



## Dog Control Amendment Act 2010

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Date of assent 6 July 2010  
Commencement see section 2

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### The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

- 1 Title**  
This Act is the Dog Control Amendment Act 2010.
- 2 Commencement**  
This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.
- 3 Principal Act amended**  
This Act amends the Dog Control Act 1996.
- 4 Territorial authority to classify dangerous dogs**  
Section 31 is amended by repealing subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

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- “(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.”

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**Legislative history**

29 June 2010	Divided from Statutes Amendment Bill by committee of the whole House, third reading
6 July 2010	Royal assent

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This Act is administered by the Department of Internal Affairs.

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