

2 September 2022



Dear 

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2022-47**

Thank you for your email of 24 August 2022 to the Carterton District Council requesting the following information:

*"The period I would like information for is 1 Jan 2017 – 31 July 2022:*

- 1. The number of registered dogs in your local authority, broken down annually and by month*
- 2. The number of dog attacks on people council has recorded, broken down annually and by month*
- 3. The number of dog attacks on people council has recorded, broken down by whichever way you categorise the severity of an attack, annually and by month*
- 4. 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)*
- 5. 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)*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 (the Act).

In response to your request, as a territorial authority, the Carterton District Council is required to manage and enforce the Dog Control Act 1996 (the Act).

Under Section 10A of the Act Council must, in respect of each financial year, provide an Annual Report that sets out activities that have been undertaken in relation to our dog control policy and practices. Section 10A (2) sets out the information required to be included in the annual report, including:

- (a) the number of registered dogs in the territorial authority district:
- (b) the number of probationary owners and disqualified owners in the territorial authority district:
- (c) the number of dogs in the territorial authority district classified as dangerous under section 31 and the relevant provision under which the classification is made:
- (d) the number of dogs in the territorial authority district classified as menacing under section 33A or section 33C and the relevant provision under which the classification is made:
- (e) the number of infringement notices issued by the territorial authority:
- (f) the number of dogs related complaints received by the territorial authority in the previous year and the nature of those complaints:
- (g) the number of prosecutions taken by the territorial authority under this Act.

The information on the number of attacks on humans can be found in all the reports from 2015 to last year on our website here: <https://cdc.govt.nz/services/animal-control/policy/>. The 2021/22 report will be available in October 2022.

Our report is not reported on a month/month basis, and to do this for every month for the last 5 years would require substantial collation and a fee may incur. If you would like to proceed with the information that you seek, please email our LGOIMA team: [lgoima@cdc.govt.nz](mailto:lgoima@cdc.govt.nz).

Please note, the Council now proactively publishes LGOIMA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact our media team in the first instance at [comms@cdc.govt.nz](mailto:comms@cdc.govt.nz). If you are unsatisfied with my response, you have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review it. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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