

Laura Bowman

From: Official Information
Sent: Friday, 21 October 2022 11:10 am
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Official Information
Subject: Final Response - LGOIMA 287232 - [REDACTED] - Stats relating to dogs that entered into council's care for the past five years.

Kia Ora,

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

Your request parts 1-2 and 4-6:

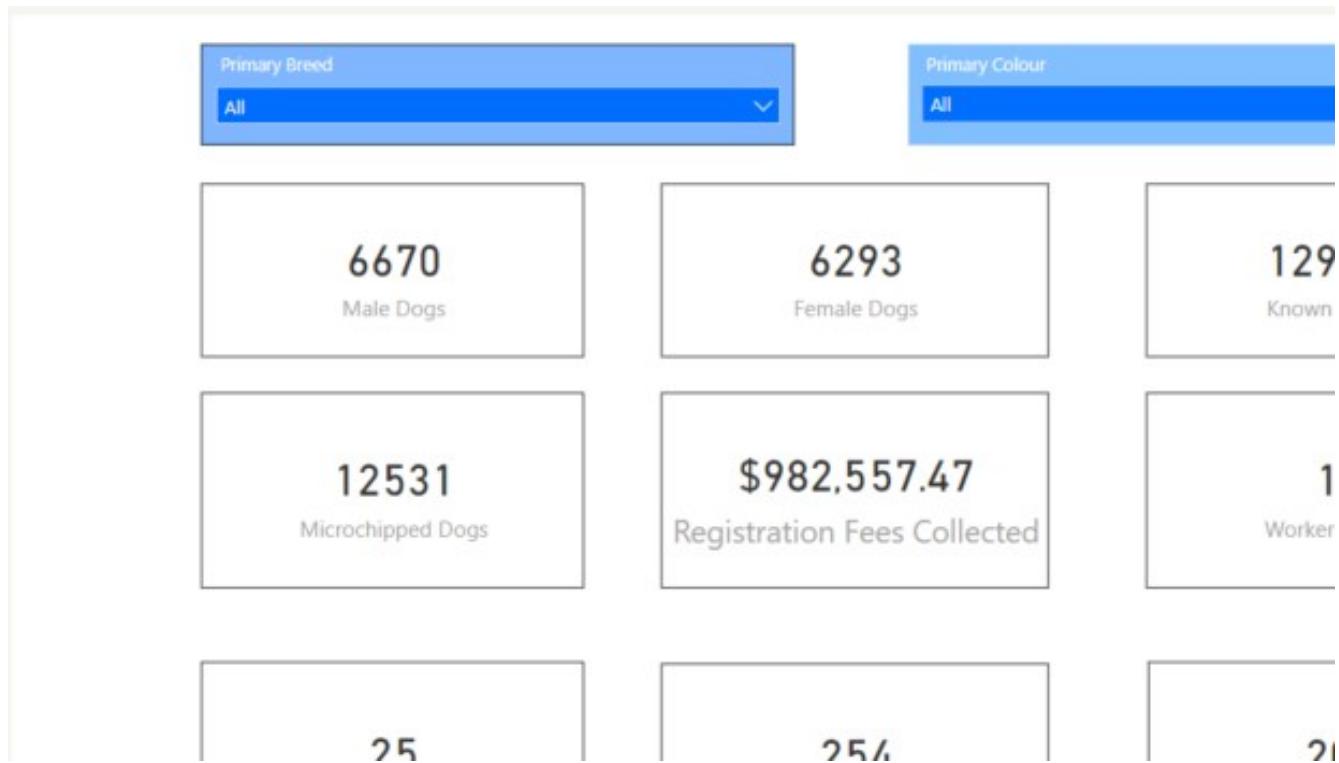
Could I please get the figures for the past five years i.e. 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018.

1. Could I please get the number of dogs that are rehomed? Could that please be broken down into years as well?
2. The number of dogs that have been put down? Could that please be broken down into years as well?
4. How many dogs were classified as menacing dog?
5. How many menacing dogs were put down?
6. Could I please get the number of registered dog owners?

Our Response parts 1-2 and 4-6:

The information you have requested for these parts of your request are readily available to the public via Animal Education and Controls open data portal. Therefore as the information you have requested is publicly available we are refusing this request per [s17\(d\) of LGOIMA](#).

To assist you in locating this information, the open data portal can be accessed [here](#). This resource will allow you to set your own parameters for search our dog records. To use this resource please scroll down to the table as shown in the image below and select the icon in the bottom right corner to open the Microsoft Power BI table in a new window.



The Power BI link above contains all of our Hamilton data and it is intuitive to use and easily searchable as it is set up in interactive tables grouped under key themes:

- Dog Breeds/ colours
- Registration information by year
- Menacing/ Dangerous Dogs
- Impounds/ outcomes
- Complaint data and outcomes
- Infringement data
- Multi dog permit data
- Owner classifications

The information is searchable for multiple years, and this can be done simply by hovering over the circles in the Date Range box at the top left of each page.

If you have any questions or need clarification once you have viewed the data you can email Kelvin.powell@hcc.govt.nz or Paul.blewman@hcc.govt.nz.

Your Request 3:

Why were they put down?

Our response 3:

Dogs in the pound might be put down for several reasons including the following:

- The dog owner signed the dog over to HCC to be put down
- We were ordered to by the Courts after the dog owner has been convicted of an offence under the Dog Control Act
- The dog has been in the pound and no owner has come for it and the dog has failed behaviour testing and is not suitable for rehoming as it could pose a risk to the community
- The dog is unclaimed and has significant health issues
- The pound do not re-home dogs that need to be classified as menacing

Approximately 75% of the dogs put down are done so based on their behaviour, the other 25% is a mixture of all the other reasons.

Your Request 7:

For the various years how long do you keep a dog for?

Our response 7:

The length of stay of a dog varies, some dogs are with us for only a few hours and other dogs such as those whose owners we are prosecuting can be with us for more than a year.

The average length of stay for a dog is a day or two before going home with their owner, but our adoption dogs can be with us for about 1-2 months (their first two weeks we are waiting to see if an owner comes forward)

Your Request 8:

What is the fine for having a dog in the pound?

Our response 8:

There is no fine for having a dog in the pound. There are some costs to getting a dog out of the pound, we charge an impound fee of \$84 and this increases if a dog is impounded more than once in a financial year. Under the Dog Control Act 1996 a dog must also be registered and microchipped before leaving the pound, so if the owner hasn't done these things they will be an additional cost when they collect their dog.

Your request 9:

And anything else you wish to add.

Our response 9:

We are unable to provide anything further on this topic due to lack of specificity in accordance with the LGOIMA 10(2).

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,

Laura | Official Information Coordinator

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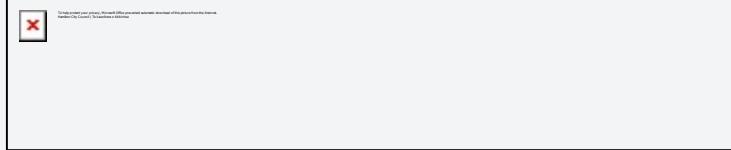
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From: noreply@hamilton.govt.nz <noreply@hamilton.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 17 October 2022 9:08 am

To: Official Information <officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>

Subject: [Mass email/Possible SPAM] OIA Request - HCC-OIA-221017-2R2X0



We've received a request for you.

This request was received on 17 October 2022 @ 9:07AM.

Here's your reference number and the request details:

UUID

HCC-OIA-221017-2R2X0

Name

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Email

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Phone number

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Detailed description of request

This is an Official Information Act request for the number of dogs that entered into council's care. Could I please get the figures for the past five years? ie 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018

Could I please get the number of dogs that are rehomed? could that please be broken down into years as well? The number of dogs that have been put down? could that please be broken down into years as well? Why were they put down? How many dogs were classified as menacing dog? How many menacing dogs were put down? Could I please get the number of registered dog owners? for the various years How long do you keep a dog for? What is the fine for having a dog in the pound? And anything else you wish to add. I calculate the 20-working-day deadline to be November 15, 2022. If any of the above information cannot be provided, please provide a written reason.

Organisation

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Attachments

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If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to call us on [\(07\) 838 6699](tel:(07)8386699) or [email our customer service team](mailto:customer.service@hamiltoncouncil.govt.nz).

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