

Notification Template

It is strongly recommended that all health professionals (including nurse specialists, physiotherapists, dentists, doctors) should notify dog-bite injuries, or any serious non-bite dog-related injuries, to the Animal Management Services in the Territorial Authority (council) in which the incident occurred.

Within Auckland, email this form to: DogAttackReports@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Outside of Auckland, use the local process outlined on the council website. This form can be used.

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| Your name (health professional): | |
| Email address: | |
| Place of work: | |
| Patient name and age: | |
| Guardian name: | |
| Patient (or Guardian) contact details (phone number and address): | |
| Dog owner contact details (if known): name, phone number, address: | |
| Brief description of incident: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog description • Date/time • Geographical location of incident • What happened | |
| Has a social worker or police also been notified: | Yes / No |
| Has the patient consented to this notification? | Yes / No (Note: Patients do not have to consent for injuries to be notified) |

- Any serious risk to a child or the public, also needs to be referred to Social Work, Oranga Tamariki and/or Police. Animal Management Officers have limitations on what they can do in situations where a dog has bitten a family member, and may require further input from these services to ensure safety measures are put in place
- Patients do not need to consent for health professionals to notify the council. However you are required to let the patient know that the notification will be made. Please use the patient information leaflet provided
- Notifications should be made, even if the patient plans to report separately
- Police dog bites do not need to be notified