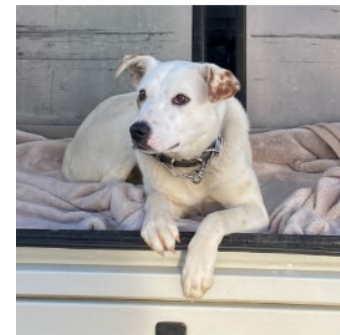




Animal Control: Overview and Annual Report 2024/2025

Overview of Animal Control

- Joint service with Rangitīkei District Council
- 7,000km²
- Five Animal Control Officers + one manager
- 24/7 response coverage
- Dog attacks, roaming dogs, barking complaints
- Education, registration, and compliance
- Community safety and responsible ownership



Legislative Framework

- Dog Control Act 1996 – main legislation for dog ownership and enforcement
- Dog Control Policy 2019 – Council's objectives and approach
- Dog Control Bylaw 2019 – local rules on leashing, prohibited areas, and registration

Version
as at 5 April 2025



Dog Control Act 1996

Public Act	1996 No 13
Date of assent	2 May 1996
Commencement	see section 1(2)



Dog Control Policy

2019

Adopted: 10 October 2019
Commenced: 10 October 2019
Review Date: 10 October 2029
Policy Type: Governance
www.mdc.govt.nz

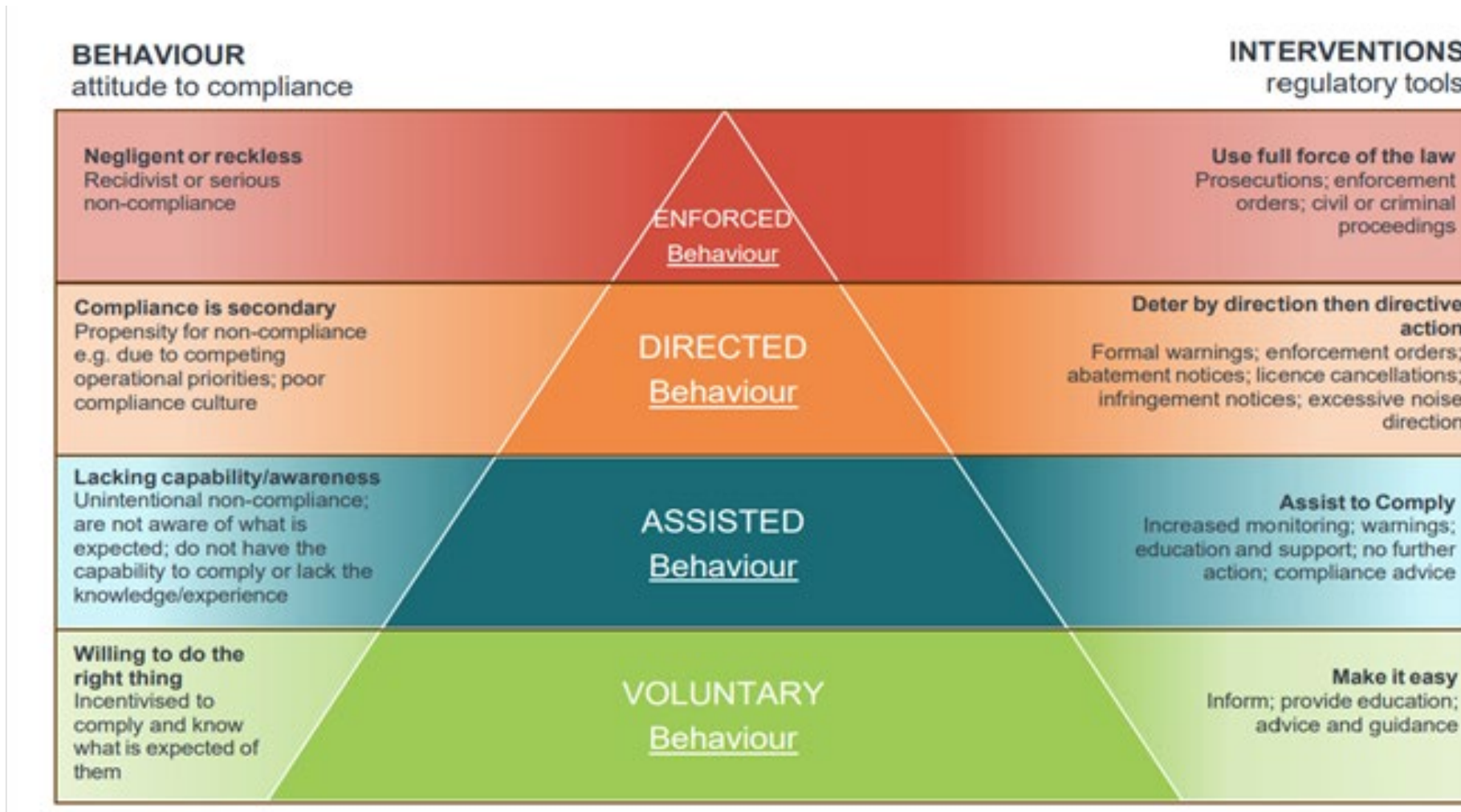


Dog Control Bylaw 2019

Adopted: 10 October 2019
Commenced: 10 October 2019
Amendments: 22 September 2022
Review Date: 10 October 2029
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Graduated Enforcement Model

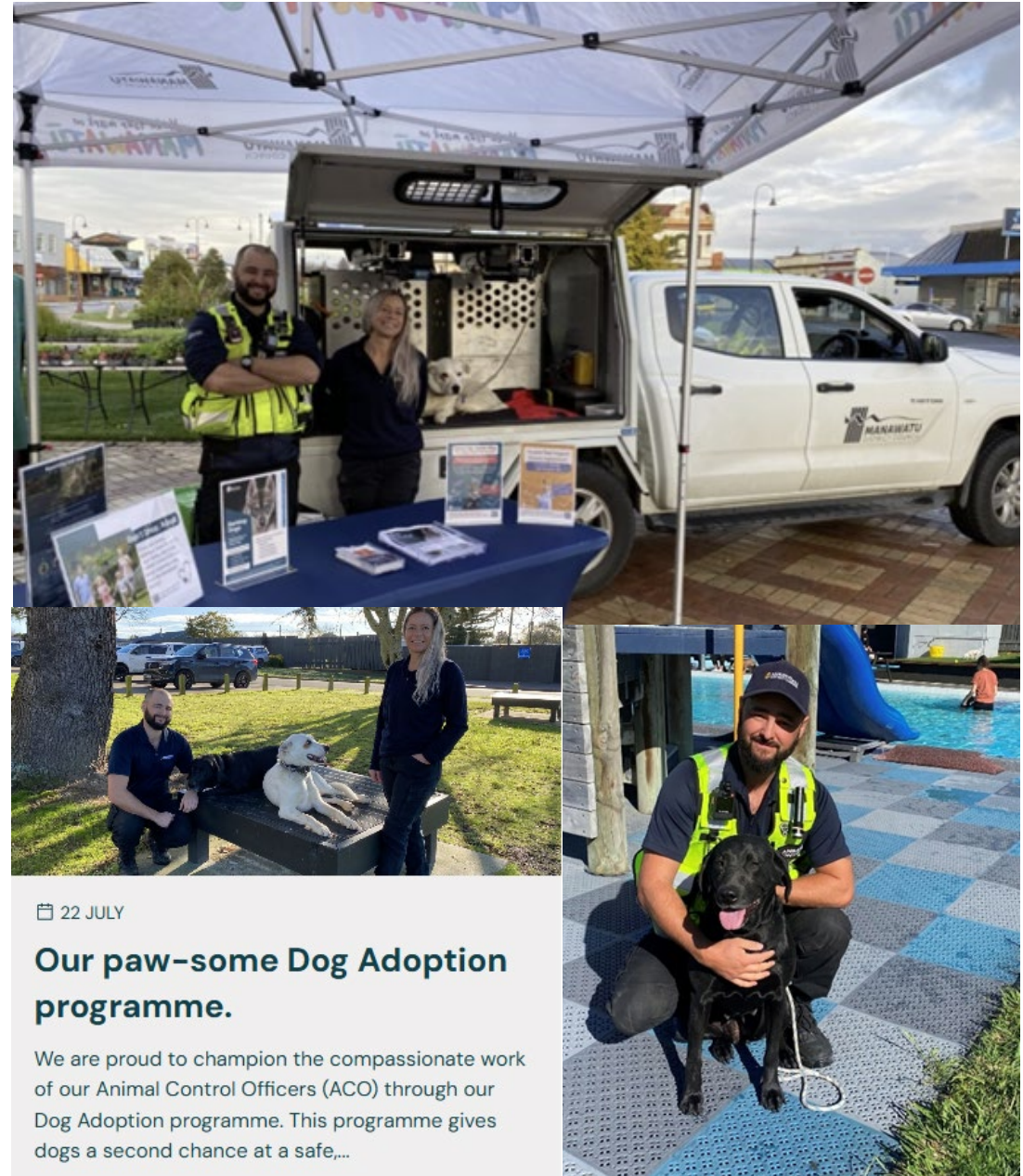
Education First – Enforcement When Needed



Community Engagement

Working with the Community

- School-based dog safety programmes
- Presence at community events
- Rehoming initiative
- Public education through social media and outreach
- Collaboration with local shelters



2024/2025 Highlights

Key Results

	Trend	2023/24	2024/25
Registered dogs	↑	7,865	8,203
Menacing dogs	↓	97	61
Dangerous dogs	↓	11	7
Infringements	↑	70	114
Complaints	↓	1,537	1,159

Same Tag, Bigger Wag
Your dog's registration is due.

Register before Thursday 31 July to receive a discounted rate.

Registering your dog helps to reunite you with your furry friend if they get lost, helps the District plan for pet-friendly spaces, and supports services that keep our District safe for everyone.



Complete your dog's registration:

In person at Makino Aquatic Centre, 10 Council Place, Feilding or
online by scanning the QR code or visiting mdc.govt.nz/dogrego



Looking Ahead

Focus for 2025/2026

- Continue community education
- Promote registration and microchipping
- Strengthen rehoming and responsible ownership initiatives
- Maintain a fair, consistent compliance approach



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