

30 April 2021



Tēnā koe



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

We refer to your official information request dated 30 March 2021 for the following information:

Council are the regulating body so are required to put thinking, strategies and business process into place for parvovirus occurs.

How will HCC notify users of the dog park that the park has parvovirus in it? So owners can make an INFORMED CHOICE?

What are other jurisdictions doing?

This park used Rollerston as inspiration which has parvovirus. What policies and business process does that council have in place to protect dogs against dying from parvovirus

We have been in contact with Wellington City Council as they have four fenced dog parks. The climate is comparable, and they have not had any instance of parvovirus in the 8-10 years these parks have been open. They do not have any signage at their parks.

At the entrances to the Wainuiomata dog park there will be dog exercise area guidelines outlined on signs; these will be in te reo Māori and English.

We would like to note that one of only three 'Please don't' guidelines on these signs is;

Enter the park area if your dog is unvaccinated, unwell or on-heat

During the first couple of weeks of the operation it is the intention to have an Animal Control Officer at the Park to socialise the rules. Owners with dogs not vaccinated will be asked to return when the dogs have been fully vaccinated.

In order to protect the dogs that use the park we will seek expert advice from the local vet in the unlikely event of detecting the virus.

If you would like to discuss this response further please get in contact with us through the email informationmanagementteam@huttcity.govt.nz.

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 note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Stuart', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Geoff Stuart

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