From: Lauren Riddle
To:
Subject: Response to funding part of OIA Request - Companion Animals NZ Funding & Advice and Cat Companion Animals
Date: Monday, 28 September 2026 11:50:00 a.m.

Kia ora

I refer to my email of 22 September 2026 providing information held in relation to Companion Animals NZ as part of your LGOIMA request. I advised in that email that two of your questions were still being undertaken, being:

- Any funding, grants or in-kind support DCC has provided to (or received from) Companion Animals NZ, and;
- Any funding, grants or sponsorship receive from Landcare Research, Bio Heritage National Science Challenge, Companion Animals NZ, Morgan Foundation, Gareth Morgan, or Predator Free NZ Trust relating to cat management, mandatory microchipping, cat containment or biosecurity,

I advise that despite a search being undertaken no information has been found to be held and therefore this part of your request is declined under section 17 (e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) - *that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found*

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

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From: Lauren Riddle
Sent: Tuesday, 22 September 2026 10:58 a.m.
To:
Subject: Response to OIA Request - Companion Animals NZ Funding & Advice and Cat Companion Animals

Kia ora

Firstly, my apologies for our late response.

I am writing in response to your official information requests received on 21 August 2026 for information on cat management and funding and your further request for information on Companion Animals NZ Funding. Our response to your questions are included below in (blue).

1. All correspondence, emails, reports, and meeting notes between DCC and Companion Animals NZ from 1 Jan 2024 to today regarding cat management, microchipping, or containment.

   Please see attached correspondence received by DCC :

   - Companion Animals NZ (CANZ) newsletters, 10 March 2026 and 29 June 2026 which include information on microchipping and cats.
   - Letter from CANZ dated 15 May and providing feedback on the 'Keeping of Animals' Review 2026.

2. Any funding, grants, or in-kind support DCC has provided to or received from Companion Animals NZ.

   I advise that we are currently undertaking work on this part of your request and will have a response to you by 30 September.

3. Any advice, presentations, or submissions DCC has received from Companion Animals NZ. Please provide this electronically.

Please find attached the Companion Animals NZ (CANZ) submission entitled "Our position on Local Authority Bylaws" (updated September 2025) to the Keeping of Animals Bylaw review, with covering letter of 19 August 2026

Submissions to the Keeping of Animals Bylaw became publicly available on the DCC website on 14 September 2026 and the link to the submissions is provided below:

https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council/currently-consulting-on/pre-hearings/keeping-of-animals-bylaw-review/submissions-received/submissions-received-on-the-keeping-of-animals-bylaw

From your additional request for:

1. All correspondence, reports, presentations, or briefing papers received by DCC from: Landcare Research, Bio Heritage National Science Challenge, Companion Animals NZ, Morgan Foundation, Gareth Morgan, or Predator Free NZ Trust relating to cat management, mandatory microchipping, cat containment, or biosecurity.

   Following a search of information held – please find attached the 19 August 2026 submission from Predator Free Dunedin to the Keeping of Animals Bylaw Review. Also attached is a letter providing comment from Predator Free on the review, received in May 2026.

2. Any funding, grants, or sponsorship received by DCC from the above organisations for projects related to cats, biodiversity, or pest management. I advise that we are currently undertaking work on this part of your request and will have a response to you by 30 September.

3. Any DCC documents that mention "social licence", "adaptive management", "pilot program", or "biothreat" in relation to cats. A search was undertaken with the search parameters requested and no information was located, despite reasonable efforts to locate this. Therefore this part of the request is therefore declined pursuant to sections 17 (e) and (f) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). 17 (e) that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found and 17 (f) that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

4. Any legal advice DCC has received regarding cat management under the Biosecurity Act 1993.

This part of the request is declined pursuant to section 7 2(g) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – to maintain legal professional privilege.

If any part of this request is likely to incur charges or take significant time, please contact me to discuss narrowing the scope before any work begins. I prefer to receive this information electronically.

I trust that this information responds to your requests and confirm the information specific to any funding received or granted by DCC is currently being undertaken and our response will be provided by 30 September 2026.

We apologise for the delay.

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From:
Sent: Friday, 21 August 2026 4:34 p.m.
To: Official Information <officialinformation@dcc.govt.nz>
Subject: OIA Request - Companion Animals NZ Funding & Advice

Under the Official Information Act 1982 I request:

1. All correspondence, emails, reports, and meeting notes between DCC and Companion Animals NZ from 1 Jan 2024 to today regarding cat management, microchipping, or containment.

2. Any funding, grants, or in-kind support DCC has provided to or received from Companion Animals NZ.
3. Any advice, presentations, or submissions DCC has received from Companion Animals NZ. Please provide this electronically.

Regards