

Euan Kyle

From: Euan Kyle
Sent: Monday, 25 May 2020 2:08 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Request for Information [#4F81FR]

25/05/2020

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 24 May 2020 for information regarding instances of failing to provide a dog with proper care and attention, proper and sufficient food and water, proper and sufficient shelter, or adequate exercise.

We received your request on 25 May 2020. Given the current Covid-19 pandemic and the steps taken to mitigate it we will be endeavouring to respond to your request as soon as possible. However in some cases we may need to ask for an extension of the timeframe or further clarification to ensure we are responding efficiently and correctly. If this is the case we will keep in contact with you throughout the process and advise you of this.

Your request is being coordinated by our Animal services team. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me at ewan.kyle@huttcity.govt.nz. 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,

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From: Contact <Contact@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 25 May 2020 12:32 PM
To: Corporate Records <Corporate.Records@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Request for Information [#4F81FR]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, 24 May 2020 10:29 PM
To: "contact@huttcity.govt.nz" <contact@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: Request for Information

Dear Hutt City Council,

My preference is to receive the requested information by email.

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information for each of the last five financial years about instances of failing to provide a dog with proper care and attention, proper and sufficient food and water, proper and sufficient shelter, or adequate exercise.

1. The number of complaints received about each of a failure to provide a dog with proper care and attention, proper and sufficient food and water, proper and sufficient shelter, or adequate exercise.
2. The number of each type of instance that are discovered by dog control officers (so are in addition to those identified by a complaint).
3. The number of prosecutions taken, or infringement notices issued for each type of instance.
4. If instances are dealt with by education, the nature of the educative process and the period and arrangements for monitoring to ensure compliance, and how many instances of each type were dealt with by education.
5. If there is an arrangement to pass instances to the SPCA, Police or another agency for handling, how many instances of each type have been passed to each agency.
6. How many instances of each type concerned owners already known as a consequence of previous similar failures.

7. On how many occasions has a dog control officer entered a property to provide a dog with food, water or shelter, or to seize a dog that was not provided with those things.
8. If a dog that was not being provided with food, water or shelter was seized, in how many instances of each type was the dog returned to the owner, or destroyed, or sold or otherwise disposed of.

Regards,


If necessary I can be contacted by telephone: 

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From: Sheena Perry
Sent: Tuesday, 2 June 2020 1:08 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: HCC response to your recent request for animal treatment information

Hi [REDACTED]

The figures for the financial year 1/7/2014- 30/6/2015 are:
1/07/2014-30/6/2015 = 97

Regards
Sheena

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 29 May 2020 10:34 AM
To: Sheena Perry; Jane Schuitema
Subject: Re: HCC response to your recent request for animal treatment information

Dear Sheena and Jane,

Thank you for your prompt and comprehensive response.

My request was for the last five financial years, which I expected would be treated as complete financial years, so for for FY ending 2015-2019, not the part year that will end in June 2020.

Your response has highlighted that was not apparent to your Council, and I apologise for using a wording that introduced that confusion.

In the mean-time are the figures for the financial year 1/7/2014- 30/6/2015 available?
I think this only affects question 1(a) (number of complaints) as I imagine the responses to the other questions would apply to that year as well.

Regards,
[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

Subject: HCC response to your recent request for animal treatment information
From: Sheena Perry <Sheena.Perry@huttcity.govt.nz>
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 28/05/2020, 14:39:58

Hi Karen
Please find attached HCC response to your recent request for information.

Regards

Sheena Perry
Executive Assistant to DM Regulatory Services & Emergency Manage

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28 May 2020

By email: [REDACTED]

Jane Schuitema
Regulatory Services
Tel: 04 570 6666
jane.schuitema@huttcity.govt.nz
Ref: DIV/20/4756

Dear [REDACTED]

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

We refer to your official information request dated 24 May 2020 for information in regard to failing to provide a dog with proper care and attention, proper and sufficient food and water, proper and sufficient shelter, or adequate exercise.

The information you have requested is:

- 1. The number of complaints received about each of a failure to provide a dog with proper care and attention, proper and sufficient food and water, proper and sufficient shelter, or adequate exercise.**

<i>Animal Welfare requests for service</i>	
1/07/2015 - 30/06/2016	77
1/07/2016 - 30/06/2017	90
1/07/2017 - 30/06/2018	73
1/07/2018 - 30/06/2019	84
1/07/2019 - 30/06/2020	68

Total of 392 calls

- 2. The number of each type of instance that are discovered by dog control officers (so are in addition to those identified by a complaint).**

Numbers of each type of instance have not been recorded. Normally instances are no shelter, or underweight – these are logged under general welfare

- 3. The number of prosecutions taken, or infringement notices issued for each type of instance.**

There have been no prosecutions or infringements for this type of instance

- 4. If instances are dealt with by education, the nature of the educative process and the period and arrangements for monitoring to ensure compliance, and how many instances of each type were dealt with by education.**

If a minor instance we would educate and assist by providing donated kennels and food. ACO contact details are left if they need further assistance

- 5. If there is an arrangement to pass instances to the SPCA, Police or another agency for handling, how many instances of each type have been passed to each agency.**

Serious neglect or health issues/most welfare complaints passed to SPCA

- 6. How many instances of each type concerned owners already known as a consequence of previous similar failures.**

Unknown

- 7. On how many occasions has a dog control officer entered a property to provide a dog with food, water or shelter, or to seize a dog that was not provided with those things.**

No dogs have been seized, these occasions would be passed on to SPCA

- 8. If a dog that was not being provided with food, water or shelter was seized, in how many instances of each type was the dog returned to the owner, or destroyed, or sold or otherwise disposed of.**

No dogs have been seized

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me – details above.

Yours sincerely



Jane Schuitema
Team Leader HCC Animal Services

Euan Kyle

From: Jane Schuitema
Sent: Monday, 8 June 2020 10:25 AM
To: Sheena Perry
Subject: FW: HCC response to your recent request for animal treatment information

FYI

From: Jane Schuitema
Sent: Monday, 8 June 2020 10:24 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: HCC response to your recent request for animal treatment information

Hi [REDACTED]

In answer to your question.

Kennels are donated from time to time by dog owners when their dogs have deceased and Masterpet kindly provide damaged bags of food that they are not able to sell .

Kind Regards

From: Sheena Perry
Sent: Monday, 8 June 2020 8:59 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Jane Schuitema
Subject: RE: HCC response to your recent request for animal treatment information

Hi [REDACTED]

I am passing this request on to Jane to respond to

Sheena

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 5 June 2020 9:40 AM
To: Sheena Perry
Subject: Re: HCC response to your recent request for animal treatment information

Dear Sheena,

Thank you for that year!

This is unrelated to the LGOIMA request, but I was fascinated by the statement Hutt City has assisted by providing *donated* kennels and food.

That seems very laudable - but did make me wonder where those donations originate. (For eg, whether the Council has a working relationship with a community group that supplies these items.)

I am very aware this is not part of the original information request, and am not seeking complete details - but would it be possible to briefly explicate that a little more?

Regards,
[REDACTED]

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: HCC response to your recent request for animal treatment information

From: Sheena Perry <Sheena.Perry@huttcity.govt.nz>

To: [REDACTED]

Date: 02/06/2020, 13:07:45

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