

From: Official Information
Sent: Wednesday, 24 January 2018 1:30 p.m.
To:
Subject: LGOIMA Request - Dog information

Dear

Thank you for your email, received on 18 January 2018. You requested the following information, under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

I am doing a research project and am wanting to officially request the following information from Council:

I am wanting to know this data for each year from 1996 till present:

Number of registered dogs

Number of known dogs

The total number of dogs euthanised

Reasons given for dog destruction

Cost of euthanising a dog

Number of dogs euthanised in shelters

Reason given for dog destruction in shelters

Cost of housing a dog per day in an animal shelter

Average stay in shelter of dogs prior to euthanisation

The number of prosecutions against dogs and their owners

The number of dogs destroyed based on prosecution orders against dogs and their owners

Reasons given in prosecutions for dog destruction

Cost of prosecutions - broken down per prosecution where possible, and annual figure related to number of prosecutions of dogs and their owners

The number of dogs destroyed based on orders from animal management

Reasons given for dog destruction from animal management

Council policy on so called 'dangerous breeds'

Council policy on dog rehabilitation/rehoming/retraining post a dog behaving 'out of control'

Council policy on destruction of dogs

Relationship with Animal Management - who holds the power to determine dog destruction - animal management or council

Council Decision

The Council publishes relevant animal control information on its website: <https://ccc.govt.nz/services/dogs-and-animals/>. This includes relevant legal requirements as well as policy and strategy information. In addition, general annual figures are available in relevant Council annual reports - <https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/plans-strategies-policies-and-bylaws/plans/annualreport>

Given the scope of your request and the considerable period of time involved, the Council considers that it would require an unreasonable amount of staff time to complete your request. The main impediment is that our relevant systems are manual and reliant on staff going through all investigation files to get a much of the key data required.

Refusal of request

After careful consideration, we are refusing your request, under the following sections of the LGOIMA:

- 17(f) – the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research

In reaching this decision I have considered whether fixing a charge or extending the time limit would enable the request to be granted but given the scope of your request I do not believe either are practicable given the scope of the request.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this 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.

Kind regards,

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