

02/12/2020

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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 18 November for information regarding figures relating to menacing and dangerous dogs.

The information you have requested is below. However we have decided to refuse part of your request under section 17 (f) of the LGOIMA that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

1. I would like to know the number of dogs council believes there are in this area, broken down by registered and unregistered (if the latter is held in any form). I'd also like to know how many of these dogs are classified as dangerous or menacing.
 - Dangerous Classification – 27 total – 3 unregistered this year
 - Menacing Classification – 196 total – 17 unregistered this year
2. Of the menacing or dangerous dogs, how many received the classification due to their breed, and how many received it due to an incident?
 - Breed – 111
 - Incident - 112
3. Can I please have the number of dog incidents/attacks reported over the past five years, broken down by year, type of incident, whether there were injuries and if those injuries were to another animal or a person, and whether the incidents involved a dog that had already been classified as menacing or dangerous.
 - Unfortunately our system does not break information down in as detailed a manner as you are requesting and cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. Please find a table of dog incidents/attacks reported over the past five years, broken down by year and type of incident.

Sum of calls	Column Labels						Grand Total
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Dogs Attacking Domestic Animal	94	108	100	107	78	83	570
Dogs Attacking People	73	87	65	79	72	73	449
Dogs Attacking Stock	27	24	11	17	11	6	96
Dogs Threatening	198	189	177	192	203	146	1105
Grand Total	392	408	353	395	364	308	2220

4. If they were not already classified as dangerous or menacing, was this due to not fitting the set criteria, or was it due to the fact they had not been registered? Did they receive a classification afterwards? Why/why not?
 - Yes dogs are only classified if the criteria fits
5. How many of these incidents involved a dog that was previously classified as dangerous or menacing, but the owner had been non-compliant with restrictions?
 - Our system does not record this information and cannot be made available without substantial collation or research
6. Of the dogs in this area that have received a classification due to an incident, rather than due to their breed, what breeds are they?
 - Please see the attached *"All breeds currently classified due to deed.xlsx"* document
7. How many challenges have been made to a menacing/dangerous dog classification over the past five years, broken down by year, and whether the challenge was successful or not?
 - There have been 2 objections (challenges) that went to a hearing and they were both upheld
8. Can I please be provided with details of the process and criteria for classifying a dog as dangerous or menacing?
 - Please see Section 31 and 33A of The Dog control Act 1996 for details of the process of classification

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

Hutt City Council

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All breeds currently classified due to deed.xlsx

From: Euan Kyle
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Subject: RE: LGOIMA Request
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Hi [REDACTED]

Apologies there is an amendment to number 7.

7. How many challenges have been made to a menacing/dangerous dog classification over the past five years, broken down by year, and whether the challenge was successful or not?

- There have been **three** objections (challenges) that went to a hearing and they were **all** upheld

Regards,

Euan Kyle
Senior Advisor, Official Information and Privacy

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02/12/2020

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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 18 November for information regarding figures relating to menacing and dangerous dogs.

Please find our response attached.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please get in touch if you require any more information or clarification.

Regards,

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Response Letter to Official Information Request - Melissa Nightingale.PDF

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18/11/2020

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REQUEST

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your official information request dated 18 November for information regarding figures relating to menacing and dangerous dogs.

We received your request on 18 November 2020. We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 20 working days after the day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

If any additional factors come to light which are relevant to your request, please do not hesitate to contact us so that these can be taken into account.

Yours sincerely,

Euan Kyle

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Subject: LGOIMA Request

Name [REDACTED]
Organisation NZME
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Telephone [REDACTED]
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Response By Email
Information requested Please see attached document Thanks!
File upload [Dangerous dogs LGOIMA docx](#)
Urgency Reason
Invisible CAPTCHA 2020-11-18 11:55:38|

Primary Breed	Secondary Breed
Staffordsh	Cross
GermanShe	
Neopolitan	
Staffordsh	AmericanBD
BostonTer	
BostonTer	
Staffordsh	Cross
SiberianH	
Mastiff	Cross
Neopolitan	
Greyhound	Cross
HdngDog	Huntaway
Staffordsh	
Labrador	SharPei
Bullmastif	
BorderCol	American
GermanShe	
BdeauxMas	
Labrador	
American	
Staffordsh	Cross
Rhodesian	Cross
Labrador	Pitbull
Pitbull	
Rottweiler	
Bullmastif	Cross
Pitbull	
SchnauzM	
GermanShe	
EngBullT	Cross
EnglishPo	BeardedCo
Staffordsh	AmericanBD
BorderCol	Labrador
Labrador	
AustCatD	AmericanBD
Labrador	Staffordsh
Labrador	Cross
AustCatD	
IrishWSp	
Rhodesian	Cross
GermanShe	
GermanShe	
Mastiff	Cross
Staffordsh	Cross
GermanShe	Rottweiler
JackRusse	FoxTerrie
AmericanBD	
AmericanBD	
Rottweiler	
Staffordsh	Cross

Staffordsh	
Terrier	
Rottweiler	
Rottweiler	
Staffordsh	Cross
Mastiff	Cross
Labrador	Cross
Labrador	
Mastiff	Cross
GermanShe	
AmericanBD	
Labrador	
Labrador	
Staffordsh	Cross
Husky	Labrador
Labrador	Cross
Mastiff	
Spaniel	Poodle
ShihTzu	Maltese
Greyhound	Cross
Greyhound	Labrador
Rottweiler	
PoodleTo	Tibetan
Dobermann	Mastiff
Labrador	BorderCol
Bullmastif	
Bullmastif	Cross
Rottweiler	
AmericanBD	Cross
American	
Mastiff	Staffordsh
Neopolitan	
Labrador	Staffordsh
CockerSpa	
Rottweiler	Staffordsh
SiberianH	
Husky	Cross
Husky	Cross
Chihuahua	
GermanShe	
Huntaway	Cross
Smithfield	
Huntaway	Cross
SiberianH	
Pointer	
SharPei	
Husky	
Pitbull	Cross
Staffordsh	Cross
Labrador	

Mastiff	
Brittany	
Whippet	Cross
JackRusse	
Bichon	
Labrador	Cross
Labrador	Cross
Bichon	Maltese
Staffordsh	Cross
Mastiff	Labrador
BorderCol	
SharPei	