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Melanie Jiang



Dear Melanie Jiang

**Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (the Act) 1987**

We refer to your request of 28 April 2024 for:

*I want to know how many dog attacks have been reported to HCC by suburb since 2018, by year.*

*For dog attacks reported to HCC since 2018, by year, in Wainuiomata;*

- what has been the outcome of the complaint (# number by closure reason)*
- how many attacks involved the death of the victim animal*
- what, if any, restitution has been received by complainants or victims*
- how many attacks had humans as a direct victim (bite, etc)*

*Please provide the HCC policy and process for investigating dog attack complaints, and what the thresholds are for escalation.*

**Response:**

Please find attached a spreadsheet that holds information on the number of Dog attacks going back to 2018 by Ward.

To respond to the second part of your request, this would involve looking through each file manually to see an outcome. Therefore, we are refusing this request under section 17(f) of the Act, that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.



Information regarding Council policies and processes for dealing with dog attacks can be found on our website here: [Menacing and dangerous dogs | Hutt City Council](#).

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website. Please refer to the following link: [www.huttcity.govt.nz/council/contactus/make-an-official-information-act-request/proactive-releases](http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/council/contactus/make-an-official-information-act-request/proactive-releases)

Yours sincerely

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