoys playing together, making her a trusted and cherished part of our community.

I am able to provide references for Stella from all our neighbours if needed. Please do not hesitate to ask.

It is heartbreaking to think that, based on a mistaken assumption about her breed, Stella might be stigmatised as something she is not. To suggest she must be neutered because of this incorrect classification feels unjust, especially when there is no evidence—either in her behavior or from her vet’s records—that she fits the profile of a menacing or dangerous dog.

I respectfully ask the council to reconsider this decision and to trust the professional assessment of the vet. She is not an American Pit Bull Terrier, but a Staffy X—just as her health records confirm. I hope with all my heart that you will take into account the reality of her kind and gentle spirit, as well as the relationships she has built with both, people and pets around her. Stella deserves to be seen for the loving dog she is.

Please, I urge you to let Stella continue living her life as she always has—free from labels that do not reflect her true nature.

Thank you very much for your time and attention.

Your sincerely,

Reguina Blair

Ph: 

Dog: Stella F Brown

Tag: 01 388

Microchip: 982091065074514

ID: 85936

Sent from my HUAWEI P20

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PET DETAILS

Rachel Blackmore (201518)

19 Pegasus Drive

Sunnybrook

Rotorua, 3015

0279640298

Hera 102148

Species: (Canine (Dog))

Breed: Staffy X

Color: Brown

Sex: Female **Weight:** 0kg

DOB: 03-10-2021 **Age:** 4 m 1 d

Stella

28

Sapphire Dr, Tauranga

Mobile

027 689 7052

BREEDER DETAILS

Zane Kumar

From: Whangarei District Council <requests@wdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 30 October 2024 11:08 am
To: Reguina G Blair
Subject: AC2423894

Good morning Reguina,

I refer to your request AC2423894 in relation to the menacing classification of your dog Stella. This has been referred to the Health and Bylaws Department of Council as matters pertaining to dogs resides in this department.

I have looked at this matter and found that you registered your dog as a Pitbull which is a breed required to be classed as menacing as per Schedule 4 of the Dog Control Act 1996. Even if this was a mistake on your part, now that it has been done we require the evidence which I outline below in order to remove the classification.

Section 33C and Schedule 4 of the Dog Control Act is clear that all dogs listed in Schedule 4 must be classed as menacing by breed. Due to the visual similarities between American Staffordshire Terriers and Pitbull Terriers, Council will classify all American Staffordshire Terriers as menacing, unless-

- a. The owner provides a certificate of ownership issued by Dogs New Zealand which indicates the dog's pedigree and has a microchip number recorded on that certificate; or-
- b. The owner provides a DNA certificate indicating that American Staffordshire Terrier is the predominant or largest percentage of the breed makeup.

Unfortunately, this means that a vet record or letter from a vet is not sufficient for Council to reconsider the classification imposed. We do require one or the other of the above-mentioned documents for us to reconsider the classification.

Furthermore, while you do have the right to object to the classification. Without the above proof as listed that the dog is not a breed listed in Schedule 4, Council's Objections and Exemptions Committee who considers these matters will be duty bound to uphold the classification as per the legal requirements of the Act.

With this in mind if you still wish to have an objection hearing we will arrange one for you. But if you can provide one of the above documents, I will be able to waive the menacing classification without need for a hearing.

Please advise if you will either provide the above documents (the classification will remain in place until receipt of the documents by Council by way to mailroom@wdc.govt.nz attention Zane Kumar), or if you wish to have an objection hearing bearing in mind the Committee without the above documents will be duty bound to uphold the classification also.

Thank you.

Zane Kumar

Bylaw Enforcement Coordinator

Zane Kumar

From: Christine Crawford
Sent: Thursday, 24 October 2024 1:08 pm
To: Zane Kumar
Cc: Reiner Mussle; Lesley House
Subject: FW: Stella - Fake Vet Cert
Attachments: Media.jfif

Hi,

See below chain.

We had a fake desexing certificate provided for a menacing dog.

This has prompted us to ensure a vet verifies each certificate before we accept it.

Makes the process extremely long for our team, but unfortunately we have no other option.

As per the DCA, this particular dog owner will be infringed for provide false details which carries a \$750 infringement.

CHRISTINE CRAWFORD

Animal Management Executive Officer

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From: Kamo Vets <reception@kamovets.co.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 5:11 PM
To: Christine Crawford <christine.crawford@wdc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Stella - Fake Vet Cert

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Hi Christine,

Thankyou for alerting us to this fake desexing certificate. Our original certificates are given to the owner on the day of desexing and they are printed on the back of the post-operative instruction go-home sheet. The signatures on these certificates are electronic. If an owner has lost this and requests one, then the certificates are printed as a stand alone certificate but the signatures are not electronic. The information on the certificate is automatically generated from our software system.

I can see that the image you have sent us is fake for several reasons – Kamo has been replaced with Te Kamo, the font is different to ours, we do not include the microchip number of the dog, sex status will always include the word spayed for females or neutered for males, the boxes containing animal and owner details are double boxed/outlined on ours, the words signed and date is on the same line on ours not separate lines, the word date has been replaced with dated and the signature is not from one of our vets. We also have no records that match any of the animal or owner details that are on the fake certificate.

We will now ensure that any desexing certificate will have the vet's stamp on it and we will also endeavour to oversign our electronic signatures.

If it would be of help I can send you a copy of a genuine desexing certificate and/or I can send a sheet with all of our vet's signatures for future reference.

Kind regards,
Sandra Murray

From: Christine Crawford <christine.crawford@wdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 22 October 2024 3:05 pm
To: Kamo Vets <reception@kamovets.co.nz>
Subject: Stella - Fake Vet Cert

Hi,

Please see attached

As discussed, a family friend called to give tip off that this dog owner had created a fake desexing cert for your clinic.

This was handed in today by the dog owner herself.

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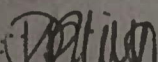
Certificate of Desexing

This is to certify that on the 19-09-2024, Kamo Veterinary Ltd surgically desexed the following animal.

Animal name:	Stella
Breed:	American Pitbull terrier
Sex:	Female
Colour:	Brown
Microchip number:	98209165074514

Belonging to

Owner:	Reguina Blair
Address:	
Home phone:	
Mobile phone	

Signed: 

Dated: 19-9-2024



In reply, please quote
Or ask for

Hearing of your objection
Zane Kumar

25 March 2025

Reguina Blair

Whangarei

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Dear Reguina,

Hearing of your objection to dog owner disqualification

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge that Council has received your objection to the requirement to desex the dog "Stella" under Clause 12 of the Whangarei District Council Dog Control Bylaw 2024 by email on 04/03/2025 served on you 25/02/2025. A hearing date is now scheduled as follows:

- Your objection will be heard by the Exemptions and Objections committee at **1:00pm 6 May 2025**
- The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers, in Te Iwitihi (Civic Centre), in Rust Avenue, Whangarei.

The Council Chambers are located on the ground level, in the new Civic Center building on Rust Avenue. You are welcome to sit in the gallery until the meeting starts.

You may wish to bring a support person with you, and it is helpful to the committee if the submission you wish to make is in writing.

If possible, please bring additional copies of your submission for the committee and staff in attendance (approximately 9). If you are not able to make any copies of the submission, then please let the Senior Democracy Advisor know on the day (ask reception for this person).

The Council Officer's/contractors report will be sent out to you before the meeting so that you are aware of the information that the committee will have in front of them.

The Chairperson directs the procedure of the hearing but broadly hearings of objections to disqualifications follow the below approach:

1. The Chairperson opens the proceedings by introducing the committee and asks parties to introduce themselves and their witnesses.
2. Staff will briefly outline the objection.

3. The Council Officer's/contractor's report, which has been circulated prior to the hearing, is taken as read.
4. The objector (you) presents their case, including any supporting evidence from witnesses. It is helpful to the Committee if the objector's main points or a summary of their case is provided in writing (this is optional, not a requirement).
5. Council officer's/contractors will speak on their report and is available to answer questions.
6. Only the objector is given the opportunity to have a right to reply. This gives you the chance to clarify matters raised in the Council officer's/contractor's report but not to present new evidence.
7. Final questions of clarification.
8. The Chairperson adjourns the hearing to deliberate on its decision based on the evidence submitted, following which the objector will be notified in writing of the decision.

Yours faithfully



Zane K

Bylaw Enforcement Coordinator



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Breed Makeup Genetic Analysis

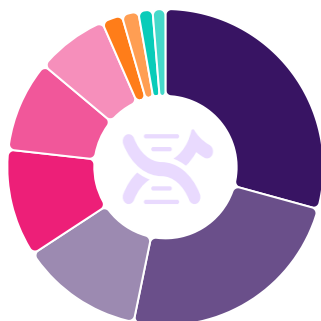
The genetic breed analysis conducted revealed that

Stella Blair

is a

**American Staffordshire Terrier/Dogue de
Bordeaux/Bullmastiff/Greyhound/British Bulldog/Boxer**

Cross



Stella Blair's breed makeup is:

- 29.26% American Staffordshire Terrier
- 23.98% Dogue de Bordeaux
- 12.54% Bullmastiff
- 11% Greyhound
- 9.32% British Bulldog¹
- 7.34% Boxer¹
- 2.09% Bull Terrier (Miniature)¹
- 1.71% Russell Terrier¹
- 1.45% Parson Russell Terrier¹
- 1.31% Staffordshire Bull Terrier¹

1. Breeds detected at these levels are considered to reflect common ancestry or ancient breeds - not significant. These 'low confidence' levels would not reflect any phenotype (physical appearance) or temperament associated with these breeds.

Date of Analysis
03 Apr 2025



Laboratory Director



RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

That the public be excluded from the following parts of proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

1.	The making available of information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of persons who are the subject of the information. {Section 7(2)(c)}
2.	To enable the council (the committee) to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial negotiations. {(Section 7(2)(i))}.
3.	To protect the privacy of natural persons. {Section 7(2)(a)}.
4.	Publicity prior to successful prosecution of the individuals named would be contrary to the laws of natural justice and may constitute contempt of court. {Section 48(1)(b)}.
5.	To protect information which is the subject to an obligation of confidence, the publication of such information would be likely to prejudice the supply of information from the same source and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied. {Section 7(2)(c)(i)}.
6.	In order to maintain legal professional privilege. {Section 2(g)}.
7.	To enable the council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations {Section 7(2)(i)}.

Resolution to allow members of the public to remain

If the council/committee wishes members of the public to remain during discussion of confidential items the following additional recommendation will need to be passed:

Move/Second

"That _____ be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of his/her/their knowledge of Item _____.

This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because _____.

Note:

Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public.