

21 February 2022

Rachel Lyon  


Tēnā koe Rachel

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

We refer to your official information request dated 31 January 2022 for statistics of dogs euthanised by the Lower Hutt City Council's Animal Services team.

The Animal Services team services both Lower Hutt City Council and Upper Hutt City Council. Between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, 51 dogs were euthanised.

The Animal Services team does not hold records of the breeds of dogs that were euthanised. Accordingly, your request for this information is refused under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA, on the grounds that the information requested is not held by Lower Hutt City Council and we have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another local authority, department or organisation.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. 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 letter may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā



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