

From: [Official Information](#)
To: s7(2)(a)
Cc: [Official Information](#)
Subject: Final response - LGOIMA 375648 - s7(2)(a) - Stats on Dogs in Hamilton
Date: Wednesday, 17 January 2024 12:09:59 pm
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Kia ora,

We refer to your information request below. Hamilton City Council provides the following response.

Your request:

I am seeking information from Hamilton City Council to compile a 'whole of New Zealand' picture of the extent of the dog control issue across the country.

To achieve a nationwide picture, I am seeking information from all councils across New Zealand and a number of other organisations / volunteer groups directly involved in the management of dogs. The information sought does not enable the identification of an individual/s and therefore complies with the Privacy Act 2020.

Let me assure you that this is not intended to find fault with or pass judgement on organisations that have either a responsibility for managing this issue, or those that have volunteered to assist. The purpose is to quantify the issue at a national level. I am happy to provide the finding to your organisation.

While this is simply a request for information, if it helps you, I am happy for it to be referred to as a Request for Information pursuant to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or alternately the Official Information Act 1982. Can you please provide the following information, ideally in either an excel or .csv file format.

- *Number of dogs that were dealt with over the 2023 calendar year by your organisation, grouped by: -*
 - *Month,*
 - *Town or Suburb in which they were located in / dealt with*
- *The reason for their needing to be managed by your organisation, i.e.: Where they*
 - *Impounded (Included Wandering and Welfare reasons)*
 - *Relinquished by owner.*
 - *Abandoned*
 - *Other*
- *The number of dogs (by month): -*
 - *Returned to owners,*
 - *Adopted/fostered by month,*
 - *Transferred to other organisations for rehoming / fostering etc.*
 - *Euthanised / destroyed, either by your organisation or by another organisation that carried out this work having received the dog directly or indirectly from your organisation.*
 - *Other*

*Examples: -
Animals coming into council / organisation*

Organisation / Council Name	Month (Year: 2023)	Towns/Suburb	Number of Dogs	Reason for Engagement (Impounded/Relinquished by Owner/Abandon / Other)	Age range (estimated)

Animals remaining in or going out of council / organisation

Organisation / Council Name	Month (Year: 2023)	Outcome (Returned to owner / Adopted / Transferred to other organisations)	Number of Dogs	Age range (estimated)

		for rehoming or fostering / Euthanised / still kennelled / Other)		

Our response:

All the information you have requested is publicly available via the Hamilton City Council website. The data can be found in a set of tables on the page below or if you prefer raw data, you can download this through the LASS open data portal.

<https://hamilton.govt.nz/your-city/data-and-statistics/understanding-our-city/animal-education-and-control-open-data/>

The link below takes you straight to the raw data on the LASS, this comprises of a series of tables which can be filtered, including the date range, and downloaded in your preferred format. The “tags” at the bottom of each data set identify which Council they are for.

<https://data-waikatolass.opendata.arcgis.com/search?q=dog%20data>

We are refusing your request in accordance with S17(d) of LGOIMA – this information is already publicly available.

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.

Ngāa mihi

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I support flexibility at work. While it suits me to send this email now, I don't expect a response outside of your own working hours.

-----Original Message-----

From: s7(2)(a)

Sent: Monday, 15 January 2024 3:37:50 pm

To: info@hcc.govt.nz

Subject: Information request to help establish a New Zealand wide picture of the numbers of dogs dealt with by animal control and support organisations

To Chief Executive Officer / Manager - Animal Control Services,

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In anticipation of your assistance.

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