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From: Official Information
Sent: Friday, 25 November 2016 5:03 p.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: LGOiMA 16/0447 response - [REDACTED] - dog pounds
Attachments: Dog shelter.xls

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email, received on 11 November 2016. You requested the following information, under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOiMA):

*"Can I please have information on how many dogs have died in pound care in Christchurch in the past three years (that is, dogs that haven't been put down). If it's possible can I get a broad breakdown of how these deaths occurred, e.g sickness, accident, escape, etc.
I'm also interested in knowing the average length of time dogs are staying in pound care, whether that's increasing or decreasing, and if the number of dogs being taken into pound care has risen or dropped over the past three years. Please feel free to add in any other information you think would be useful or interesting."*

Release of information

The Council does not keep dog shelter occupancy rates for dogs.

Please find attached a spreadsheet with statistics for the number of dogs impounded over the past three years. This number has reduced dramatically over these years, as the spreadsheet shows. This is a direct result of the team's standard operating practice of returning dogs back to their owners as quickly as possible without penalty, which is supporting our endeavours to decrease the number of dogs euthanised in the shelter. The fewer dogs impounded results in fewer that are likely to be euthanised.

In July 2016, unfortunately one dog passed away in the shelter due to unknown circumstances. No dogs have escaped from the shelter, or died by accident or sickness. All dogs are monitored during the daytime and any sick dogs are taken directly to the vet.

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, by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Publication of responses to LGOiMA requests

Please note: our LGOiMA responses may be published on the Christchurch City Council website after they have been responded to, with requesters' personal details withheld. If you have any concerns about this please contact the Official Information team on officialinformation@ccc.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

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