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From: Official Information  
Sent: Monday, 29 February 2016 3:37 p.m.  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: LGOIMA 16/0058 response - [REDACTED] - impounded dogs

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email, received on 26 February 2016. You requested the following information, under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

" - How many dogs are currently impounded in Christchurch City Council (CCC) facilities?

- What is the capacity, for dogs, at the CCC animal shelter?

- I understand CCC has a seven-day holding period for impounded dogs before any action is taken. In the full calendar year of 2015, how many dogs in CCC custody were destroyed?"

#### Release of information

We will answer your questions in order.

1. How many dogs are currently impounded in Christchurch City Council (CCC) facilities?  
As at 29 February 2016, the Council had 11 in the shelter. 6 dogs have identification and Council expects the owners to claim them. 5 are without identification.
2. What is the capacity, for dogs, at the CCC animal shelter?  
The full capacity for the Christchurch City Council animal shelter is 48.
3. I understand CCC has a seven-day holding period for impounded dogs before any action is taken. In the full calendar year of 2015, how many dogs in CCC custody were destroyed?  
Section 69(3) of the Dog Control Act 1996 states: *Where the owner of the dog is not known and cannot be identified from the dog registration label or disc, the territorial authority may, after the expiration of 7 days after the date of seizure of the dog, sell, destroy, or otherwise dispose of the dog in such manner as it thinks fit.* For the period 1 January - 31 December 2015, a total of 137 dogs were disposed of by the Council.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review our decision. Complaints can be sent by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz), by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely,

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