

9 July 2019

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Dear [REDACTED]

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) request for information around dog adoption protocols

I am writing in response to your request made on 19 June 2019 asking for information on what protocols Councils follow when adopting out dogs from their pounds. The answers to your questions are as follows:

- 1) Are dogs desexed prior to being adopted out from your pound? If not, what would be a reason for that?
The dogs are not desexed prior to leaving the pound due to time constraints as they are only at the pound for seven days and also the potential convalescence time a dog may require after the procedure. The adoption fee covers time in the pound, being microchipped, desexing and for the registration. However, all dogs that are not desexed are put on our free desexing list and are required to be desexed following adoption.
- 2) Are dogs microchipped and registered prior to being adopted out?
Yes
- 3) Are dogs vaccinated against parvo before they are adopted out?
No
- 4) How much does your council charge as the adoption fee?
\$198.00
- 5) Are properties checked out prior to a dog being adopted out to see where the dog will live?
Yes
- 6) Do you do background checks on the prospective new owners?
Yes

I hope this is of assistance.

Yours faithfully



Rebecca Murray
Governance Support Officer