



Community News

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DOGS - A COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY

I am sure you were all as moved as I was by the graphic descriptions in last month's letters about sheep being mauled by dogs. I think it well illustrates the problems faced by an area such as ours. The basically rural character, with rural activities such as sheep grazing, are what attracted many of us to live here. Those of us who have lived long in the city though may not be aware of the responsibilities that accompany such a lifestyle. Proper dog control is one of those responsibilities. Your amiable pooch, who spends his day lying around your house can turn into quite a different beast if out at night, especially when in the company of other dogs. It is not uncommon for dogs to travel many kilometres during the night, and when confronted with a mob of sheep they can really turn savage.

The law states that dogs must at all times be under the control of their owners, or else confined so that they can not roam. "Confined" in this context does not mean kept inside; a properly fenced section, a fenced run or a running line is all that is required.

It is also worth pointing out the rights and penalties laid down in the by-laws:

If you see a dog attacking any person, stock or poultry you may forthwith either seize or destroy the dog. You must then deliver the dog to it's owner or a ranger. Note you may only destroy the dog if it is actually amongst the stock or attacking someone.

If you own a dog that offends, you are liable to a fine of up to \$500, plus any liability arising from damage caused by

HOW TO MAKE A RUNNING LINE FOR YOUR DOG

You will need:

Two strong posts.

A length of wire (No 8 fencing wire is very good, but anything that will not break under the strain will do).

Two small rope clamps (from the hardware store).

Swivel clips for both the line and the dog's collar.

A dog chain or lead to attach the dog to the line.

Fix the posts firmly in the ground. Attach the wire to each post. You can just wind the wire around the posts, or attach it to eyebolts screwed into the posts. It doesn't need to be absolutely taut. Attach the rope clamps to the wire at each end, far enough from the posts so the dog will not be able to tangle itself around them.

POINTS TO WATCH

Make sure the clamps are far enough away from the posts - otherwise the dog could tangle itself up and become distressed.

Similarly make sure the chain or lead has swivels at each end - also to minimise the chance of tangles.

Make sure there is a bowl of water within reach, but one that cannot be knocked over.

Make sure the dog cannot jump over anything, such as a flat roof kennel or a fence, as it might hang itself.

The running line should be set up close to the dog's kennel or some other shelter.

the attack, and your dog may be destroyed.

If you are ordered under the by-law to keep a dog under proper restraint and the dog commits a further offence, you may be liable to a fine of up to \$50 for each day the default continues and your dog may be destroyed.

(This is not the exact text of the by-law - you can get copies from the Dog Control Officers at the WCC.)

The Waitemata City Dog Control Officers tell us they have impounded 8 dogs in the Titirangi-Waitakere District during July, and also 4 or 5 were shot in Massey recently.

A tip if you see a dog on your property - don't chase it away, but quietly try to get it to come to you, so you can then catch it, tie it up and call the Ranger.

DISASTER IN THE RANGES

(Well, it could have been!)

Monday 24 July 1989. 1940 hrs.

Fire Call - to a light twin-engined aircraft crash in the vicinity of the ARA quarry in Anawhata Rd. 6 persons reported on board. Bush fires alight.

Don't worry - it was just an exercise. Organised by SO Wells, it involved the Karekare fire party, the Piha, Titirangi and Waatarua brigades and the Laingholm cliff rescue unit with its jaws of life. The jaws were used to cut up the old car body which simulated the cockpit of the plane in which two people were trapped. The other four people, all children, were scattered around in the bush with various pretend injuries. We were privileged to have Divisional Commander Kevin O'Sullivan also attend the evening. The passengers were all accounted for, the bush fires extinguished and the ranges

saved from potential disaster. Thanks to all those volunteers who braved the cold. Special thanks to one of the patients, Joanne Cockell, who actually got a severe bout of the 'flu as a result of the cold evening.

Ian Wells.

LIBRARY NEWS

Here is a selection of our recent additions:

Rumpole of the Bailey	J. Mortimer
Prime Time	Joan Collins
The Gates of Exquisite View	Trenhaile
The Great Backpacking Adventure	Townsend (Non Fiction)
Organic No-Dig No-Weed Gardening	Poincelot (Non-Fiction)
Season in Hell	J. Higgins
101 Avenue Henri Martin	Deforge - Recommended!
The Veiled One	R. Rendell
A Time to Die	Wilbur Smith
Rowan's Mill	E. Walker
The New Vegetarian	Spencer (Non Fiction)

(and other Cookbooks)

House of Cards	Dobbs
The Fortune	Korda
Harrogate Secret	C. Cookson
Shoestring Sailors	Norgrove (Non-Fiction)
Modern Mysteries of the world	J. & C. Bord (Non-Fiction)

A Stranger in the Forest - Strongly Recommended for armchair travellers.

JOIN THE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND LOSE FRIENDS

With the current local interest in the activities of the Waitemata City Town Planning Committee and some concern having been expressed about the support we are receiving from our elected representatives, we thought it appropriate to publish this note from

Bill Haresnape, one of our local Councillors and a member of the Committee. It has been edited for length.

"Members of the Planning Committee must consider what is best for the City as a whole, and not just the local implications of an application. An example is a rest home being allowed in a residential area. It is regarded as being a necessary public service and essential in a City, yet I have often heard strong arguments against them.

"There are always two sides to any planning application and in perhaps 10% of them the arguments for or against can be very close. We would not expect a judge sitting on a case to give his opinion on it outside the courtroom while the hearing is still on; in fact they don't publicly do it even after a case is settled.

"Despite this the general public often seem surprised that Hearing Committee members are non-committal about an application. What is not known is that if a member of the Committee publicly stated his opinion before a planning decision was reached the decision, when it was made, could then be legally challenged and perhaps overturned."

AMIGA COMPUTER FAMILIES

Tony and Bruce only had one reply to their advertisement in the June newsletter! There must be quite a few satisfied Amiga users out there! (*or no users at all!* - Ed).

We both belong to the Auckland Amiga group which has 600+ members and meets once a month at Takapuna but would welcome local contacts of all ages from Amiga users.

If you are interested in learning how to hook your machine up to your stereo or to compose or play music, word processing, writing programs,

educational (maths, spelling etc), keeping records, for business or just having fun with games (many aimed at teens or adults, and exceedingly challenging) then contact us.

We help each other, share ideas, solve problems or find someone who can.

Phone Tony Palmer on 8149-462 or Bruce Ronald on 837-4615.

PLAYCENTRE NEWS

The Parks and Reserves department has agreed to provide us with a \$3500 playground from Playco. It has been designed with pre-schoolers in mind. Everything will be completed this year and will greatly enhance our outdoor play area. For Playcentre information phone Jan Parkes on 8149-676.

MEMBERSHIP

We are 159 at the latest count - more members than we had at the end of last year. That is very encouraging, but it is still less than a quarter of the households in our circulation area. Need I say more?

FIGHTING FUND

The fund to finance the appeal against scheme change 169 now stands at \$879 - thanks to all of you who have contributed. We estimate the appeal will cost us at least \$2000, so any further cheques, real money, petrol vouchers or milk tokens will be greatly appreciated. Send contributions to the Treasurer (address on the back page).

WELCOME TO WAIATARUA

Dr. and Mrs. Legatt.

John and Robyn Salter, and their children Sarah and John.

ADVERTISING

BABY-SITTING

Friday mornings - take a break, do your shopping. We'll look after your pre-schooler. Phone Marlene on 8149-966.

FOR SALE

Computer printer. Star SG-10, 9-pin dot-matrix. Parallel interface. Very reliable, high print quality (it used to print this newsletter!). \$400+GST. Phone Tony Bacon on 8149-860.

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Learn the corrects products and application of skin care and make-up for your skin type and colouring. Phone now for your no-obligation appointment! Maryanne Blackwell, international make-up artist and beauty consultant. Phone 8149-238.

TO RENT

A fully furnished, charming small house in Waiatarua for one year, or possibly less, while owners are abroad. Available from September. Please telephone 8149-504.

ADVICE WANTED

Who can give us advice on improving our water supply (what tanks to use, where to put them etc.)? If you can help, please phone Tony or Jean on 8149-860.

FOR SALE

Rotary Clothesline (needs new pole) \$25. Fridge 13 cf. \$300. Freezer 10 cf. upright \$180. 2 Kenwood speakers \$120. Turntable (will need servicing) \$40. Tuner/amplifier (will need servicing) \$100. Phone 8149-691.

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