

## Laura Bowman

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**From:** Official Information  
**Sent:** Monday, 14 November 2022 2:18 pm  
**To:** 7(2)(a)  
**Cc:** Official Information  
**Subject:** Final Response - LGOIMA 287255 - 7(2)(a) - dog attacks on people and intervention and consequence taken as a result

**Importance:** High

Kia Ora,

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

Kia Ora,

On 17/10/2022 you made a request pursuant to the Local Government Official Information and Management Act 1987 for information held by Council relating to dog attacks in Hamilton

**You requested:**

- The number of dog attacks on people council has been recorded, broken down annually and by month.
- The number of dog attacks on people council has been recorded, broken down by whichever way you categorise the severity of an attack, annually and by month.
- The number of dog on dog attacks.
- Among all the possible interventions on the attacking dog following an attack, please list how many of each of those interventions were taken, annually and by month (please also include for how many there was no intervention).
- Among all the possible consequences for the dog owner following an attack, please list how many of each of those were taken, annually and by month (please also include for how many there was no consequence).
- And anything else you wish to add.

**Our response:**

HCC Animal Education and Control have an open data portal, all the data you have requested can be found [here](#). I have included the link to the specific data set that contains the information you are after. The data can be downloaded and filters applied to isolate the required information.

Each line of data in the table will give you the date of the event, what the event was and the outcome. You will find the data you are looking for if you filter for attack (category 3) in either column P or Q, once you filter the data it is easiest to copy this into a new workbook and then delete the date range you are not interested in.

**Attack categories include:**

- Dog v Person urgent (happened within last hour)
- Dog v Person historic (happened more than an hour ago)
- Dog v Animal Urgent
- Dog v Animal historic
- Serious injury to person

There a number of potential outcomes for dog attacks they include;

- Substantiated
- Advice given
- Written warning
- Infringement
- Classification of dog as menacing or dangerous
- Prosecution

If an outcome is listed as closed or unsubstantiated it means that the attack could not be proven or the attacking dog was not able to be identified.

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.

Kind Regards,

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