

Title	Describe dog characteristics, behaviours, and actions required to prevent injury		
Level	3	Credits	3

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is intended for people who work in the animal control industry.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: describe physical characteristics of common dog breeds; and describe characteristic behaviours of dogs, and actions required to prevent injury.</p>
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Classification	Compliance and Law Enforcement > Compliance and Regulatory Control
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to: Human Rights Act 1993, Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, Dog Control Act 1996.
- 2 The following is relevant to this unit standard:
 NZS 8800:2006 *Guide to Identifying Dog Breeds*, available from <http://www.standards.co.nz>.
- 3 Definitions
Organisational requirements refers to instructions to staff on policy and procedures which are documented in memo or manual format and are available in the workplace. These include legislative requirements;
Common dog breeds refers to predominant breeds found in New Zealand;
Toy refers to miniature house dogs and may include but are not limited to – Poodles, Pekingese, Chihuahua;
Small refers to dogs that measure between 300 and 400 millimetres in height and weigh an average of seven kilos. Small dogs may include but are not limited to – Jack Russells, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels;
Medium refers to dogs that measure between 330 and 550 millimetres in height. Medium dogs may include but are not limited to – Cocker Spaniels, Beagles, Bassett Hounds, Pit Bull Terriers, English Bull Terriers;
Large refers to dogs that measure between 550 and 790 millimetres in height. Large dogs may include but are not limited to – German Shepherds, Rottweilers, Labradors, Dobermann Pinschers, Great Danes, Irish Wolf Hounds, Saint Bernards.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe physical characteristics of common dog breeds.

Range dog breeds include but are not limited to those that fall into the following categories – toy, small, medium, large; evidence is required for at least three breeds for the toy, small, and medium categories; and for at least six breeds for the large category.

Performance criteria

1.1 Description of physical characteristics of dog breed links accurately to real life dog of the same breed.

Range description includes but is not limited to – colour, size, ears, tail (or not), nose, markings, coat.

Outcome 2

Describe characteristic behaviours of dogs, and actions required to prevent injury.

Performance criteria

2.1 Visible evidence of characteristic behaviours is described accurately and completely in accordance with organisational requirements.

Range behaviours include but are not limited to those associated with – fear, excitement, aggression, alertness, desire to play, submission.

2.2 Actions required to prevent injury in relation to characteristic dog behaviours are described accurately and completely in accordance with organisational requirements.

Range behaviours include but are not limited to those associated with – fear, excitement, aggression, alertness.

This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.

Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	19 August 1998	31 December 2023
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Revision	3	19 May 2004	31 December 2023
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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference

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