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Subject: FW: Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) request
Date: Monday, 8 July 2024 04:24:00 p.m.

Kia Ora

I refer to your e-mail of 26 June 2024 requesting information relating to the proposed Dog Control Bylaw and Policy consultation. Our responses to your questions are in *Italics* below each question.

From: [REDACTED] <fyi-request-27392-cbd49cb4@requests.fyi.org.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 26 June 2024 2:47 p.m.
To: Official Information <officialinformation@dcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Official Information request - Request for Information on 2024 Dog Policy and Bylaw Changes

Dear Dunedin City Council,

I am writing to request specific information regarding the proposed changes to the 2024 dog policy and bylaw, particularly the new restrictions on the number of dogs allowed in public places. The new bylaw states:

"An owner or person in charge of dogs may have no more than six dogs in a public place at any time, with no more than two of these dogs off-leash at any one time. This control is introduced to address issues with multiple dogs in public places."

Early engagement in November 2023 yielded three vague comments about the number of dogs per person in public spaces. This implies the council is aware of multiple complaints involving multi-dog groups causing nuisances.

To facilitate informed discussions among interested parties and prepare for a submission and hearing, I require the following information. The absence of this information will prevent that from occurring and negatively impact the merits of the consultation.

1. A detailed report of dog-related incidents leading to the proposed changes in the Dog Control Bylaw. Specifically:

- Time, date, and location of all dog attacks or complaints in the past five years.
- Details of each complaint.
- Number of dogs involved.
- Special reference to any complaint involving a paid dog walker.
- Information should be provided in an accessible, searchable format, preferably an Excel spreadsheet.

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](#).

To provide the information requested 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.

2. All records of discussions (whether in workshops, emails, or other mediums) about the number of dogs a person can care for in public areas that have not been disclosed in meeting agendas since the Ombudsman's preliminary investigation in 2022.

To provide this information would require a search through a large quantity of information, therefore pursuant to section 17 (g) of LGOIMA, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research, your request is declined.

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

Kā mihi

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