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Sent: Tuesday, 22 February 2022 2:32 pm
To: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Final Response: LGOIMA 251745/2022 [REDACTED] - 2020/21 Dog Control Report / Euthanized Figures and Explanation
Attachments: LGOIMA 251745 (2022-02-21).pdf

Kia Ora,

I refer to your **information request below**, Hamilton City Council is able to provide the following response.

You requested:

To have the Dog Control Report for the 2020/2021 for Hamilton City Council, in particular I wish to know the number of dogs euthanized during that period. And with the dogs euthanized, the number that were put down due to being classes as menacing

Our response:

Attached is PDF document with the information requested. Additional to the information in the attached document, Hamilton City Council Animal Education and Control undertook over 400 behavioural/temperament assessments of dogs and adopted out 190 dogs during the 2020 - 2021 year.

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.

Kind Regards,

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Euthanasia	Number	Percentage
Behaviour Euthanised	166	63.85%
Breed Euthanised	19	7.31%
Euthanised – Failed Health Check	11	4.23%
Parvo Virus Euthanised	28	10.77%
Sign Over Euthanised	36	13.85%
Total	260	

Reasons for euthanasia

1. The dog is signed over by its owner for euthanasia, usually for one of the following reasons:
 - The dog has bitten a family member or friend.
 - The dog is very ill or old, and the owner cannot afford to take it to the vet to put it down themselves.
 - The owner is shifting house and their new landlord won't allow them to have the dog and it is anti-social towards other people or dogs, so they cannot re-home it.
2. Euthanasia based on behaviour; this may include the following reasons:
 - The dog owner has been convicted of owning a dog that has attacked a person, stock, companion animal or protected wildlife.
 - The dog shows marked aggression to people and/or other animals.

3. Failed a health check.

All dogs are health checked before being put up for adoption and any dog that has significant health issues that would require ongoing treatment at a substantial cost to the new owner and/or experience chronic pain because of their condition are euthanised on humane grounds. The decision to euthanise for health reasons is made in consultation with our vet.

4. Parvo virus

Parvo virus is a nasty virus which lives in the environment for many years and can be picked up by dogs out roaming or going for a walk with their owner. It is particularly prevalent in summer. Unfortunately, this means a number of the dogs we pick up roaming each year have this virus. It is a painful gastrointestinal virus and dogs quickly become lethargic and dehydrated with it. It is not curable, and vets can only treat the symptoms and hope the dog recovers, unfortunately this is not often. To prevent spread and suffering dogs that are showing the signs and symptom and test positive for parvo are euthanised.

5. Breed

Under the Dog Control Act 1996 dogs may be classified menacing for two reasons. One is they have shown aggressive behaviour or been involved in an attack or rushing. The other is based on breed.

Hamilton City Council and many other Councils do not re-home dogs that have to be classified as menacing.

2020-2021 Section 10A data

Number of Dogs Registered in the Hamilton District: 12095

Disqualified and Probationary Owners	
Disqualified	28
Probationary	1
Total	29

Dangerous and Menacing Dogs with Classification under the Act		
Dangerous	31(1)(b) Sworn Evidence	23
Dangerous	31(1)(c) Owner Admits	1
Menacing	33A(1)(b)(i) Observed Behaviour	242
Menacing	33A(1)(b)(ii) Characteristics	3
Menacing	33C(1) Schedule 4	110
Total		379

Number of Infringements Issued for the Period: 304

Number of Prosecutions Taken for the Period: 2

Sub Category Description	Sub Sub Category Description	Status	Total
BARKENQ		⊕	31
COMPLIMENT		⊕	7
ENQUIRY		⊕	94
GENERAL	Dogs - Advice Given	⊕	5
	Dogs - Behavioural Assessments	⊕	80
	Dogs - Dog to Sign Over	⊕	7
	Dogs - Dog Trap Required	⊕	22
	Dogs - Education Presentations	⊕	69
	Dogs - Fencing Inspection Requested	⊕	12
		⊕ Dogs - Fencing Inspection - Dog Adoption	63
		⊕ Dogs - Fencing Inspection - Multiple Dog Permit	1
		⊕ Dogs - Fencing Inspection - Out of District	11
	Dogs - Lost Dog	⊕	125
	Dogs - Multiple Dog Permit	⊕	6

	Dogs - SPCA Welfare Call Out	⊕		21
	Dogs - Vet Run (heading only)	⊕ Dogs - Vet Run - Adoption Dog Desexing		40
		⊕ Dogs - Vet Run - Sick / Injured		15
OFFENCES	Dogs - Attack (heading only)	⊕ Dogs - Attack - Dog v Animal - Historic		63
		⊕ Dogs - Attack - Dog v Animal - Urgent		76
		⊕ Dogs - Attack - Dog v Person - Historic		59
		⊕ Dogs - Attack - Dog v Person - Urgent		40
	Dogs - Barking	⊕		575
	Dogs - Defecate	⊕		8
	Dogs - Failure To Keep Control of Dog	⊕		102
	Dogs - Insufficient Food/Water/Shelter	⊕		12
	Dogs - Offences - Officer (heading only)	⊕ Dogs - Officer - Assist HCC Officer		1
		⊕ Dogs - Officer - Assist Other Organisation		5
		⊕ Dogs - Officer - Assist Police		6
		⊕ Dogs - Officer - Serve Dog Classification		55
		⊕ Dogs - Officer - Serve Owner Classification		2
	Dogs - Ranging Offences Detected By Officer (heading only)	⊕ Dogs - Ranging - Dangerous Compliance		1
		⊕ Dogs - Ranging - Disqualified Compliance		1
		⊕ Dogs - Ranging - Insufficient Food/Water/Shelter		13
		⊕ Dogs - Ranging - Menacing Compliance		4
		⊕		67

		Dogs - Ranging - Microchipping Compliance		
		+ Dogs - Ranging - Other		90
		+ Dogs - Ranging - Pro-Active Park Check		126
		+ Dogs - Ranging - Roaming - 52A Free To Leave		4
		+ Dogs - Ranging - Roaming - Public Place		181
		+ Dogs - Ranging - Rubbish Patrol		84
		+ Dogs - Ranging - School Patrol		8
		+ Dogs - Ranging - Unregistered Dog		150
		+ Dogs - Ranging - Unregistered Dog Report Compliance		1014
		+ Dogs - Ranging - Urban Patrols		140
	Dogs - Roaming (heading only)	+ Dogs - Roaming - 52A Free To Leave		121
		+ Dogs - Roaming - Public Place		2650
	Dogs - Rushing (heading only)	+ Dogs - Rushing Animal - Historic		16
		+ Dogs - Rushing Animal - Urgent		17
		+ Dogs - Rushing Person - Historic		26
		+ Dogs - Rushing Person - Urgent		56
		+ Dogs - Rushing Vehicle - Historic		3
		+ Dogs - Rushing Vehicle - Urgent		5
	Dogs - Unregistered Dog	+		53
			Total	6443