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From: Jenny Lapham
Sent: Wednesday, 28 April 2021 09:22 a.m.
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)

Dear [REDACTED]

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. I advise that we are unable to provide any information prior to 2007, this is due to a change in the record system, which would require substantial collation, and therefore this part of your request is declined pursuant to section 17(f) LGOIMA.

Below is the information requested from 2007 onwards:

1 Since 1998, how many dog attacks (against animals or humans) have been reported to the Council?

Since 2007 there have been 1032 attacks on persons reported and 2238 attacks on other (dog, cat, stock etc)

2 How many of the reported dog attacks have resulted in a prosecution against the dog's owner under s 57(1) of the Dog Control Act?

From 2007 to the present day there have been 12 prosecutions, of these 2 occurred prior to 2014.

3 How many of the prosecutions resulted in dog destruction orders under s 57(3) of the Dog Control Act?

6 dogs were destroyed by court order and 4 voluntarily prior to a hearing on the matter.

4 How does your Council Animal Control function decide whether a dog's owner should be prosecuted under s 57 of the Dog Control Act?

The decision to prosecute depends on a number of factors. A score matrix is used by staff that totals various factors of the incident, history of the dog, circumstances, acceptance of responsibility by the dog owner, type of injury, damage done, cost, etc. A decision to prosecute comes from the team leader, after consultation with our in-house legal team.

5 When conducting Dog Control Act prosecutions, does your Council use in-house legal counsel, or employ external counsel?

The Council has an in-house legal team.

As we have declined to provide some information you are advised that you have the right to seek a review of our decision by the Office of the Ombudsman <https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/get-help-public>

Regards

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Request

Request Text

I'm writing with a LGOIMA request concerning dog attack and Dog Control Act statistics. I've attached a word doc, setting out my questions. I also have a spreadsheet, for recording the results, but I seem to only be able to upload one document with the request. If the spreadsheet would be helpful, please email me and I'll send it through.

-  [Request Document](#)

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