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Subject: FW: Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) request
Date: Monday, 8 July 2024 04:12:00 p.m.

Kia Ora

I refer to your e-mail of 14 June 2024 (below) our responses are provided underneath each question.

From: [REDACTED] <fyi-request-27262-445bb467@requests.fyi.org.nz>
Sent: Friday, 14 June 2024 2:05 p.m.
To: Official Information <officialinformation@dcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Official Information request - Information required for the dog control review

Dear Dunedin City Council,

These requests arise from the proposal to limit the number of dogs in public spaces.

Could you please provide:

a) The number of owners that have six or more dogs, and the number that are not owners of working dogs.

There are 60 dog owners who have 6 dogs or more. Of these 24 are owners of non-working dogs.

b) The known or estimated number of paid dog walkers, and the number or estimated number that regularly walk six or more dogs at a time.

The Council does not hold this information and therefore pursuant to 17(e) of LGOIMA that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

c) The number and nature of incidents involving walkers with six or more dogs in the last five years, the location and nature of those incidents, and whether the walker was a paid dog walker.

To provide this information the Council would need to review every incident that the Animal Control Officers have been involved in, and therefore pursuant to section 17 (g) of LGOIMA, that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research, your request is declined.

d) The reasons, including any relevant evidence, for setting the maximum number of six dogs being walked at a time, with a maximum of two off leash.

Our proposal was informed by issues raised over several years and in the early engagement carried out in November 2023. A link to our engagement feedback can be found at [Dog Control Bylaw and Policy - Early engagement - Dunedin City Council](#). The proposal was also based on other Council's bylaws i.e. Tauranga City Council and Wellington City Council.

As we have declined to provide some information you are advised that you have the right to seek a review by the Office of the Ombudsman.

Kā mihi

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