



13 June 2019

Paw Justice

Dear

Response to official information request relating to the management of dogs by Council, dog registration and fees

I refer to your request for official information received 21 May relating to the management of dogs by Council, dog registration and fees. We have processed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987.

The information you requested is enclosed. The questions you specified have been included as numbered headings in bold below, with our response following each heading.

1. How many dogs have been registered (including multiple owner registrations)?

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
4614	4717	4844	4914	5000

2. How many applications have been made for a responsible dog owner licence?

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
203	150	177	140	285

3. The total revenue which has been collected from dog registration and/or responsible owner licences.

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
(419,511.02)	(438,563.52)	(473,305.00)	(479,793.01)	(506,059.96)

4. The number of fines and infringement notices issued to owners.

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
311	363	361	409	443

5. The total dollar value for the fines and infringement notices issued.

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
(32,688.51)	(48,433.41)	(57,971.01)	(82,495.33)	(70,425.97)

6. The amount actually collected from owners in relation to fines and infringement notices

All uncollected fines are referred to the Ministry of Justice (Court) for collection and payment to Council. This may take the form of a payment arrangement with the Court with payment terms agreed.

7. The total number of dogs that have been re-homed.

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
45	36	48	53	56

8. The total number of dogs that have been brought into Council control and destroyed/ euthanised.

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
127	122	86	89	59

9. The total spend by Council from dog registrations on systems and processes necessary to on run dog control.

We have based our figures below on internal charges and overhead costs for Animal Services

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
\$341,319.53	\$322,564.39	\$349,334.76	\$444,551.78	\$492,255.36

10. Any documents (including meeting minutes and communications) showing how decisions are made with respect to how dog registration fees are allocated and spent.

The revenue received under the Dog Control Act 1996 is expended only for purposes outlined by the Act; this is a requirement under section 9. A budget allocation is provided in line with the Annual Plan/Long Term Plan and Revenue and Financing Policy. The budget manager is responsible to maintain spending within that allocation and will make many decisions throughout a given year based on the needs of the business.

11. The total amount spent in each of the specified years on animal management/control.

2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
\$637,287.88	\$727,556.21	\$724,370.07	\$739,886.62	\$807,294.01

12. If there is surplus funds from revenue collected from dog registrations, where that money is accounted for in the financial accounts, and how much in each of the financial years set out above.

There was no surplus for the periods requested. The deficit of operating funding is covered with a rates contribution in line with the Revenue and Financing Policy.

If you wish to discuss our response, please feel free to contact Leonie McPhail on (04) 237 1464 or leonie.mcphail@porirua.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi

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